

# Vision Volunteers - Background

- Launched in February 2016
- Volunteer-led project teams operating across formal team structures – almost 200 staff and managers volunteered!
- Project teams were self-organising and made up of a mix of skills, experience and seniority.
- Guidance and support from senior managers and technical experts with corporate support provided by Organisational Development and Business Change.
- As of March 2017 all four vision projects have moved to Business as Usual.

# Current Status

**University in Somerset:** Somerset County Council have committed to supporting Bridgwater & Taunton College in their ambitions to develop their university offer.

**Garden Town:** Taunton was announced as a Garden Town in January 2017 and the county council's planning & policy team are working closely with Taunton Deane Borough council to progress the creation of 17,000 new homes between now and 2028.

**Business Parks:** The County Council's Economic Development team are working with private sector partners to deliver a number of significant business parks, including the Somerset Energy Innovation Centre in Bridgwater and the iAero facility in Yeovil. The county council is also pursue public-sector owned land through the One Public Estate initiative.

**Energy Initiatives:** The county council's Energy Bureau team are developing business cases for a wide range of green energy initiatives, from promoting energy saving investments through to the development of renewable energy generation on publicly owned land.