

People Strategy

2017 – 2027

Wiltshire Council's business plan 2017 – 2027 outlines the vision for the council which is to create strong communities.

To achieve this our key priorities are:

- **Growing the economy**
- **Strong communities**
- **Protecting those who are most vulnerable**
- **An innovative and effective council**

The purpose of our people strategy is to define how we will manage our most important asset, our staff. The strategy aims to ensure that we are able to attract, retain and motivate our staff to continue to deliver great outcomes for communities and achieve the council's vision and priorities.



Our values

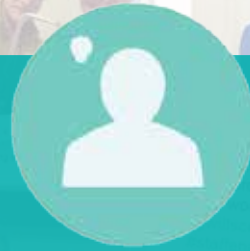
The principle theme of the people strategy is that managers ensure that our staff identify with our employee promise.



Empowering people

Our staff are empowered to deliver services to our customers and are encouraged to find new ways of working to improve the customer experience.

Suggestions are welcomed and opportunities are explored in order to maximise service delivery.



Innovation

Our systems, practices and policies are progressive and enable our staff to have improved flexibility in their roles, transparent career opportunities and the ability to share knowledge and expertise with each other for the benefit of our communities.



Collaboration

We provide a supportive culture where we work together to achieve more. We listen to our staff, partners and communities and do things **with** rather than **to** them.

We use our strengths to help each other, and welcome new perspectives. Put simply, we know we can achieve much, much more when we work closely with, listen to and support others.

Our employee promise

We empower
our people
to innovate
and collaborate
in order to build
stronger
communities

Candidate attraction, selection and recruitment

Outcome: Our staff are attracted and recruited using innovative and creative attraction methods and social media campaigns, and have the right experience, skills and values to deliver services to protect those that are the most vulnerable in our communities.

- Develop and deliver intelligent, timely and cost effective recruitment campaigns in order to attract high calibre candidates using innovative technology platforms including social media and direct sourcing. Develop relationships with media agencies to meet the needs of recruiting managers and promote our positive brand image.
- Provide a high quality candidate experience with a seamless candidate journey supporting the development of talent pools, direct sourcing, and delivering quality management information.
- Work in collaboration with our provider of interim staff to support our drive to reduce volume and spend on interim staff whilst sourcing quality candidates to meet temporary service needs.



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- Develop initiatives to increase employment opportunities for those aged under 25 with a particular focus on recruiting apprenticeships both at entry level and higher and degree level.
- Collaborate with organisations to develop ways to reach out to under-represented groups of employees with protected characteristics.
- Develop a suite of selection tools and policies such as personality profiling which will be used for workforce development as well as supporting the recruitment of high calibre staff with the right values and behaviours.
- Ensure our candidate attraction, selection and on-boarding processes (including induction events) positively promote our employer brand, and use recruitment analytics to provide evaluation and continual improvement.

