

Delft city for everyone

Freedom for everyone,
but nobody left behind.

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Delft is a city of
opportunity
where nobody is
left behind.

It starts with education

Like anywhere, in Delft education is key to a good start. Education is the foundation for a society in which everyone is given the opportunity to make the best of themselves. This requires that everyone has equal access to good education. Some need more help with that than others. We therefore pay extra attention to vulnerable students. Everyone should feel safe and be able to be themselves in Delfts schools. In sustainable, multifunctional school buildings where children and young people can learn at their full potential. Good education for all is the best chance to fulfill the promise of our city. That is why this manifesto starts with our plans to improve education.

A strong foundation for every child

Every child has the right to a good start and the right to education at their own level, considerate of their own capabilities. Whether students have a disability and are falling behind, have a migrant background, or are overlooked because they are gifted. Every child should be able to go to the school that is the best fit for him or her. Sitting at home is never an acceptable alternative.

The development of a child encompasses more than language and arithmetic and also takes place outside the classroom. That is why D66 encourages and cherishes initiatives that offer children the necessary supplements for broad development.

- The municipality facilitates the formation of K through 8 learning centers: shared locations for childcare, pre-school education and primary school.
- D66 wants the admission criteria used by a school to be transparent and public. To prevent unequal chances of placement, D66 wants a fixed registration time for schools.
- We are in favor of diversity and freedom of choice for schools. This allows parents and their child to choose a school that best suits their ideals. Anyone who meets the foundation standards for establishing a school will be given a place in Delft. Due to vacancy of school buildings, we are examining options for the best location in the city for a diverse school where students of different backgrounds can learn together.
- The municipality is responsible for public education. D66 not only wants proper supervision of education quality by the inspectorate but also of the board and finances. In this way we guarantee good public education in Delft.
- Schools have a legal duty to provide every child with appropriate education. The municipality has the vital task of facilitating contact between youth care and schools.
- D66 wants refugee children to be able to overcome language obstacles quickly and effectively. An important role is reserved for pre-education and international transition classes.
- D66 wants children who grow up with a low income background to have identical opportunities to all other children. With the Youth Sports and Culture Fund, the municipality makes it (financially) possible that any child who wants to go to sports or music lessons can do so. This also requires that children and their parents are actively made aware of this option.
- D66 wants facilities such as the Delft Holiday Activities and the summer school to be preserved.
- The practical traffic exam is an important element of traffic lessons for group 7. D66 would like to see the police continue to supervise this.
- D66 believes that schools have an important role in teaching tolerance and breaking down stereotypes. A Gender and Sexuality Alliance in every school contributes to the inclusiveness of LGBTQI+ people in schools. D66 supports the role played by organisations such as the Delftse Werkgroep Homosexualiteit (DWH) with, among other things informative lessons on increasing tolerance with regard to sexual diversity among young people and thus the feeling of safety in schools.
- D66 wants schools to inform students of the impact of human action on the climate and its consequences.
- D66 also wants schools to enlighten students by educating them about various philosophies and outlooks on life.

A healthy, safe and sustainable learning environment

Schools can help develop healthy habits, providing a safe environment for all children and lead by example in the fight against global warming.

- Sport and exercise are essential for children. D66 wants at least 3 hours of physical education in primary schools, of which at least 2 hours are given by a specialist teacher in cooperation with local sports associations. The municipality encourages gym classes at school with focus on exploring different sports and associations.
- All children must have the opportunity to obtain a swimming diploma with the help of the Youth Fund Sport and Culture.
- D66 wants sustainable, future-proof school buildings with a healthy indoor climate. Different schools working together in the same building can more efficiently use technology rooms and gymnasiums, appoint joint caretakers and better cope with varying student numbers. Moreover, it enables children to make new friends.
- D66 is open to all financially viable schools. Multi-Modular school buildings offer flexibility and perspective for the future, especially for new schools and buildings, such as the Islamic school, primary education in Tanthof and Mercuries College.
- D66 wants safe traffic routes that allow children to quickly walk or cycle independently to school.
- We also want to make school environments car-free during pickup and arrival times. There will be no Kiss & Ride spots at new schools. This is how we keep children as safe as possible.
- Encouraging the development of a healthy diet with school fruit and school lunches.
- D66 wants education on healthy lifestyle and the negative effects of smoking and excessive alcohol and drug use.
- D66 wants the municipality to help schools build green schoolyards resilient to the changing climate. By creating vegetable gardens, children can also get acquainted with nature in the city at an early age.

Starting your professional career with a diploma

In Delft you can go in any direction after secondary school. That is something to cherish. Knowledge city Delft needs everyone. Students, PhD students and researchers who come up with ideas. Entrepreneurs who put the shoulders to the wheel to make those ideas become reality. Professionals who are the foundation for the realization of these plans. Our city is strong when students from TU Delft work closely with students from ROC Mondriaan and The Hague University of Applied Sciences. Innovative power is the cork on which Delft floats. It is our past, our present and our future. To think of Delft is to think of progress. If we are to keep it that way, we have to do so actively. That is why D66 wants:

- Every student to graduate from a school with some level of qualification. A concerted effort to prevent early school dropout is necessary.
- Career guidance to a suitable job if it is not possible to obtain a basic qualification.
- "Closing the technology chain by strengthening vocational secondary education and by offering education that prepares everyone for tomorrow's job market at all levels. With the Smart Makers Delft initiative D66 wants to create a sustainable connection and a physical forum where education and business meet. In this way Smart Makers Delft can make an impactful contribution to the improvement of practical education.
- An international school for children whose families are here temporarily. Important in an international city with many expats.
- Support from the City of Delft during the primary choice of school type, transition to secondary level education and career orientation. Encourage initiatives such as School's Cool and Delft on Stage
- Stimulate cooperation within and between institutions in the field of education and regional companies.
- Sufficient supply internships with the municipality setting a good example.

