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## B&NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy & the New Local Plan

Bathavon Area Forum 5<sup>th</sup> October 2022

# About our joint presentation

- The council is at an early stage of developing some long-term plans for Bath and North East Somerset
- In this presentation we talk about two of these plans - the Health and Wellbeing Strategy and the Local Plan
- They are closely linked together by their focus on improving people's lives
- They share common outcomes for people and places, such as homes, transport, jobs and tackling climate change. We will also work together with communities as we develop them.
- We value your feedback on these new plans

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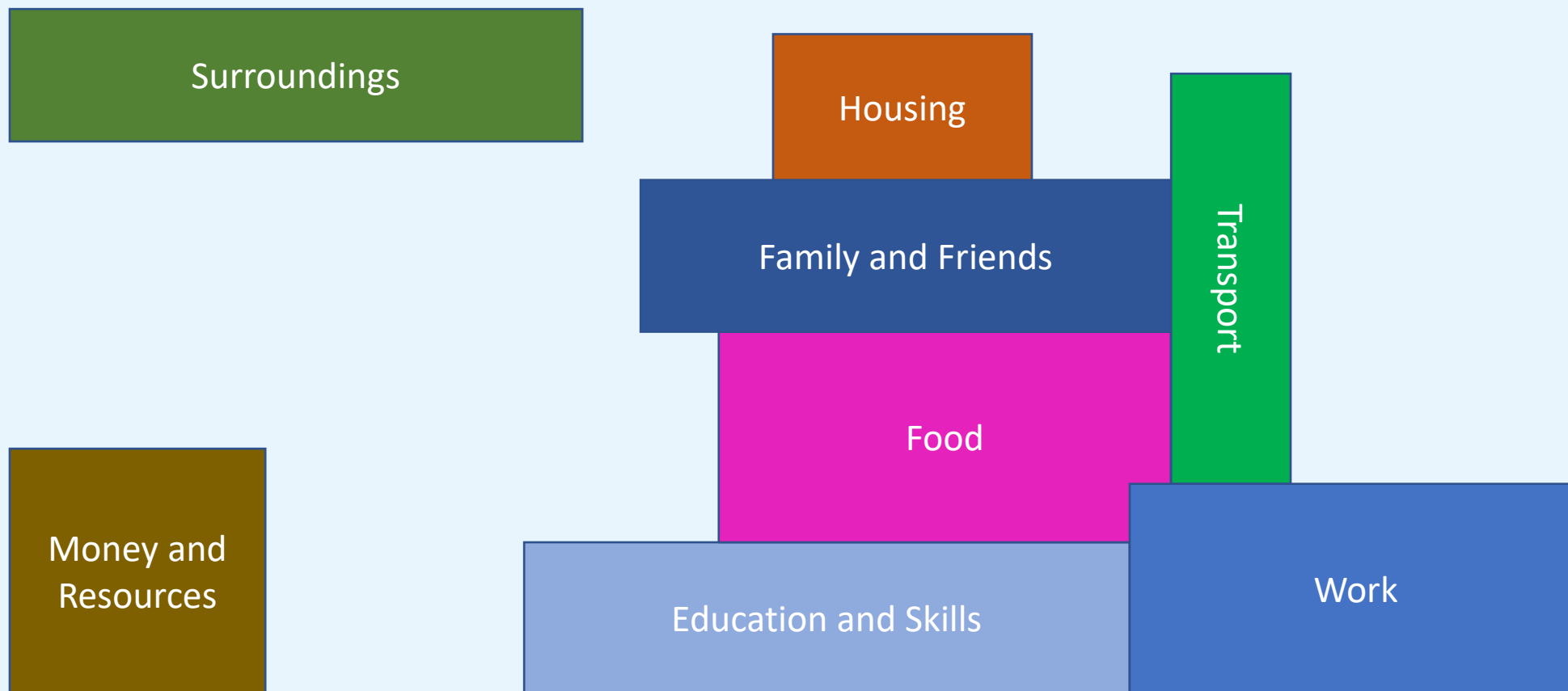
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## B&NES Health and Wellbeing Strategy

Almost every aspect of our lives impacts our health and how long we will live. This includes our jobs and homes, access to education and public transport.