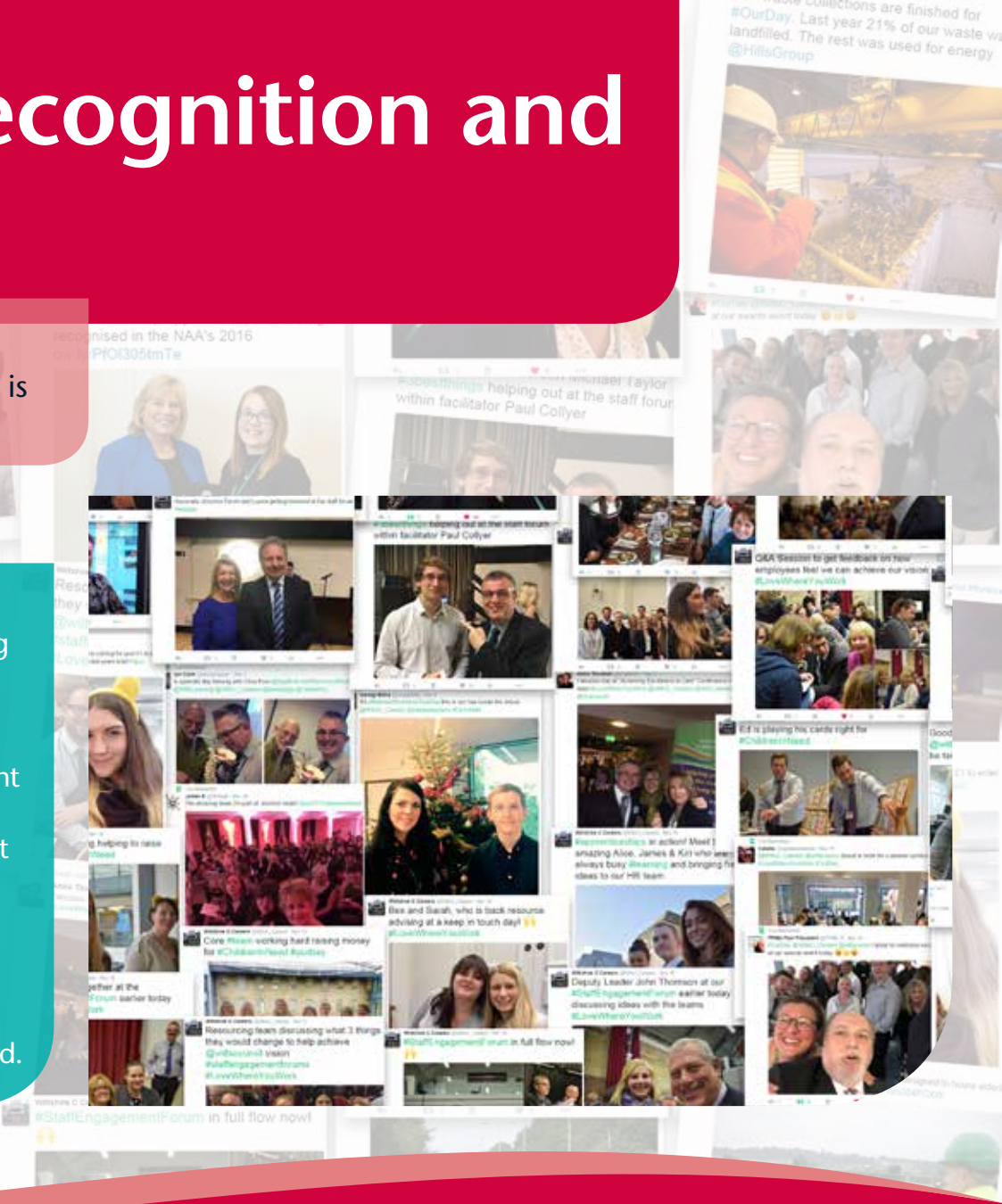
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Our employee Megan Mountry is one of the south west's top apprentices, after being recognised in the NAA's 2016
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Staff engagement, recognition and communication

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- Develop the staff engagement group to deliver positive change, empowering people to improve how we recognise and reward staff, driving innovation to improve how we work, and collaborating with others to improve how we communicate interactively, engagingly and effectively.
- Develop innovative approaches to gauging and improving staff engagement levels through corporate surveys, 'pulse' surveys for instant feedback, corporate, service and team focussed initiatives and improved management awareness of engagement issues and solutions.
- In collaboration with the communications team develop comprehensive internal messaging and information sharing tools using our employer brand to ensure a consistent message. Design and develop the annual staff engagement forums as an opportunity for staff to have a voice and be heard.



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- Encourage innovation through mechanisms to capture and act on staff suggestions and ideas for improvement, using social and virtual platforms such as the employee engagement group, the development network and grow social groups.
- Support the 2021 plan for digitalisation to deliver a digitally enabled workforce where employees are encouraged to be innovative, creative and adaptable to meet the needs of the business.
- Embed a refreshed behaviours framework which clearly outlines the expectations of our employees, ensuring it is modern in its approach and fit for purpose for the council's workforce of today.
- Collaborate across the public sector to explore opportunities to work with the NHS, Fire and Police and other partners to create greater efficiencies and deliver our priorities.



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- Deliver management and leadership development programmes and initiatives which support and develop aspiring, developing and experienced managers to be role models of good workforce practice with the skills and knowledge to effectively lead, inspire, performance manage and engage their teams.
- Deliver a comprehensive suite of statutory and mandatory training to ensure all staff and managers can perform their jobs competently and legally within our communities.
- Develop grow as both our learning management system, and also as our comprehensive performance management tool to ensure all staff have an annual appraisal and cascaded objectives to support the vision of building stronger communities.



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- Collaborate with local and national educational establishments and colleges to procure learning for our apprentices, graduate placements and internships.
- Access apprenticeship levy funding to support the workforce with succession, progression and redeployment, and offer learning loans for professional qualifications to support personal development and progression, empowering staff to have a 'career is my asset' mindset.
- Deliver packages of cultural, behavioural and attitudinal initiatives which aim to build organisational capability and capacity and improve collaboration. Embed our behaviours through coaching, mentoring, action learning, facilitation of cultural and train the trainer programmes.
- Deliver a blended programme of learning and development that is aligned with demand identified in services that will enable staff to develop the right skills that support the delivery of the business plan.



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