

MATLOCK TOWN COUNCIL STRATEGY 2011-2015



Imperial Rooms, Imperial Road
Matlock, Derbyshire, DE4 3NL

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Strategy 2011-2015

This strategy has been prepared by Matlock Town Council and describes the Council's plans for 2011-2015.

The Council has attained Quality Status and will seek to ensure that their services meet the needs of the local population and that they represent value for money.

OUR VISION:

“To protect and improve Matlock as an attractive and sustainable place in which to live, work and visit”



PRIORITIES:

- To support a strong and active community
 - Encourage development of a prosperous business community
 - Support initiatives to source, make and sell local produce
 - Safeguard and enhance the environment
 - Manage a strong, efficient and effective Council
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ABOUT THE COUNCIL:

Matlock Town Council was established in May 1983 to serve the people of Matlock. There are 11 Councillors who cover the area and 9 members of staff – *appendix 1, 2 and 3*

Our roles and responsibilities cover the management of the Imperial Rooms as a community facility, maintaining and improving public land and landmarks in the Town. We also have limited responsibilities for maintaining public footpaths as well as signage, allotments, bus shelters, town enhancements and cleanliness.

Strategy Review

The Council will review this Strategy once a year, following their Annual Meeting, to ensure that their priorities reflect those of local residents.

TO SUPPORT A STRONG AND ACTIVE COMMUNITY THE COUNCIL WILL:

- Improve communications with the local community via regular Community meetings
 - Work within our schools, encouraging youth activities
 - Continue to provide a Small Grants Scheme
 - Publish a quarterly Newsletter for residents of the Town
 - Appoint representatives of the Council to serve on a wide range of outside organisations, when requested
 - Consult the local people when required
 - Continue to look at provision of a new / improved community building to provide facilities for young people, entertainment and the arts as identified
 - Continue to support Annual Events held in the Town and encourage development of an annual events programme
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THE COUNCIL WILL ENCOURAGE DEVELOPMENT OF A PROSPEROUS BUSINESS COMMUNITY BY:

- Actively seeking to join forces with the County and District Councils; with the business community, voluntary bodies, organisations and opinion forming bodies
 - The continued provision of leaflets and literature to the local press and media, expanding the current publications provided
 - The publication of information through an improved website
 - Promote Matlock as a town with its own distinct identity
 - Encourage sustainable development and growth
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TO SAFEGUARD AND ENHANCE THE ENVIRONMENT THE COUNCIL WILL:

- Continue to ensure that there is adequate provision for open space and amenities when considering any major new developments within the Town
- Recommend that signage on shop facades are externally illuminated, helping to retain the character and appearance of the town
- Encourage energy efficiency in all new developments
- Ensure that energy saving measures are implemented where possible by the Council
- Continue to work with the Police and other agencies to reduce Crime and Disorder within the Town.
- Seek to work with the Highway Authority to resolve any issues which arise in the Town
- Work with local volunteers, groups and others to help develop and preserve the Council's open spaces, whilst seeking to balance the competing demands of recreation and conservation.
- Continue to seek new allotment sites within the Town.

- Support the Matlock in Bloom working party in their work to run the Annual Garden Competition within the Town and Matlock's entry into the East Midlands in Bloom competition
 - Continue to provide and maintain hanging baskets, planters and planting schemes throughout the town to help enhance the street scene using perennial planting where appropriate.
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IN ORDER TO CONTINUE TO **MANAGE A STRONG, EFFICIENT AND EFFECTIVE TOWN COUNCIL:**

