

# BFC Strategic Framework

Key financial principles	Council Plan Themes	Place Based Renewal Approach
Aspire to excellence in what we do so we can live within our means	Value for money	Work with partners and communities to protect and promote the physical and mental health of our population
Consolidate the recent growth in social care spending into our financial plans but work towards a small reduction in real terms from 2020/21 levels	Economic resilience	Support town and neighbourhood centre vitality and look to support our local economy by retaining businesses within the borough
Concentrate on targeted early intervention and preventative activities to reduce future demand for more expensive services	Education and skills	Provide short term support and refocus some activities to deal with post COVID19 spikes in demand
Seek no funding for new service growth unless in exceptional circumstances, apart from a strategic priority around climate change and agreed manifesto commitments	Caring for you and your family	Integrate services with partners and locate them wherever possible within the community that use them
Refocus transformation and other savings programmes and quantify savings “envelopes” for all projects	Protecting and enhancing our environment	Look to involve the community and voluntary sector in supporting people and services wherever possible, whilst;
Expect all service areas to deliver spending reductions throughout the period to bridge the remaining gap, focusing on but not limiting efforts to restrict areas of limited or manageable public impact	Communities	Containing/reducing expenditure in the long term (including refocussing/delivering differently/stopping some services), and
Increase fees and charges as much as reasonably possible every year to maximise income		Maximising the opportunities to address carbon reduction across all of our activities