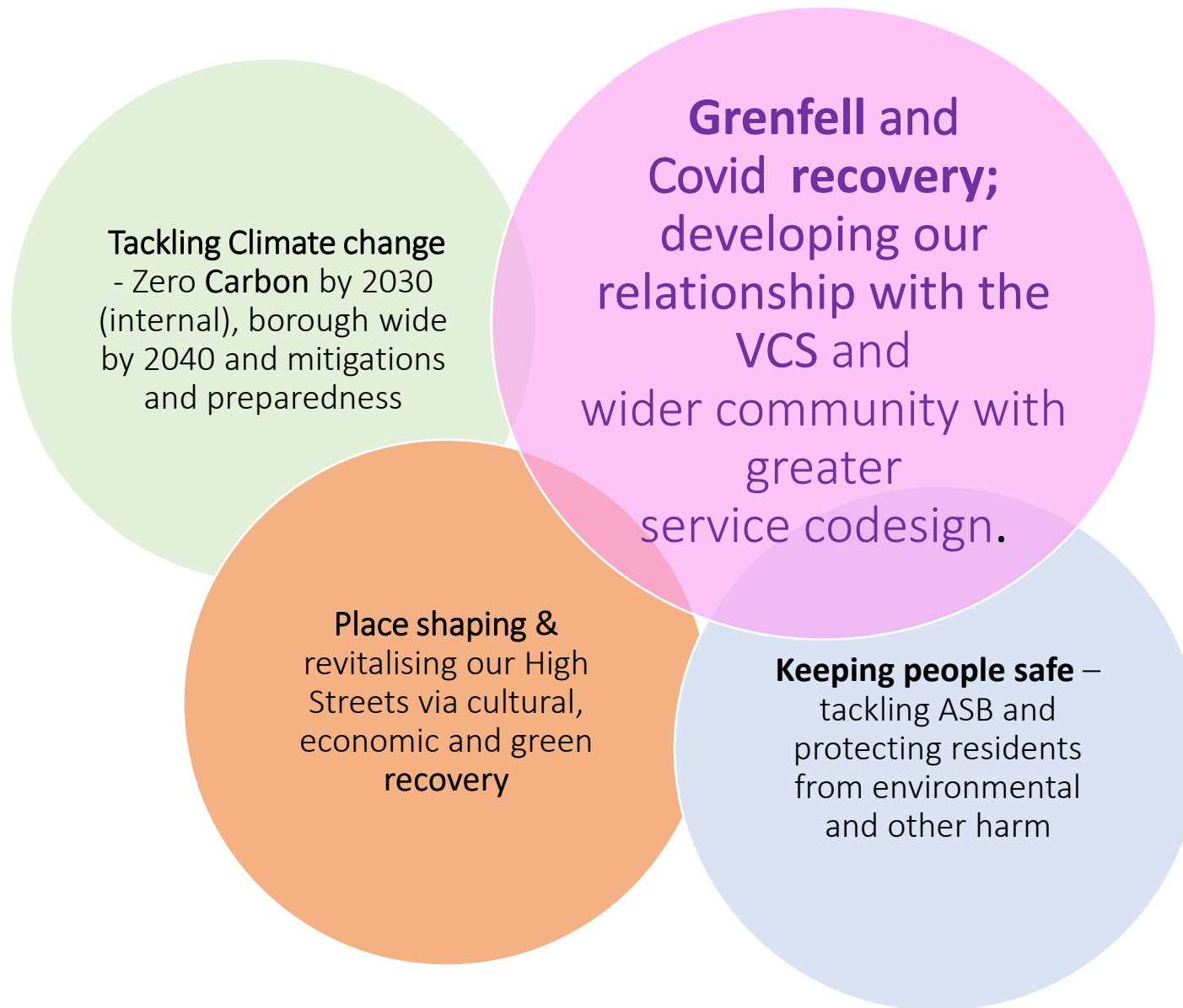


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## Social challenges

*Covid-19 has worsened the inequality and disparity amongst our communities.....  
Our focus on narrowing the gap and the lessons learned from the Grenfell tragedy and its aftermath are reflected in our approach to recovery from the pandemic*



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## Financial challenges

*We have a balanced budget for 2021/22 but, for the three years that follow from 2022, the latest information shows **a budget gap of £30m remains**, which means making some **tough choices about how best to deliver our priorities and achieve value from our finite resources.***



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## Emerging solutions?

***Working in partnership.** Our recovery programme is being delivered with a wide range of statutory and non-statutory partners, including central government, the NHS, schools, local employers, **voluntary and community organisations** and, most importantly, **residents themselves***

**Some great work to build on;**

***Thank you for being part of our strategic problem-solving partnerships.....***

- developing community resilience to Covid's health and economic impacts;
- tackling food insecurity;
- supporting Afghan evacuees;
- working on developing jointly owned emergency resilience plans

**VCS *spend* estimated at £20m**

**Of that, VCS *grant* reducing over the next 3 years, but with COVID recovery funds utilised to deal with current immediate need**

VCS Activity to be Funded	2021/22 £	2022/23 £	2023/24 £
K&C Foundation	10,000	10,000	10,000
Small Grants Scheme	30,000	30,000	30,000
CAB funding	630,550	550,000	550,000
VSSF Grants	1,718,200	1,876,000	1,692,900
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,388,750</b>	<b>2,466,000</b>	<b>2,282,900</b>
<b>Funding Source</b>			
General Fund Contribution	2,212,400	2,092,400	2,092,400
Public Health Contribution	95,250	190,500	190,500
Covid Grant Funding	81,100	183,100	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,388,750</b>	<b>2,466,000</b>	<b>2,282,900</b>
Forecast Over/(Under)spend	0	0	0

## **Our transitions programme – *getting the most from our £20m***

**We want to talk about value and focus on outcomes that matter to our citizens - how we can work together on this? Is there duplication?**

**More monitoring - to ensure that RBKC's investment into its local VCS delivers the best outcomes against Council priorities for the amount of expenditure we allocate (value for money).**

**A transparent decision-making process for making VCS investment decisions, including reducing traditional grants, but exploring the wider investment.**



**What support do you need?**

**Can I visit you in January (restrictions permitting)?**  
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