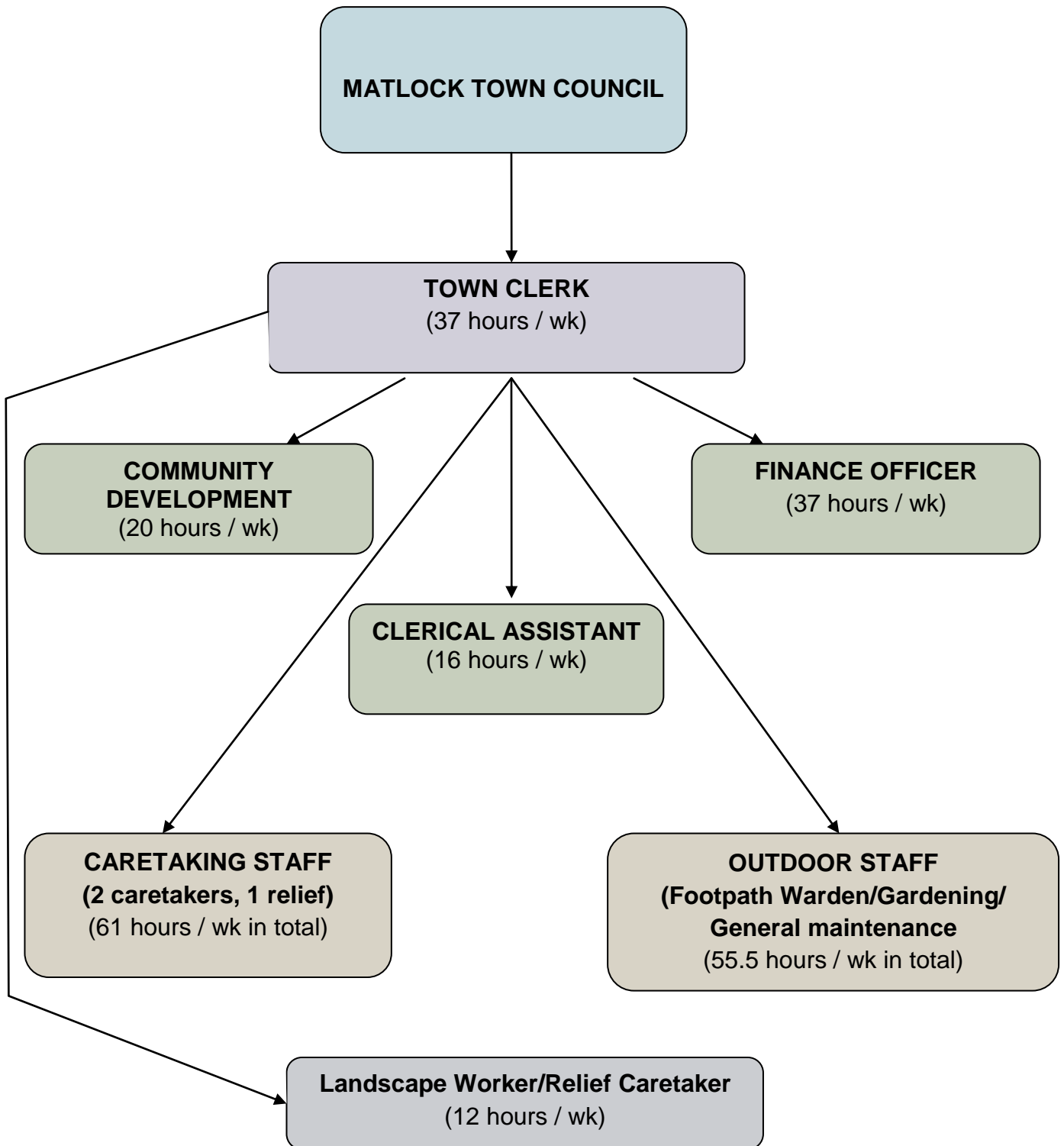
- Manage and support their staff effectively
 - Adhere to Quality Status guidelines
 - Consider the implementation of the Power of Wellbeing
 - Manage their budget effectively, seeking external funding where possible to alleviate the financial demands on local people
 - Continue to seek 'best value' for the services that they provide
 - Encourage Council staff to maximise the use of IT resources, making use of email and electronic methods wherever possible.
 - Continue to ensure the integrity of its members by way of a code of conduct