- A facility where young people at risk of falling behind, for example due to past trouble at school, can pursue their studies.
- An increase in individual study allowance, so that young people with a disability can also complete their studies.

Life-long learning

Education does not stop when one reaches a certain age or has obtained a diploma. In order to participate, it is important to continue learning through training or further studies. Around 2% of Delft residents have trouble reading. Low digital literacy also constitutes an obstacle to many people living life the way they want. That D66:

- Providing guidance to people on social assistance benefits if this increases their chances of finding paid work.
- Giving attention to developing digital skills and addressing illiteracy regardless of background or age.
- Monitoring the quality and effectiveness of language lessons.
- Ensuring parents can place their children in a daycare center for at least one half-day a week, allowing parents to go to their integration courses or language lessons.
- Agreements on opportunities for every to follow education including later in one's career between the municipality and educational institutions.
- Increase the number of people reached through initiatives to combat digital illiteracy in the city. The current approach is effective but does not reach enough people. Together with education, social organizations, libraries, bookshops and the business community and volunteers we want to reach even more residents than Delft.

Delft doesn't let anyone down

The City of Delft embraces freedom and lets no one down. D66 wants everyone in Delft both young and old to be able to lead their own life as independently as possible, even if this is not straightforward for example due to disability, illness or unemployment. Delft gives people the support and care they need. This begins with a good start for every child.

Youth Services

D66 wants to give all children and young people the opportunity to become the best version of themselves and to grow up healthy and secure. By identifying and tackling problems early we can prevent larger problems in the future. That is why we advocate:

- Agreements between the municipality and childcare, playgroups and primary school to identify problems at an early stage.
- Close cooperation between schools and youth workers.
- Enforce performance agreements with care providers so that not only minor cases but also complex cases receive adequate attention.
- Cut back on the isolation of young people in closed youth care.
- Long-term contracts with youth care providers of three to five years and a reduction in the administrative burden. Promoting quality and continuity.
- Freedom of choice between healthcare providers and a fair chance for smaller providers.
- Improving access to the Personal Budget (PBG). Administrative costs that are too high must not lead to abuse by expensive agencies.
- Compassion and consideration for young people who need youth care after they have turned eighteen.
- Continuation of "Nu Niet Zwanger ", the GGD's program that helps prevent unintended pregnancies and gives women in vulnerable positions access to free contraception and counseling.

Social support and care

D66 wants residents of Delft to be able to live independently for as long as possible and therefore wants to invest in a strong social base within the city, both for those who were born here and newcomers. A social base of informal and intangible facilities means that formal care is not always immediately necessary. This benefits people and the city. The facilities that the City of Delft offers are intended for those who cannot participate on their own or with the help of their own network. In order to improve social support and care in Delft while keeping keep it affordable D66 wants to:

- Learn from the experiences of other municipalities such as Utrecht, which invests in the social base following principles of "simplicity", "do what is necessary" and "connection to your social environment".
- Supporting informal care with relief in the form of overnight and respite care.
- Build future-proof houses that are easily adapted for use in a wide variety of housing roles, for people with disabilities and for all phases of someone's life. In this way people can continue to live in their own homes for as long as possible
- Loneliness can often be the result of external causes. By also focusing on these underlying causes we can tackle loneliness at its source.
- Combat loneliness by offering older people the opportunity to live together.

- Provide timely tailor-made help for the elderly through collaboration between social support teams, neighborhood nurses, the Reinier de Graaf Gasthuis and general practitioners.
- Provide space for growth, develop trust and reduce administrative pressure for healthcare workers.
- Follow the national agreements on i-Social Domain for information exchange.
- Avoid unnecessary bureaucracy and costs through cooperation between municipally funded care, the health insurance act and care under the Long Term Care Act.
- Make facilities in the city accessible to people with a physical disability. Starting with municipal buildings.
- Make the information provision of the municipality accessible..
- Improve access to daytime activities for, for example, people with an intellectual disability from dementia, women's shelters and social shelters for the homeless.
- Language lessons from day one and more training/volunteer work for status holders, so that they can build a future for themselves in our city. They also receive help in getting to know the Dutch healthcare and the social allowance system.
- Providing terminally ill patients with a greener, nicer hospice location in the city.

Perspective on work

Work gives life color and rhythm. It is satisfying because it can contribute to society. And it offers enjoyment of life and socio-economic security. The City of Delft must therefore focus on creating jobs at all levels. We must help those who end up on welfare to find work. Even if that is an extra challenge due to a lack of education or a working disability. People, for whom working is not a viable option, the City of Delft helps with their participation as well. Regulations should not prohibit paid or unpaid work. We propose to:

- The opportunity to offer people to get out of unemployment benefits with a work bonus. With this incentive, we give people with lower paying jobs financial support to get out of their unemployment benefits and prevent a relapse.
- Set realistic obligations for people who have been on welfare for a longer time: a meaningful way of filling the time for them and society, for example voluntary work
- Actively contacting people about outstanding obligations, so that fraud can be easily separated from human errors.
- Take a human-oriented approach to negligence; to tackle fraud and misuse of the allowance system.
- Apply reasonable sentiment to what someone on welfare may receive as a gift, so that family and/or friends can assist with long-term upkeep of their welfare level.
- Making the income limit for financial support attainable so that the system becomes more fair for everyone and more working hours always pays off. This measure could be budget neutral by lowering the current limit and then letting it continue.