In Bath and North East Somerset we know that lives are being cut short, people who live in certain areas are dying earlier than they should.

**We need the right building blocks in place so everyone in our community can thrive**



## For example: housing can impact our health and wellbeing



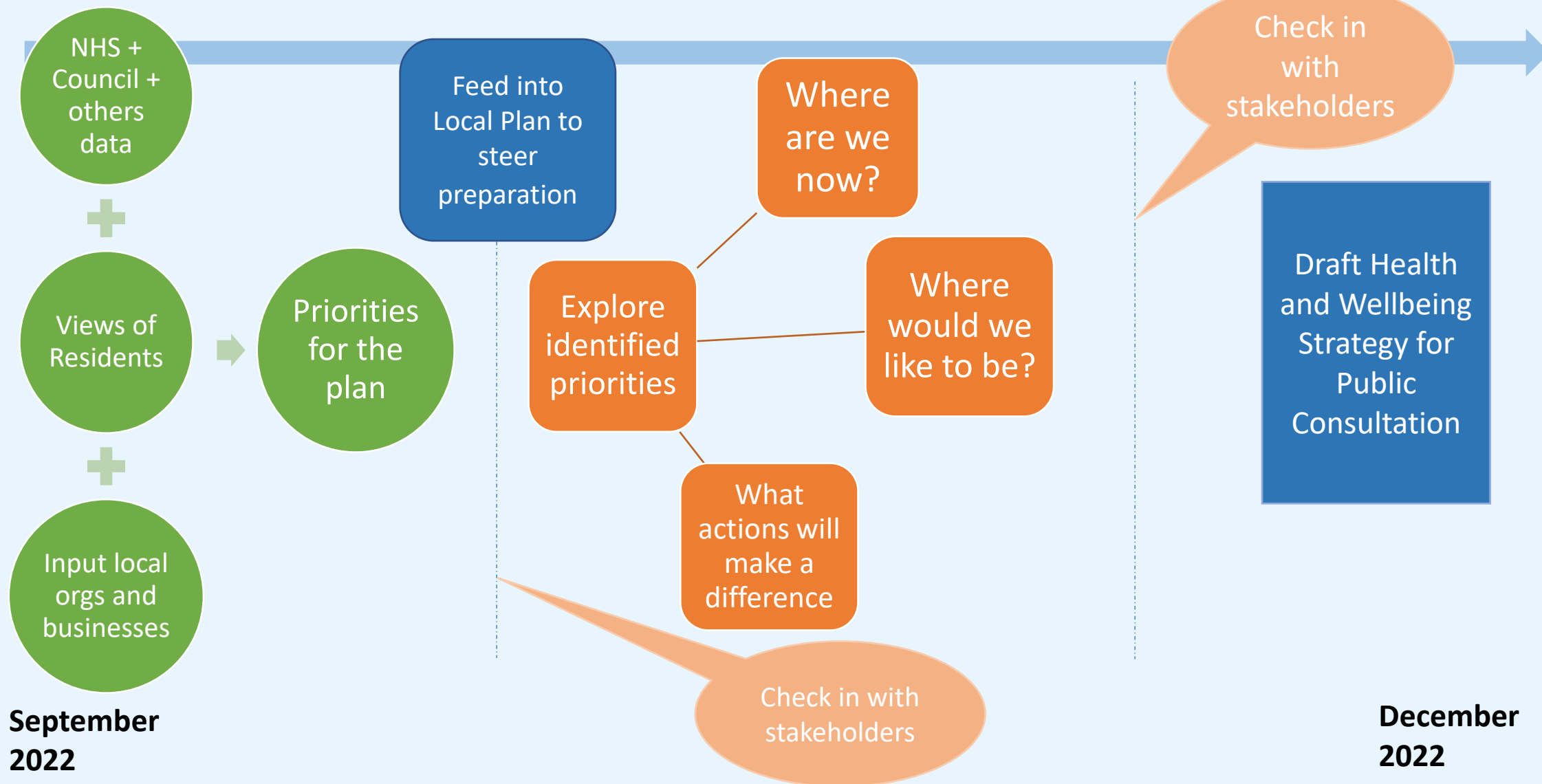
In our area the high cost of housing and relatively low wages makes it difficult for many to afford decent homes. 5842 households are on the waiting list for social housing, an increase of 12.5% from 2021.