 - Promote inclusiveness and fair representation
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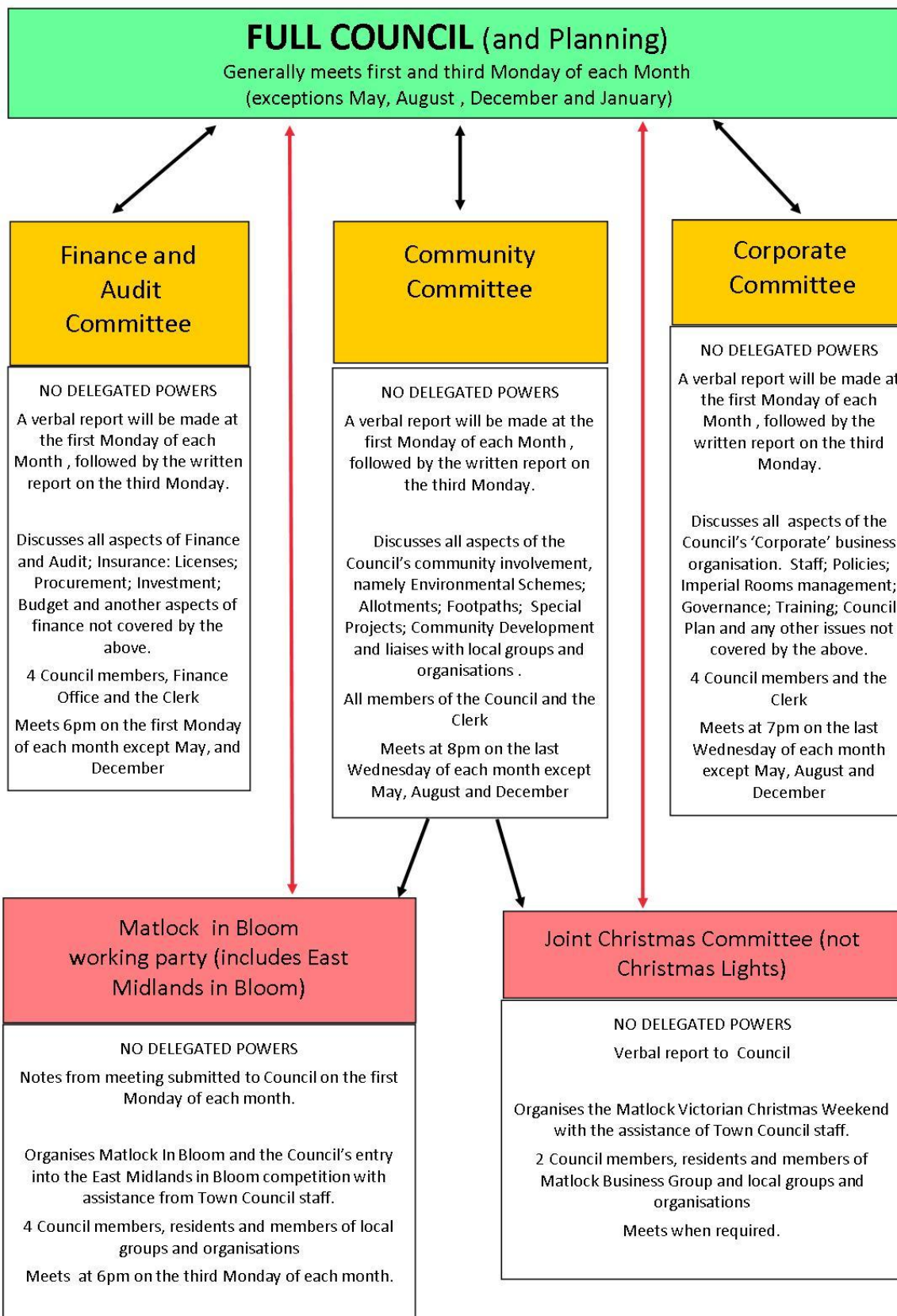
TO **SUPPORT INITIATIVES TO SOURCE, MAKE AND SELL LOCAL PRODUCE, THE COUNCIL WILL:**

- Continue to provide a venue for Matlock Farmers' Market and develop quarterly 'outdoor' specialist / local food markets
 - Support and promote local food and 'Fair trade' initiatives
 - Support 'Shop Local' campaigns
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ORGANISATION CHART

APPENDIX 1







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