Poverty alleviation and debt assistance

No one should live in poverty and certainly not grow up in poverty. D66 therefore makes a special effort to combat child poverty.

D66 wants to encourage residents to ask the City of Delft for earlier assistance if they have financial problems. We devote our attention on the prevention of debt through early identification of payment arrears. We focus on debt counseling and mediation. D66 wants:

- Financial stability. We support debt counseling initiatives.
- A Registered Debt Settlement, so that even without the intervention of the court, with the consent of the resident with debts, transferred money can be used for garnishment of wages to pay off several debts.
- Further cooperation between housing associations, health insurers, the regional tax group and energy - telecom providers to identify debts.
- Continuing good cooperation with voluntary organizations such as ISOFA and Humanitas and guaranteeing the quality of budget managers.
- More attention for the problems and life events that can be related to debt, such as mental condition, relationships, living situation, health, addiction or family situation.
- Using the results of the Youth Perspective Fund to effectively combat debt among young and old.

Living and Transportation in Delft.

Delft is our city, our home. We all want a healthy city in which we can live and work, meet and relax. But that is not a matter of course. Space in Delft is scarce. That means we have to make choices. We want to give people the space to be free. We choose to allocate space for houses, employment and greenery.

An affordable house for everyone

More affordable housing is needed in Delft. For a sustainable future, we must make the transition to energy-neutral homes. With a diverse range of housing options for different housing desires for young and old, Delft offers a home.

Delft will build 15.000 houses before 2040

Delft is an attractive residential city. Yet there are challenges. Delft will be building a lot in the coming years to improve the housing stock. In neighborhoods such as Buitenhof and Voorhof, the quality of life can and must be improved. D66 wants to improve the balance between homes in the social, rental and owner-occupied segment in order to remain attractive as a city. Recent graduates, the elderly who are selling their single-family homes and people who move to Delft for work must also be able to find affordable housing that suits them.

D66 supports the ambition to build 15,000 more homes in our city in the coming years, following the principles of the Delft Housing Vision.

We particularly seek:

- Improving the housing market cycle so that more affordable housing becomes available for starters.
- Building additional middle segment rental and owner-occupied homes.
- Modernizing the social housing stock with high-quality sustainable housing. D66 is in favor of a maximum percentage of social housing in new construction projects.
- Every Delftenaar has the right to a fungus and humid free home. In particular we are going to actively combat the fungus problem in social rental housing.
- Project and area developments can contribute to sustainable and climate-friendly construction through appropriate design and material choices. For example, the choice of biobased or 'regrowing' materials leads to the storage of CO2 in buildings rather than production – in comparison during the production of steel and cement. That is why we are focusing on the municipal preference for circular and biobased construction in Delft. We do this by introducing a circular points system. Developers are obliged to score a minimum number of points for circularity per project. This points system is based on the principles of 'het nieuwe normaal voor circulair bouwen'. When the area is suitable for this, higher ambitions are set. In this way we ensure that the construction is future-proof and that we use our raw materials sustainably.
- A financial contribution from initiators for the design of public space and major investments that are necessary to keep the city liveable and accessible.
- The development of the Beatrixlaan. This 70 km/h road functions as a barrier in the city. This particular traffic zone shows potential for greenery, housing and recreation if the road is narrowed and the speed limit can be lowered. D66 wants to build houses in this newly found space that include greenery in the living environment.
- Deploying rental teams that can assist people in rental disputes.
- Combatting racism and discrimination in the housing market, for example by using decoy tenants to determine whether this is indeed the case.
- Regional agreements on a balanced housing supply.
- Mixed and well spread housing opportunities for status holders. Delft will continue to do its fair share in the housing of beneficiaries because people who are fleeing war and violence are entitled to good shelter and housing.
- Active measures to tame the scarcity on the housing market.
- We tackle malicious landlords by having the City of Delft actively check for proper landlords and rents.

Socially mixed neighborhoods as meeting grounds

Our living environment contributes to our cohesion in the city. D66 wants to provide mixed neighborhoods with various facilities and public spaces that invite you to be active and meet people.

- D66 wants every neighborhood to have a diverse range of facilities that are easily accessible and suitable for the residents of the neighborhood. Think not only of schools and healthcare institutions, but also of shops and other fundamental facilities.
- D66 wants more safety and liveness in neighborhoods by focusing on implementing renovations and new constructions of ground floors with a social plinth.
- D66 wants to give community centers and residents the opportunity to take initiatives. The City of Delft is investigating the support and deployment of community centers as a good place in the neighborhood for activities for residents and interactions with, for example, youth workers. D66 sees the value of independent playgrounds, because everyone benefits from the energy in the neighborhoods.
- At large construction sites, such as the Schieoevers, it is important to maintain a good mix of living, working, facilities and accommodation.

