



Yateley Town Council Mission Statement

Communicate and Consult

The Town Council will produce, on at least an annual basis, a residents' newsletter giving details of Town Council initiatives and providing local organisations with the opportunity to publicise their activities.

The Town Council will provide a fifteen minute public session at each Town Council meeting for public question and comment. Also at every Town Council meeting, the Town Mayor will provide a resume of his/her mayoral engagements since the previous meeting.

The Town Council will always consult affected residents before embarking on projects likely to have an impact on specific locations.

The Town Council will provide, at its yearly Town Meeting, an annual report covering its activities during the previous twelve months and its plans for the coming twelve months. In addition, when adopting its annual budget, the Town Council will provide a statement detailing its proposed expenditure for the coming financial year.

Civic and Community Leadership

The Town Council will provide civic leadership by representing the community at ceremonial and civic events and by co-ordinating community events and celebrations.

The Town Council will elect a Town Mayor and a Deputy Town Mayor at the Annual Meeting of the Town Council. The Town Mayor will represent the Town Council, and, by extension, the town of Yateley at ceremonial and civic events.

The position of Town Mayor is ceremonial and non-political and confers no additional advantage on the post holder other than the honour of representing Yateley.

The Town Mayor will also act as Chair to the meetings of the Town Council. In all events, the Deputy Town Mayor may carry out the duties of the Town Mayor in his/her absence.

Through the Yateley Liaison Group, and through various other initiatives and in co-operation with other local agencies, the Town Council will take the lead role in community development throughout the town.

The Town Mayor will host a) an annual reception, b) an annual Civic Service (to be held in rotation at the various churches in the town) and c) will support a local charity, or charities, during his/her year of service.

Local Facilities and Services

The Town Council will provide facilities and services for local residents and visitors to the town. In order to achieve this, it will assess local needs and also respond to residents' requests.

The Town Council will provide new facilities, such as playgrounds, sports facilities, streetlights, as well as initiating environmental improvement schemes.

The Town Council will also improve and modernise existing facilities where necessary.

The Town Council will work together with other responsible agencies in providing local facilities and will also encourage other organisations to take a pro-active role in providing the services required by residents and visitors.

Community Development

The Town Council will take the lead role in community development. It will support and encourage the establishment of new clubs, particularly for youth groups and the elderly, such as playgroups, neighbourhood watches and adult literacy schemes. The Town Council will strive to include the socially isolated and the vulnerable within these community projects.

The Town Council, through its grants programme and through providing information of other sources of financial assistance, will encourage both new and existing community groups to expand and provide additional services where appropriate.