

## Your District Council **2024/25** Highlights

### Transforming our city centre

we made huge strides in our regeneration works, demolishing the old multi storey car park to make way for the new city centre developments that will soon see a new cinema, leisure and residential offer.

## **3x** more residents supported with disabled grants

we've funded over £1.9m worth of disabled facilities grants on 245 adaptations for residents to live independently with the likes of stairlifts, level access showers, hoists, ramps and more.

#### Launched WhatsApp

we've transformed our support and access for residents, introducing one online form, WhatsApp, and Live chat so we can ensure we are providing the best service possible.



### Better connectivity for our **rural villages**

we launched LinkUp, a new on demand bus service to serve our rural villages across the district for better connectivity.

# One of the only councils to adopt a design code

to ensure future development and housing in the district is of a high-quality and sustainable.

#### Named top 10 UK park

Beacon Park won the coveted Green Flag Award, the international standard recognising well-managed parks and green space and was named one of the top 10 in the country .

## Awarded **£1.4m** to infrastructure projects across the district

including £1.1m for a new health centre in Burntwood, and monies to support Lichfield Canal restoration, a multi-use games area in Alrewas, a community park in Elford, speed awareness signs in Drayton Bassett and yellow lines in Whittington.

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#### 100% Council Tax reduction scheme

we developed and rolled out one of the most generous Council Tax Reduction Schemes in the country, offering 100% reduction to residents on the lowest incomes.

# Committed to crack down on fly-tipping



seven offenders convicted or awaiting a trial date for fly-tipping and other waste offences. Two others given large fixed penalties.

#### Making your Council Tax go further

with the average household paying £3.80 per week towards our services in 2025/26, which is only 9% of your total Council Tax bill.

## **Supported 1,200 people** around personal safety and crime prevention

through our Community Safety Partnership, hosting over 21 community events and engagements.

#### Invested in new leisure facilities

including refurbished facilities, a climbing wall, skate park and a children's soft play centre at Burntwood Leisure Centre, with further padel tennis, adventure golf in Beacon Park and the new Stychbrook Leisure Centre opening in 2025.

#### UK recognised Purple Flag City



Lichfield City Centre was awarded the Purple Flag Status, recognising the creation and commitment of a safe and welcoming night-time economy.

#### Successfully bid to be an early adopter of new powers to tackle **empty commercial properties**

which will enable us to force landlords to rent out persistently vacant commercial properties to new tenants such as local businesses or community groups.

### **£2.1m** investment to support homeless

responding to a rise in the number of residents presenting as homeless or requiring our help to find a home, we've purchased and refitted temporary accommodation in key district locations.