Student housing on the right track

The shortage of housing also applies to students. We will therefore continue to advocate for additional student housing throughout the city, with an emphasis on the campus. Because there is not enough space to supply housing for all students in Delft, good coordination with neighboring municipalities is necessary. Many students already live in The Hague and Rotterdam and there are opportunities to add student housing in Schiedam and Rijswijk. Good cycling and public transport connections to the TU Campus are essential to make these developments possible. D66 wants:

- More student housing to be built on the TU Campus. This contributes to having a lively campus and a lively city.
- Actively involve TU Delft in finding locations for temporary and permanent residence, as the university is expected to continue to expand
- Build more student house complexes instead of independent student housing.
- Reducing the ban on house-splitting constructions once the housing market is under control. We will tackle the disturbance caused by relocations, such as in the Wippolder, in consultation with the TU.
- Bringing people together with mixed forms of housing such as Abtswoude Bloeit, where the elderly, young people and status holders live together.

Combining densification with greenery

Space in Delft is scarce. Where possible, we build in higher densities and deploy high-rise buildings. This leaves room for adding greenery and allows us to maintain existing greenery. D66 opts for:

- Building in higher densities and the use of high-rise buildings on the banks of the Schie. This allows existing greenery to be preserved as much as possible.
- Streets that are green and spacious, a lively plinth at eye level with homes or shops that fit in well with the public space.
- Green facades and nature-inclusive construction.

Sustainable mobility

The way people move will change to make Delft more accessible and safer. D66 wants to make better use of the space in the city by giving priority to space-efficient, clean, smart and safe mobility. D66 opts for the bicycle, and for good reason. Within Delft, the journeys are short and the bicycle is the easiest, cleanest and fastest way to get from A to B. We are encouraging a shift from owning a private car to shared cars. The space that becomes available makes the street more pleasant, where there is room for green space and children to play. Delft will remain accessible by car, but for those who can and choose, walking, cycling or public transport will become the attractive standard.

Space for pedestrians and cyclists

The Mobility Program 2040 came through the efforts of D66. The program prioritizes the pedestrian first, the street for the people. The bicycle is becoming even more important for accessibility within the city. This requires improvement of the network, security and making routes suitable for users with different speeds. We are proud that the plan is now in place. But we're not done yet. D66 aims to:

- Giving back the street to residents by narrowing roads, removing parking spaces and adding additional green spaces.
- Driving with more sustainable and quieter modes of transport.
- Further expansion of the car-free plus area which contributes to road safety and the general quality of life. We will arrange the space that has become available on the street and along the canals in collaboration and coordination with residents, companies and organizations.
- A logical connection of bicycle routes between neighborhoods of bordering municipalities such as Ypenburg, Vrijenban and Elsenburgerbos. A good example are the Metropolitan cycling routes that connect different municipalities within the Metropolitan Region.
- D66 wants the municipality to create a bicycle shed in the city center to solve the shortage of parking spots in the public space.

Traffic-safe city

Iedereen moet makkelijk en veilig tussen wijken kunnen bewegen. Te voet, op de fiets, op de scooter, in de bus of tram, of met de auto. Woonwijken staan niet op zichzelf. We wonen allemaal in hetzelfde Delft. D66 wil de verbindingen in de stad verbeteren en pleit daarom voor:

Everyone should be able to move easily and safely between neighborhoods. On foot, by bike, scooter, bus or tram, or by car. Residential areas should not be isolated, since we all live in the Delft. D66 wants to improve connections in the city and therefore advocates:

- Redirecting car traffic to reduce cars that do not need to be in the city.
- 30 kilometers per hour within the urban area. We want to adjust the layout of the streets and roads so that it fits the maximum speed limit.
- Priority for bicycles with new connections such as the Gelatine Tunnel till the extent of the Gelatine Bridge. The renovation of Station Delft Campus offers opportunities to reduce overcrowding at Delft Station and to direct bicycle traffic towards the TU campus.
- Safe traffic routes to schools, so children can quickly walk or cycle on their own.
- Making school zones car-free during pick-up and drop-off times. There will be no Kiss+Ride spots at new schools. This is how we make it as safe as possible.

Public and shared transport

D66 gives priority to space-efficient, sustainable, smart and safe mobility. We therefore mainly look at bicycles, public transport and innovative shared transport. This way we limit the number of kilometers performed by cars. D66 is in favor of:

- Combining means of transport within commuter populations such as trains and bicycles
- Managing work and school hours to reduce rush hours in traffic. D66 wants the City of Delft to work together with TU, colleges of higher education and larger employers, in which the municipality itself sets a good example.
- The extension of tram line 19 towards the southern parts of the TU campus.
- Facilitating shared cars, scooters and bicycles, so that residents can choose from various means of transport at the so-called mobility hub.
- Remove restrictions to allow shared ownership with neighbors or friends.
- Upgrade from two to four train tracks between the City of Delft and Schiedam.
- A stop on the expansion of Rotterdam – The Hague Airport, especially for distances where the train is a logical alternative in short to medium range travel.