People are living in crowded conditions or housing that can't be heated or ventilated properly which leads to mould.

## Why is the Health and Wellbeing Strategy important?

- Sets out the vision of what we want to achieve for health and wellbeing in Bath and North East Somerset
- Identifies the key priorities for improving health and wellbeing
- Drives and influences the delivery of health and social care
- Provides an integrated framework that aligns with other local strategies
- Seeks to target priorities that will reduce health inequalities and support all to live healthy and well lives
- Engages with local partners and communities to ensure local needs are being met

# Developing the health and wellbeing strategy





To get it right,  
we need to  
hear from you.



# What has the most impact on your health and wellbeing in Bathavon?

Please take (and encourage others to) our short survey

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## **The New Local Plan**

# Background

- **Public Launch** of the new Local Plan in Sept
- Local Plan is a **key tool** for setting the agenda on place-shaping & development,
- It is a new, long term plan, so is an opportunity to be **ambitious**,
- Implications of halting the WECA **Spatial Development Strategy** SDS
- **Local Plan Partial Update** is approaching adoption



## Priorities for the Local Plan

- Responding to the challenge of the climate emergency and facilitating the goal of net zero carbon by 2030,
- Maximising delivery of affordable housing and ensuring new housing responds to the district's demographic, social and economic needs,
- Establishing a transformational approach to protecting and enhancing nature,
- Creating the opportunity for the types of jobs that are needed in our communities and ensuring that there is the right type of space for businesses to grow





## Other issues to address

- Maintaining a 5-year housing land supply and facilitating delivery of necessary type and scale of new homes to respond to the District's social and economic needs, (students, key workers, HMOs, travellers, boat dwellers, self build, homes for older people, supported accommodation for residents with health and social care needs)
- Embedding an approach to transport and movement which facilitates behavioural change and the 15-minute neighbourhoods concept
- Ensuring that new development is aligned with the necessary infrastructure, including community facilities and green infrastructure,
- Protecting and enhancing the beauty of our heritage and natural environment
- Delivering high quality development that supports vibrant, healthy, successful communities and addresses inequalities
- Increasing renewable energy generation

**NB – test of soundness and national policy requirements**



# Parish/Town Engagement during 2022/23

When	Activity	Purpose
September 2022	New Local Plan Launch (including a Call for Sites)	Broad publicity on next steps & establish working arrangements
Nov 2022 to Jan 2023	Stage 1 Local Plan workshops with town & parish Councils	Facilitated workshops to identify key local issues & priorities to feed into the Local Plan & other strategies
June to July 2023	Stage 2 Local Plan workshops with town & parish Councils	Facilitated workshops to identify options & feedback from stage 1 workshop
Sept to Oct 2023	Local Plan Options consultation document	Broad formal engagement on Issues & options to inform the draft Plan

## B&NES request to Parish/Town Councils;

- how do you want to engage? (e.g. a parish working group; Neighbourhood Plan Group; joint working groups)
- What role do you want to play?
- clarify the role of Neighbourhood Plans & their relationship with Local Plan

# Current Planning Framework in Bathavon

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## Discussion: Key Issues to address in Bathavon

- **Health:** Unequal outcomes, aging population and availability and access to local facilities
- The **district-wide spatial strategy**, the impact of Bath & the role of Green Belt Villages
- **Employment:** Lack of local opportunities, high out-commuting levels, imbalance between high and low paying jobs, skills, digital economy
- **Housing:** affordability, pressure to meet overall housing needs, opportunities for the villages to grow in a sustainable way, accommodating key workers,
- **Biodiversity:** increasing biodiversity, providing green infrastructure & dark skies, protecting ancient woodland, green corridors, tree planting
- **Transport:** increasing walking & cycling, parking, 15 minute neighbourhoods, public transport
- **Renewable energy:** generation & sustainable construction
- **Countryside:** Local food production, recreational pressure & opportunities

