

Corporate Plan Table of Commitments



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This document clearly sets out 151 specific commitments made in the Corporate Plan 2026–2030.

It is arranged by priority:

- Decent and affordable homes
- Safe, clean and healthy neighbourhoods
- An inclusive Islington economy
- A great place to grow up and grow old
- A strong community where everyone belongs

It is supported by a separate two-year delivery plan that outlines which year each is expected to be delivered in.

Decent and affordable homes

Corporate Plan Commitment	
Decent and affordable homes	
1	Secure planning permission for new build housing
2	Bring more than 100 ex-Right to Buy homes back under Islington ownership
3	Target 50% genuinely affordable homes in all new developments
4	Clamp down on illegal sub-letting and tenancy fraud
5	Provide more support to residents open to downsizing
6	Provide secure homes for Islington care leavers and routes for young Islington residents to get their own homes, including our New Generation scheme and local lettings policies
7	Enable families who want to grow in their existing private homes through planning guidance
8	Ensure our planning policy continues to robustly protect against the loss of family homes, and that any new policy continues to reflect that position in relation to the loss of family homes to large Houses of Multiple Occupation
9	Lead a whole-system approach to prevent homelessness and expand Housing First
10	Campaign for a stronger national duty on all public services to prevent homelessness
11	Reduce time in temporary accommodation and expand rapid rehousing
12	Keep families out of unsuitable Bed and Breakfast accommodation
13	Strengthen survivor-centred housing support for domestic abuse and exploitation
14	Enforce against illegal short-term lets and campaign for stronger powers on Airbnb-style rentals
15	Charge the maximum permitted Council Tax on second properties and empty homes
16	Expand selective landlord residential scheme to cover even more of the borough and recruit more officers to undertake inspections.
17	Take tough action against rogue letting agents
18	Consult private renters on estates about estate management and improvements
19	Support private renters to understand their rights and be fully informed in negotiations with their landlords
20	Campaign for rent controls in the private rented sector
21	Roll out WhatsApp repairs reporting for council tenants across the borough
22	Provide named housing officers for tenancy and estate services
23	Invest £388m in council housing improvements over four years to 2030
24	Achieve a 100% Decent Homes Standard across council housing by 2030
25	Make improvements to shared spaces on estates
26	Support Tenants and Residents Associations to influence estate decisions
27	Support leaseholders with a handbook, a range of payment options and clear explanations of charges

Safe, clean and healthy neighbourhoods

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Safe, clean and healthy neighbourhoods	
28	Strengthen early intervention through joined-up youth, health, housing and police services
29	Invest in drug and alcohol services and outreach
30	Introduce a three-strikes escalation approach to anti-social behaviour on estates
31	Launch a Safer Communities Fund for resident-led safety improvements
32	Use CCTV and neighbourhood patrols to respond faster to community safety issues
33	Expand our anti-social behaviour approach and use of powers to tackle persistent perpetrators
34	Protect vulnerable residents from cuckooing through multi-agency work
35	Develop a borough-wide anti-social behaviour action plan
36	Extend 24/7 neighbourhood patrols across estates, streets and public spaces
37	Introduce targeted Public Space Protection Orders in hotspot areas for sexual harassment and harmful street behaviour
38	Strengthen targeted community safety patrols and introduce estate walks, working with residents and partners to address local concerns including youth safety, robbery, hate crime and violence against women and girls.
39	Campaign for better lighting and design around Finsbury Park Station to make it safer
40	Provide regular 'You Said, We Did' updates on community safety progress
41	Establish a borough-wide night-time safety initiative that brings together community organisations, volunteers, businesses and public services to support safer town centres and respond to the needs of vulnerable residents.
42	Build on the success of Safe Havens scheme, strengthening the support, training and promotion available across shops, cafes, pubs and community spaces
43	Develop a new Violence Against Women and Girls Strategy to continue our trailblazing work to tackle violence against women and girls
44	Protect advice, support and refuge services for women
45	Work with men and boys to prevent domestic violence and abuse
46	Continue to apply Local Plan policy which resists the overconcentration of gambling uses.
47	Strengthen collaboration with gambling support charities to enable resident access to evidence-based interventions and advice
48	Campaign to scrap "Aim to Permit" and tighten gambling advertising controls
49	Continue to work towards our ambitious long-term goal of making Islington climate resilient and net zero in terms of carbon emissions.