Car traffic and optimal parking

The future of cars are electric, shared and available on demand. Delft is preparing for this by encouraging car sharing and making optimal use of parking spaces. For the surrounding highways, D66 looks at accessibility, noise pollution and emissions. For the improvement, renewability, reduction and sustainability of car traffic, D66 wants to:

- Ensure that people can easily charge their electric car throughout the city, with both private and public charging stations.
- Stop the widening of the A4 highway. Widening roads does not solve anything, but it does lead to more emissions, air pollution and noise nuisance. Moreover, the proliferation of cars causes problems in the city resulting in us not widening roads.
- Setting up an 80 km/h zone on the A13 between Rotterdam and Delft. This contributes to air quality, reduces noise pollution and improves safety.
- Allowing less new or only indoor parking spaces in new constructions.
- Repurposing underused parking garages for sports, games and green space.
- Making parking in Delft garages attractive for inner-city residents, also in terms of price.
- Putting an end to visitor parking at the Gasthuisplaats and in the meantime implementing other applications than parking.

Logistics in the city

The transportation of goods is necessary for companies in the city. For example, for supplies, but also to transport products from the high-quality manufacturing industry. Clear agreements with the logistics sector will make these movements more sustainable and safer in the coming years. This also applies to vans that deliver parcels all over the city. The alternative of delivering by bicycle is increasingly becoming possible. D66 proposes:

- To have the logistics sector emission-free in the city by 2025.
- To limit the duration of the supply permit in the city center as much as possible.
- To set up a logistics hub, whether or not within the municipal boundary of Delft, for the transfer of goods to smaller and more sustainable means of transport, such as bicycle couriers or electric vehicles.

- To share data and information from the municipality with the logistics sector in order to achieve less traffic, unnecessary detours and emissions of particulate matter and CO2.

Ease-of-access in the City

Everyone should be able to participate in an inclusive society. There are people who, for various reasons, do not have the opportunity to travel and therefore cannot participate fully in the social and cultural life of Delft. D66 wants:

- That everyone can access a community center for daily shopping, with or without assistance. The design of the street and sidewalk should make this possible. I.E. the remodeling of the Oude Langendijk.
- Prevent the shortage of mobility. It must be available for everyone, including people with a physical or visual impairment, to move around and be included.
- Improve the accessibility of public transport, for example by deploying public transport buddies.

Delft as a green
city.

Everyone has to deal with climate change, including us in Delft. Scientists are warning: we must strive to ensure that the earth does not warm by more than one and a half degrees. D66 wants to prepare the city for the future. That is why we embrace the European Green Deal and the Climate Act that resulted from it. This is how we contribute to a global challenge. This law means that the European Union must be climate neutral by 2050.

Fighting for a better climate

Delft will have to work hard in the coming years to be energy neutral and climate-proof by 2050. We also support the national goals: Delft will be natural gas-free by 2050 and 40% of suitable buildings will be fitted with solar panels.

Clean energy in Delft

In a sustainable home you can live comfortably and you have a lower energy bill. In addition, a higher energy label by making the home more sustainable also translates into a better market valuation. Home buyers are willing to pay more for a home with a higher energy label. D66 wants:

- View the energy transition per district and, where necessary, per neighborhood. A canal house offers different opportunities and difficulties than a family home in Tanthof initiatives.
- Provide everyone with accessible and correct information so that everyone can participate in the energy transition.
- Also use the (clean) energy information center of the City of Delft to help small and large companies. Currently, the center mainly helps private individuals, but companies have an important role to play in the energy transition.
- 0% natural gas usage by 2050. The installation of the heat network is a first major step in this. We also want to stimulate other initiatives, such as the geothermal source of TU Delft.
- Start a discussion with Delft housing associations such as Woonron about making their stock more sustainable and making performance agreements about this. Corporations are an important partner in achieving sustainable living in a sustainable city.

Delft will initiate a policy of containment with regards to climate change

Due to climate change, Delft has to deal with more extreme weather. Asphalt, brick and concrete lead to heat stress in the event of heat and flooding during heavy showers. In order to keep the city pleasant and liveable, we have to design the public space differently. D66 proposes to:

- Green can be used against heat stress. New city parks such as the Van Leeuwenhoek Park or open-air laboratories such as The Green Village allow the city to gain more knowledge and experience with the ways in which greenery can best contribute to heat stress.
- Replace hardening in public spaces and gardens with greenery. For example, by flipping tiles.

From waste to raw material

We are facing a major challenge in our city: the residual waste must be reduced significantly. Residual waste burdens the environment unnecessarily and raw materials are lost in the incinerator. We want:

- Re-use raw materials as much as possible and bring litter under control. D66 wants to focus on post-separation, where this leads to better separation results and lower costs. With the new contract for waste processor HVC, Delft is flexible in choosing source and post-separation. In this way we can do well, cheaply and sustainably in the neighborhoods in a way that suits the city and all residents of Delft, with special attention to experienced bottlenecks in the city.
- Increase the involvement of residents in sustainable waste processing by starting waste projects with social organizations and schools, as happened with 'de Afvalstad'.

- Introduce the Yes/Yes sticker so that only Delft households with a Yes/Yes sticker on the letterbox receive unaddressed advertising material. This is how we avoid waste of paper. This is more sustainable than having to separate and recycle afterwards.
- Stricter enforcement of waste disposal outside containers and more space for experiments, such as container gardens. Residents can be made responsible for the maintenance of the greenery, if they are willing.
- Better collection of industrial waste. In the current situation many collectors are engaged in the same task. This can be done more efficiently and thoroughly. In addition, D66 wants companies and entrepreneurs to join forces to reduce litter in public spaces.

