

Vision for Somerset

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Introduction from Somerset County Council Leader David Fothergill

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"Over the next four years my team and I will work hard for the people of Somerset to achieve a clear vision. We want our wonderful county to be ambitious, to be confident and to always look to improve. Our Vision sets out what we all want for Somerset - a county where the public, private and voluntary sectors all work together to raise expectations and to improve the lives of our residents; where we invest in prevention; we build resilience to improve our communities; and we raise business confidence to boost job prospects throughout our county. We all want a county that is seen as an exemplar to others, locally, regionally and nationally. We have a clear ambition and with everyone working together it is an ambition that we can make happen. I hope you will all support us."



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Our Somerset Vision is...

- A County that works with our residents for our residents - providing you with right information, advice and guidance to help you help yourself.
- A County of resilient well-connected communities that work to reduce inequalities.
- A County where all partners actively work together for the benefit of our residents, communities and businesses.
- A thriving and productive County that is ambitious, confident and focussed on improving people's lives.



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People in Somerset achieve extraordinary things. Some are easier to see than others, some are more amazing than others but our aim must be that people in Somerset feel they can achieve whatever they set their heart on. We must all work hard together to create the environment where talent comes out, where skills are used to their fullest, where people continue to achieve extraordinary things. From success in exams, landing good jobs, excelling on the playing fields, enjoying fulfilling social lives, volunteering, helping, supporting, just living life to the full.

We live in a wonderful county - let's all work to achieve this approach written throughout this document.

To be:
Ambitious -
Confident -
Improving.