



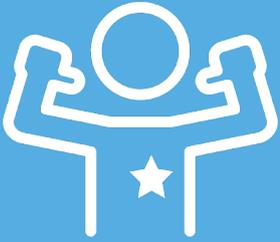
**WEYMOUTH**  
TOWN COUNCIL

# **CORPORATE PLAN**

## **2024 - 2029**

*Supporting our communities to be  
the best they can be*

# OUR PRIORITIES



A town to be proud of, that looks clean and attractive and has something for everyone



An aspirational town where people have opportunities to improve, learn, and earn



A green town that reduces its carbon footprint year on year and seeks to protect nature



A prosperous town where year round events and activities bring in visitors and increase economic opportunities



An accessible town where you can access services and amenities regardless of ability, age, or need



# FOREWORD

**CLLR CAROLINE NICKINSON**  
MAYOR



I am very proud and honoured to have been elected as Mayor for our beautiful town in 2025/26. Weymouth Town Council has a broad portfolio with 3.5 miles of beach, 18 play areas, 33 open spaces, 9 cemeteries, 358 allotments, 10 public toilet buildings, 30 properties, memorials, events, and more—all backed by essential behind-the-scenes work.

We consistently provide high-quality services, from our beach and Green Flag parks to new play areas and major events like the VE Day beacon lighting and concert and Armed Forces weekend. Our sound management and dedicated Councillors ensure we remain efficient and focused on making Weymouth the best it can be. We work closely with partners like Dorset Council, Dorset Police, We Are Weymouth, and voluntary groups across the town.

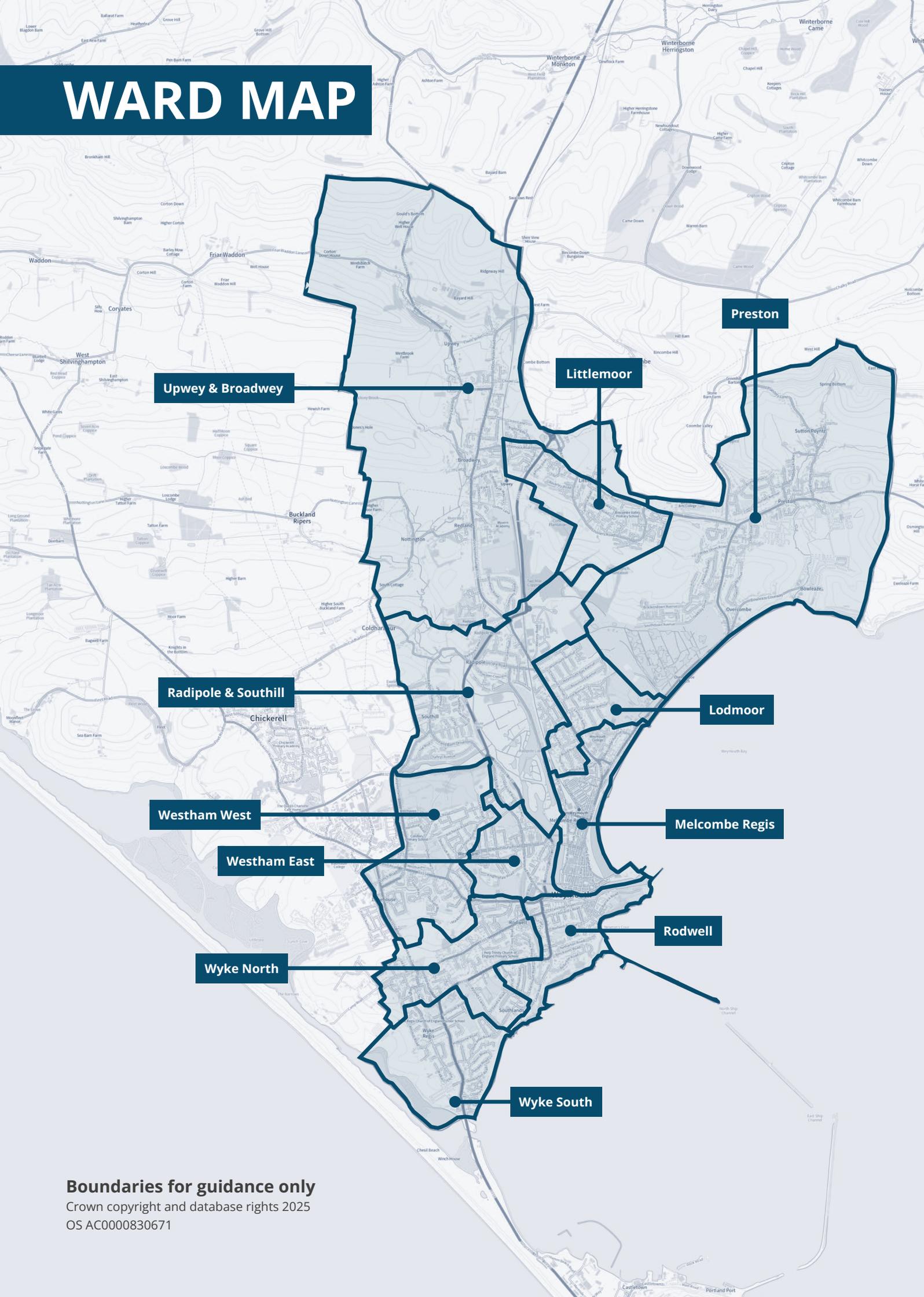
Over the next year our Council aims to increase the number of Green Flags our parks are awarded, allocate at least £100,000 in grants to local community groups, deliver an exciting Towns of Culture programme (including more grants), install a new Bandstand on the beach for weddings and events, and install a new outdoor gym at Greenhill as part of the Seafront Strategy. There will be lots of new projects coming through as the year progresses and if you have an idea then please let us know.