Space for plants, water and animals

In a densely built-up city like Delft, trees, shrubs, flowers and the layout of the public space contribute to a liveable and healthy living environment for people and animals. By designing outdoor spaces and new buildings in a nature-friendly way and by connecting the ecological zones, Delft increases biodiversity. That is good for flora and fauna. Moreover, these green links and ribbons form attractive walking routes from the residential areas to the countryside. In the built-up urban area, D66 opts for nature-friendly design: from green facades to insect-friendly planting, from built-in bird boxes in stone facades to cat stairs in the canals.

Greenery in the city and clean air

D66 cherishes the greenery in and around the city. Trees and greenery are important to fight heat stress, contribute to air quality and provide natural drainage. We are therefore in favor of:

- Planting large trees. D66 wants to compensate trees that have to make way for construction developments as much as possible in the immediate vicinity, whether or not via the Tree Fund.
- A preferential treatment for plants and tree species that contribute to a natural layout. We prefer these trees to species that may flower beautifully but contribute little or crowd out native species.
- Designing the public space as environmentally friendly as possible, without using chemicals or techniques that are harmful to plants or animals.
- The improvement of the air we all breathe, for example through measures and good information about aggregate use and wood burning.
- Increasing the environmental zone and expanding the emission requirements to diesel passenger cars and vans.

Clean and healthy water

Sustainable water management is indispensable for the quality of life in the city. Under the influence of climate change, urbanization and industrial activity, the quality of our groundwater and drinking water is under pressure. D66 wants:

- An improvement of the biodiversity on the banks of Delft, among other things by placing green banks and biodiversity islands.
- Create space to retain water from downpours, such as at Park Spoorloos. We encourage residents to take measures in their garden or house with a rain barrel, green roof and planters through campaigns such as Buitenkans Delft.
- Active collaboration with other municipalities and the Water Board Delfland for climate-adaptive policy. There are opportunities to make greater use of each other's expertise and capacities.

- Prevent blue-green algae and excessive duckweed formation i.e. in Delftse Hout. The Haaglanden environmental service must take more action on glasshouse horticulture in our neighboring municipalities, so that the food for duckweed in our canal water decreases.
- Take climate adaptation into account when replacing the sewerage system. The sewer must be able to withstand heavy rain showers. When constructing and replacing the sewage system, make a separate system for the clean rainwater and the dirty wastewater. Rainwater then goes to the surface water, wastewater is discharged to the water treatment plant. Currently, two types of water are mixed in the sewer: wastewater and rainwater.
- The canals are too narrow and too vulnerable to allow all types of recreational boats. Access to the canals of the inner city with motorized boats remains possible but only with a permit and under certain conditions.. We only issue licenses to electrically powered boats.

Animal welfare

Animals are part of society and deserve our care. Animal welfare for D66 is based on the natural needs of the animal. That is why we propose to:

- Not to issue permits for activities and events that affect the welfare of animals.
- Reducing the goose population by catching them in an animal-friendly way and moving them to another location.
- Teach children in Delft at petting zoos how to deal with animals and their well-being in a playful way. Petting zoos must meet strict animal welfare requirements.

Delft has a lot to
offer.

Delft is a city of innovation and technology, with a rich history. Delft is known as a high-tech capital and is in a strong position to achieve economic growth and allow employment to grow along with the city. D66 wants to continue the growth of jobs and create extra business space. Our innovations and the cultural offerings make the city. That is why we want to keep it as diverse as possible, so that people can connect and continue to develop.

An invitation for entrepreneurship and employment

We will continue to make our business climate attractive. This is especially important in these uncertain times. By giving entrepreneurs opportunities and giving them freedom, the city makes optimal use of their creativity. In this way we ensure employment and the possibility that everyone can contribute to society.

Make way for a valuable business community

For us, enterprising people are the base for an open and vibrant society. We are proud of the small entrepreneurs, from catering and retail, to companies on the Schieoevers, large (technology) companies and the new start-ups that want to establish themselves in Delft. In addition to good business premises, housing and facilities are also important here. D66 wants the City of Delft to continue talking with entrepreneurs about how we can help, supplement and strengthen each other.

We cherish the current partnerships, such as BKS, KHN or SCMD. Delft has a lot to offer at a technological level: the combination of companies, education, knowledge institutions and research centers makes our tech position strong in the Randstad. For our city, the knowledge and research economy is available to everyone, all residents of Delft should be able to reap the benefits. The energy transition offers those opportunities, for jobs at all levels. From insulating buildings to installing solar panels and heat pumps. D66 wants:

- Bringing more companies to Delft. The municipal effort to bring companies here focuses on companies that add value to society and that do business responsibly. For example, companies in sustainable energy, biotechnology and climate adaptation.
- Good (technical) education, at all levels. In this way we train people to be ready for the challenges of the future.
- Make our education even more in line with the business world. We improve the employment opportunities of every Delft resident by strengthening cooperation within and between education, the business community and our labor market.

A great place to work

D66 wants jobs in Delft at all levels. We want the number of jobs to grow by 10,000 FTE by 2040. This requires an attractive business climate with good business premises.