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50	Reduce the Pension Fund's carbon footprint to net zero by 2035
51	Introduce zero and low emission vehicles across the Council's fleet.
52	Invest in 400 additional publicly accessible electric vehicle charging points across the borough between 2026 and 2030.
53	Fill potholes within 72 hours of them being reported
54	Invest an additional £12m in repairs alongside our programme of work investing in our roads and pavements.
55	Expand Seasonal Health Intervention Network (SHINE) energy support to help residents cut bills and stay warm.
56	Install solar panels on council-owned buildings and encourage local community energy projects
57	Make it easier for residents and landlords to implement retrofitting measures in their buildings, through the Council's Retrofit Handbook and free planning advice for retrofit works.
58	Support local micro & small businesses through Islington Sustainability Network's Business Resilience Toolkit.
59	Develop plans for more local energy centres like the Bunhill Heat and Power network to recycle waste heat
60	Campaign for funding to retrofit and decarbonise council housing
61	Work with residents to create 'Liveable neighbourhoods' across the borough: adding greenery and seating, widening pavements and improving accessibility, reducing traffic and tackling air pollution.
62	Implement more planting, canopy cover, drainage and rain gardens to increase resilience against extreme weather
63	Invest in our parks, greenspaces and estate planting to improve access to nature and social connection
64	Work with police and hire bike operators to tackle dangerous cycling behaviour and modified e-bikes
65	Deliver more secure cycle parking across the borough, including on estates
66	Implement more 'School Streets' to create a safer environment near schools and improve air quality
67	Support communities to take ownership of underused spaces on our streets and estates for community wellbeing, greening or gardens
68	Create more safe spaces for cycling across the borough
69	Work with e-bike providers to prevent the riding and parking of e-bikes in inappropriate areas
70	Campaign for step-free access at all TfL stations and support accessible travel schemes
71	Protect concessionary travel schemes including Freedom Pass and Zip Cards
72	Provide weekly waste and recycling collections and aim to become the lowest waste borough in London
73	Clean streets four times a week
74	Expand Love Clean Streets and use data to improve services
75	Improve recycling access and infrastructure
76	Remove fly-tipping from public land within 48 hours of it being reported
77	Pilot a pop-up reuse and recycling facility to improve access to recycling options
78	Explore establishing a physical hub to support reuse, repair and upcycling in Islington.

An inclusive Islington economy

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An inclusive Islington economy	
79	Support 1,000 residents into work
80	Support 1,000 residents into apprenticeships
81	Expand work experience and employment pathways for young people
82	Secure affordable workspace through planning policy
83	Aim for one third of contract spend to go to local suppliers by 2027 and ensure good pay and condition standards for workers
84	Support local markets and traders to thrive
85	Use new powers to prevent empty high street properties or bring them back into use
86	Work with the police to establish more 'ShopWatch' schemes for our town centres
87	Use our licensing policy and other powers to support pubs, live music and cultural venues
88	Publish an Islington Inclusive Growth Plan to ensure all communities benefit from it
89	Connect small and micro businesses to opportunities to support growth
90	Support alternative business ownership models such as cooperatives and social enterprises
91	Promote ethical employment, trade union membership, fair pay in local businesses and investing in Islington
92	Become a Living Pension employer
93	Support the night-time and evening economy working with the Mayor of London's taskforce
94	Campaign to retain visitor levy funding locally
95	Maintain generous Council Tax support for low-income residents
96	Introduce targeted Council Tax support for low-income residents with terminal illness
97	Expand income maximisation efforts for residents to claim the benefits they are entitled to
98	Provide crisis and resilience funding for financial hardship
99	Deliver a Poverty Truth Commission