I am honoured to represent our town and its residents, and in particular all of you who give so much back to our communities by volunteering for local groups and charities. My chosen charity this year is Weldmar Hospicecare, and I hope you will all support me in my fundraising efforts for this much loved and vital charity that supports people and



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# WARD MAP



**Boundaries for guidance only**

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Weymouth WaterFest  
Beach Yoga



# COUNCIL OVERVIEW



Weymouth Town Council was established in April 2019 after Dorset's local government re-organisation. It is one of the largest Town Councils in the country, with 25 elected Councillors. The town is divided into 11 wards, with elections currently held every five years, next due in May 2029. A Youth Council also runs local projects.

Decisions are made at public meetings and through four main Committees. The Council is led by the Town Mayor, with strategic direction from the Leader and Town Clerk.

Funding comes from income and a council tax precept. For 2024/25, the precept is £3.2m (£11.78 per month per average home), with total expenditure of £4.2m. The Council raises £1m annually from services like beach rentals and leases.

The Council has around 50 permanent staff, increasing up to 80 in the summer. The Town Clerk is supported by a Deputy Town Clerk (Responsible Finance Officer), and Assistant Town Clerk.

## WEYMOUTH AT A GLANCE



POPULATION  
**53,000**



**49.3%**  
MALE  
**50.07%**  
FEMALE



**93.5%**  
WHITE BRITISH  
**6.5%**  
BME  
(BLACK AND MINORITY  
ETHNIC POPULATION)



**23,472**  
RESIDENTS IN  
EMPLOYMENT



**22.1%**  
NO ACCESS  
TO VEHICLES  
IN HOUSEHOLD



**30.1%**  
HOUSEHOLDS WITH  
A PERSON AGED 66+





# COMMITTEE STRUCTURE

## Full Council

Finance and  
Governance  
Committee

Environment and  
Services Committee

Planning and  
Licensing Advisory  
Committee

Human Resources  
Committee



Neighbourhood Plan Full Council Meeting

# STRATEGIC MODEL



## CORPORATE STRATEGY

### COUNCIL PLANS AND STRATEGIES

CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY PLAN

SEAFRONT STRATEGY

PARKS AND OPEN SPACES STRATEGY

COMMUNICATIONS STRATEGY

COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PLAN

### SERVICE PLANS

RESORT SERVICE PLAN

GREENSPACES SERVICE PLAN

BUSINESS SUPPORT SERVICE PLAN

# TOWN COUNCILLORS



**Louie O'Leary**  
Littlemoor



**Brian Hayter**  
Littlemoor



**Matt Bell**  
Lodmoor



**David Civil**  
Lodmoor



**Jon Orrell**  
Melcombe Regis



**Howard Atkinson**  
Melcombe Regis



**Peter Dickenson**  
Preston



**Joanna Dickenson**  
Preston



**Steve Dickens**  
Preston



**David Harris**  
Radipole & Southill



**Louise Bown**  
Radipole & Southill



**Mike Sewry**  
Rodwell



**Clare Williams**  
Rodwell



**David Northam**  
Upwey & Broadway



**Tim Young**  
Upwey & Broadway



**Beverley Day**  
Upwey & Broadway



**Alex Fuhrmann**  
Westham East



**Lee Hamsworth**  
Westham East



**Ryan Hope**  
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**Gill Taylor**  
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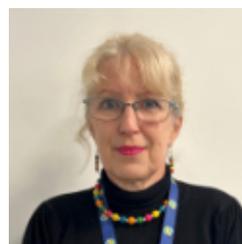
**Simon Clifford**  
Westham West