- In order to attract companies, 100,000 m2 of industrial space is needed, for example for the (innovative) manufacturing industry, but also for installation companies.
- D66 is in favor of mixed residential-work areas.
- D66 believes that the City of Delft and companies should maintain close contact with new developments on the Schieoevers. D66's point of departure is not to restrict existing companies on the Schieoevers in their existing possibilities.
- D66 would like to see companies continue to establish themselves in Delft. However, if growing companies cannot find suitable housing within the municipal boundaries, it is preferable to help companies find something within the region through MRDH and other regional partnerships. In this way employment is maintained in our region.
- D66 believes that TU Delft Campus-south has more potential. D66 wants the City of Delft to encourage the TU to make the South Campus accessible to companies in the high-quality manufacturing industry.
- D66 focuses on good and hospitable services and facilities for expats who come to Delft to work here. International education contributes to a good business climate.

- D66 wants business locations to be easily accessible. We encourage the use of public transport, preferably combined with cycling. We are in favor of the employer approach, in which employers encourage their employees to opt for sustainable forms of mobility more often.
- Delft will remain accessible for companies that depend on road transport. Sustainability is also important here. Smart traffic lights, intelligent time-slots and e-transport are the future.

Sports, culture and leisure

Delft is a lively city with a beautiful historic city center. The city functions as a living room in our spare time and offers good facilities for culture, leisure and sports

Urban planning in the inner city.

This is where people live, work, shop, stroll or visit a terrace. Because of these amenities, Delft has a good business climate for companies. The intensive use of these functions can cause nuisances in the city center. D66 wants everyone to be able to continue to enjoy a liveable and attractive city center, now and in the future.

- D66 focuses on neighborhood and district centers with facilities within walking and cycling distance for daily necessities. In addition to a supermarket, you will find a drugstore and a doctor or physiotherapist here. In this way we encourage cycling and walking, we keep the neighborhoods attractive and the elderly can live independently for longer.
- D66 wants the City of Delft to form a new zoning ordinance for the city center together with residents and entrepreneurs. In this way we include inhabitants on how we keep the city center livable and attractive. Additionally we can also make the best decision with all the options weighed in.

Arts and culture

Art and culture are important pillars of Delft society. Culture is in our heritage, our monuments and history, but also in innovative artistic initiatives. We cherish the major cultural facilities such as the De Veste theater, the Prinsenhof museum and OPEN, as well as our smaller institutions such as the Fringe festival and the Rietveld theater. D66 wants:

- A diversified cultural offer that is accessible to all residents of Delft, while encouraging initiatives in all districts.
- Continue to appeal to new untapped potential with culture by bringing initiatives more to the neighborhoods.
- We want everybody to participate in the cultural life of the City of Delft. The Youth Culture Fund and the Delftpas are crucial to attract more people. The City of Delft should communicate more clearly about this, so that people who can benefit from this are aware of the existence of these initiatives.
- That art and culture receive serious appreciation, also in a financial sense. In order to achieve fair remuneration, D66 supports the Fair Practice Code. The Fair Practice Code is a code of conduct for entrepreneurship and working in the arts, culture and creative industry based on the core values of solidarity, diversity, trust, sustainability and transparency.
- Preservation and proper maintenance of the works of art that adorn the city. New works of art in public space give the neighborhood a voice.
- City of Delft facilitates new small-scale cultural initiatives, for example by helping to find suitable workspaces, such as studio space.
- D66 stimulates initiatives by artists in outdoor spaces by facilitating finding places in the city and providing subsidies to residents who want to beautify their neighborhood.

- An investigation into the needs of Theater de Veste, to face the future with confidence. Theater de Veste is a strong theater with a diverse range. The building is in need of major maintenance and renovation. Make money available in due course for a new theater.
- Pass the Museum the Prinsenhof on to generations after us.
- Have the City of Delft look sympathetically at help with housing and activities for the Van Marken Museum, inspired by the first social entrepreneur in the Netherlands of the same name.
- A geographical spread of cultural events and activities across the neighborhoods. In this way we involve all neighborhoods in culture and at the same time we distribute any nuisance.

Taking care of our heritage

Historical sites are of great significance. They tell the stories of our common history and are also a great destination for tourism. Furthermore they are important for the identity of the city and are defining in the citymarketing within the business climate.

We value historical sites and heritages in Delft. We will continue to do so. D66 wants to, in cooperation with its citizens, volunteers, companies and partners, use heritage to define the city of Delft as a municipality where we and you can make the difference.

D66 also acknowledges our common history, both the good sides and the bad. Facts about our city's history are important, in matters of trade, colonial expansion and slavery, even if these are sensitive cases. D66 stresses the importance of historical context and supports academic research about these matters.

- We want to make information and knowledge about revitalizing historical monuments accessible for everyone. The City of Delft will support and advise partners in these matters.
- Expanding knowledge about sustainability of historical sites is important, D66 will make funds available for this.
- Next to the physical heritage sites, we also embrace intangible heritages. Again with the confines of historical context and adaptability of the sands of time.

Balanced Tourism

Our beautiful city attracts many visitors in ordinary years. Before corona, we received more than a million international visitors each year. In addition, a multitude of national and regional visitors come to our city. Visitors are an enrichment, we are proud of our city and want to show it. But tourism can also cause a terrible impoverishment of a city when it gets out of control. It alienates the residents. Where tourism policy used to focus on 'more is better', we now mainly want to attract the right tourist. That is possible if we manage it properly. AirBnB and vacation rentals could be an opportunity. It's nice when people from Delft go away for a weekend and rent out their apartment to tourists. But if there are no clear rules, things get out of hand. Houses are there to live in. That is why we want clear ordinances.