A great place to grow up and to grow old

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A great place to grow up and grow old	
100	Expand integrated maternity and post-natal services in family hubs and children's centres in partnership with health services
101	Help children start school ready to learn
102	Improve attainment gaps and attendance so exam results are in the top 25% in London for all children and those with SEND
103	Improve school attendance through joined-up support to address underlying causes of absenteeism
104	Work with schools and academies to reduce exclusions and target schools that impose disproportionate levels of detentions, suspensions and exclusions.
105	Make sure that every Islington young person moving into Year 7 has a laptop or tablet at home
106	Accelerate Education, Health and Care Plan (EHCP) assessments
107	Maintain a high-performing and sustainable school system
108	Deliver cultural experiences for young people through our 11 by 11 Programme
109	Invest in safe and accessible play spaces
110	Establish a Play Park Improvement Fund to upgrade play facilities
111	Continue our universal youth offer, so that all young people have equal access to opportunities and networks of support to be safe, healthy and realise their ambitions
112	Work with partners and community spaces to expand our youth services
113	Support young people at risk with mentoring and independent caseworkers
114	Strengthen multi-agency youth safety and early intervention
115	Support every child to have 100 hours of work experience by age 16 and provide employment support for young people
116	Guarantee free school meals for all primary pupils
117	Provide bursary and school uniform support for low-income families
118	Treat care experience as a protected characteristic
119	Involve care-experienced children and young people in decision-making
120	Develop a 'six over 60' culture and leisure offer for over 60s
121	Establish an Intergenerational Fairness Commission
122	Maintain an age-friendly and dementia-friendly borough
123	Work in partnership to tackle loneliness as a public health issue
124	Make community centres welcoming hubs for older residents
125	Offer free swimming for over 60s

A strong community where everyone belongs

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A strong community where everyone belongs	
126	Keep campaigning for the best deal for Islington to all levels of government
127	Expand fraud teams to include financial investigators to reclaim money for residents lost due to crime
128	Co-produce a new Islington Voluntary and Community Sector Strategy with partners
129	Invest £2.7m in Voluntary and Community Sector core grants and maintain existing core funding to 2030
130	Offer discretionary rates relief for non-profits
131	Pursue decarbonising the pension fund and divesting from companies linked to human rights abuses or profiting from conflict
132	Support refugees and people seeking sanctuary, as a Borough of Sanctuary
133	Support integration and opportunities for refugees, migrants and people seeking asylum
134	Make it clear that there is no place for racism or discrimination in our borough
135	Deliver projects and events that build community pride and bring communities together
136	Establish a programme to celebrate the culture, arts, sports and community activities available across our borough each summer
137	Mark key cultural and equality events
138	Use community budgeting approaches to give residents a greater say on how funds are spent in their local area
139	Set up a fund to support communities or the Voluntary and Community Sector to take ownership of underutilised Council space
140	Ensure Peabody meets its obligations to secure sustainable funding for the Women's Building on the former Holloway Prison site
141	Build a new library and a learning hub at Vorley Road in Archway
142	Consult residents on how our libraries can meet the changing needs of local people
143	Maintain our network of seven new council-run public toilets and encourage others to make toilet facilities available for public use.

How we work as a council

We are making a number of commitments in terms of how we deliver as a council.

Corporate Plan Commitment	
Effective and accessible services	
144	Maintain Access Islington hubs and expand one-stop services
145	Simplify the website and guarantee a response within 10 days on resolving a routine service request
146	Use an in-sourcing first approach
147	Pilot AI where it can improve services and productivity
148	Work in partnership with trade unions so that the council's workforce is empowered to deliver effective and accessible services for our residents
149	Protect frontline services through responsible financial management
150	Monitor spend on agency and interim staff
151	Apply the highest ethical standards to council procurement

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