**Kate Wheller**  
Wyke North



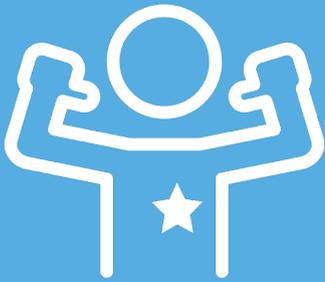
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Wyke South



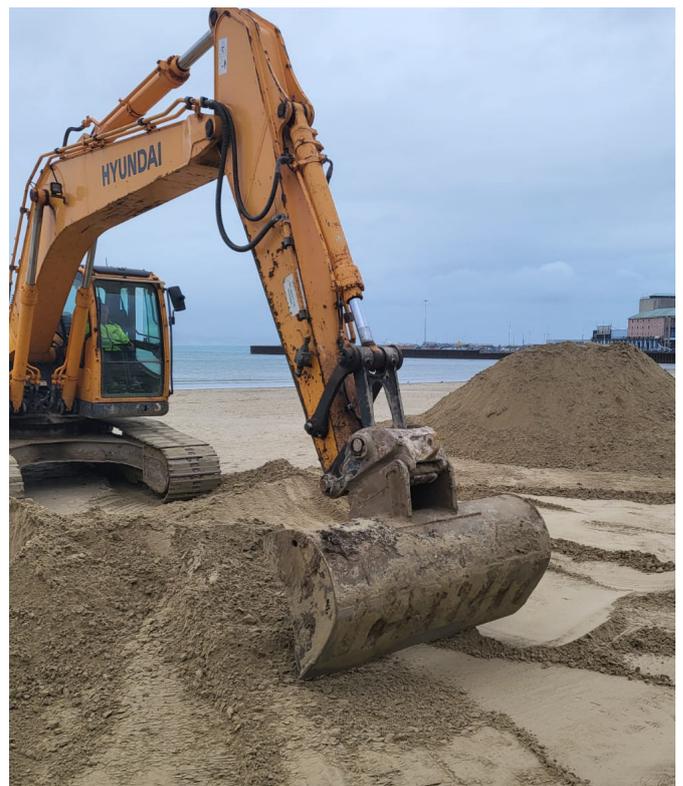
**Thomas Taylor**  
Wyke South



# A town to be proud of, that looks clean and attractive and has something for everyone

## How will we achieve this?

- Ensure that the Council's open spaces are regularly cleaned and maintained
- Encourage recycling throughout our operational areas
- Invest and maintain our greenspaces and beach. Ensuring they are accessible, safe, and well-maintained, providing places for residents and visitors to relax, exercise, and socialise
- Implement the Council's tree plan and biodiversity plan
- Work in partnership with Dorset Council, We Are Weymouth, and other local groups
- Support the development of the towns cultural offering
- Work with partners to ensure that the towns heritage is maintained





# An aspirational town where people have opportunities to improve, learn, and earn

## How will we achieve this?

- Work with our partners to encourage learning opportunities
- Offer apprenticeships and learning opportunities within the Council
- Through partnership working and support create and encourage the development of space where people can gather to work, learn and share ideas
- Promotes access to employment and support for underrepresented groups within the workforce
- Engage the local community and involve local residents in decision-making processes to ensure that the development of the town aligns with their needs and aspirations





# A green town that reduces its carbon footprint year on year and seeks to protect nature

## How will we achieve this?

- Work with partners to encourage sustainable energy conservation and provision for the whole Town Council area
- Encourage and support the removal of dependence of fossil fuel transport within the town
- Offer free water refill points across the town to help reduce single use plastics
- Work with residents and partners to encourage sustainable food cultivation, land and water management
- Educate the community so that they are well informed, understand the climate emergency and are encouraged to take action





# A prosperous town where year round events and activities bring in visitors and increase economic opportunities

## How will we achieve this?

- Offer a broad range of events throughout the year during peak season, the shoulder seasons and low season
- Utilise the towns natural assets to compliment and enhance events and activities
- Work with local businesses, groups and partners to deliver activities and events
- Work with We Are Weymouth and other partners to promote events and activities
- Support local residents via event planning and management to increase community events and pride in our town
- Regularly assess the success of our events and gather feedback from visitors and businesses





# An accessible town where you can access services and amenities regardless of ability, age, or need

## How will we achieve this?

- Improving physical accessibility to our open spaces and ensure that any future developments/improvements are made with universal accessibility in mind
- Ensure where possible all Council buildings are accessible
- Enhance digital accessibility and ensure that the Council's website remains fully accessible
- Make sure that Council services like bill payments, reporting issues etc can be undertaken easily online and through mobile devices
- Work with partners to ensure everyone in the town has access to the internet
- Encourage partners to deliver and develop affordable housing with accessible design features
- Ensuring that there is appropriate accessible infrastructure in place across the town
- Actively engage individuals with disabilities, elderly, and other vulnerable groups in any planning processes to understand their needs and ensure their voices are heard.





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