- We want more visitors to stay overnight too. Many tourists spend a day in Delft with another city as their main point-of-interest.
- D66 wants Delft to become an even more attractive city for conferences. TU Delft has the potential to become an even better scientific conference city.
- We want the City of Delft to continue organizing theme years. This is a great success. It attracts visitors, connects residents and entrepreneurs and brings children and young people into contact with culture. Makers are free to make their own interpretation of this.
- Vacation rentals should not displace living in the city. With new national legislation we can respond to this problem. We are in favor of a registration and reporting obligation so that a maximum number of nights of 30 per year can be maintained. That is comparable to other municipalities.
- We see tourist tax as a contribution of visitors to our city. For example, we keep the city center extra clean and we invest in our facilities. D66 wants to cancel the link between the revenue from tourism tax to city marketing.
- D66 wants Delft to focus on the 'cultural tourist'. That is why it is essential that the municipality focuses on a strong museum and cultural sector.

Sports and exercise

All Delft residents should be able to exercise. Sufficient exercise is of great importance. It stimulates the body and mind and contributes to a healthy lifestyle. D66 wants to encourage sport and exercise in Delft for young and old. Vital and healthy Delft residents feel better, have a higher resistance and are happier. Sports clubs fulfill an important social function as a place where all people from different neighborhoods come together. To do justice to sport and exercise in Delft, D66 proposes:

- To invest heavily in Delft sports facilities, with a focus on recreational sports.
- Future-proof clubs and associations in Delft, for a healthy sports climate in Delft.
- Make public spaces more attractive for sports and exercise.
- Pay special attention to inclusiveness in sport and equal access to sports facilities for people who need extra help. Due to the important role sports play in our society, D66 expects that inclusiveness in sport will radiate to the entire Delft society.
- Encourage sports clubs to discourage smoking and excessive alcohol consumption and make healthier food choices more attractive.
- Continue with the construction of a new swimming pool to replace the outdated Sports Funds pools on Weteringlaan and at Swimming and Squash Center Delft.
- Improve the bathing water quality of the Delftse Hout by paying more attention to litter, creating clean beaches and working closely with the Delfland Water Board.

Delft with good
governance.

D66 is the party of a reliable and transparent government. A party for healthy finances and good governance of the city. Delft residents must be able to live in freedom and safety. Insecurity has a major impact on citizens. Victims of burglaries or robberies suffer not only from material damage, but even more so from the loss of their sense of freedom.

Service, governance and vibrant democracy

D66 wants a life of freedom for everyone. A strong democratic constitutional state is indispensable for that aim. We continue to look for ways to strengthen local democracy and involve everyone. D66 wants to strengthen the bond between voters and the elected officials. The basics must be in order: good service, transparent accountability and comprehensible communication.

Ease of Access to services

The Municipality of Delft does a lot to provide the best possible service. Accessibility for everyone is the starting point, including non-native speakers, the low-literate, digital illiterate and people with disabilities. Delft residents themselves are central to this for D66. That's why we want:

- The municipality informs residents on time about policy intentions that affect them. D66 wants to work on a 'attention service' that offers residents the opportunity to receive timely information from the municipality about decisions and building plans in their area.
- Customized services remain available, even for people who are less digitally skilled. The information and services must be accessible to people with a physical or visual impairment.
- That the municipality uses clear language in its communication with residents.
- That the municipality facilitates internationalization by adapting its services accordingly. For non-native speakers too, Delft's services, administration and our vibrant democracy must be easy to reach.
- The legal protection of residents is paramount. Citizens who petition must be able to opt in for telephone contact and receive possible solution-oriented follow-up steps in response to their notice of objection or hearing.

Co-op governance

Delft listens and invites Delft residents to think along. The Municipality of Delft is also a government that takes control where necessary and sets a new course. D66 ventures beyond borders. From our neighboring municipalities to the European level and everything in between: D66 will work together to strengthen Delft's position. D66 wants:

- To use our position in the Randstad and in the Metropolitan Region of The Hague Rotterdam (MRDH) to further develop Delft. Cooperation in the region is necessary to tackle the challenges related to the energy transition, aging, healthcare, employment, the economy, housing and climate.
- Further improvement of the Council Information System (RIS) for the council and for the involvement of residents of Delft.
- To critically look at the tasks and functions of the MRDH administrative layer. D66 finds the MRDH as the fourth administrative layer undesirable and wants to look for ways to make the MRDH more democratic.
- That the municipality sets a good example and is diverse and inclusive as an employer. In the top brass positions, the percentage of people with a non-dutch heritage is lower than you would expect at Delft. D66 wants Delft to participate in the Dutch Diversity Monitor.
- An active approach against discrimination in the labor market. If it turns out that an employment agency or a possible contractor is guilty of discrimination, the municipality will not award them any assignments.
- Inclusive communication from the municipality and no unnecessary registration of personal characteristics such as gender.

- More insight into the Delft commitment and voting at the Association of Dutch Municipalities.

Eye for utility infrastructure

Urban development also poses a challenge to 'invisible' infrastructure. Due to, among other things, electric driving and the enormous growth of solar panels, the grid operator has to upgrade the electricity grid. Heating networks will also be built and only gas pipelines for renewable gas such as hydrogens will remain. Growth of data traffic means extra fiber optic cables. And due to more extreme weather, the sewerage will be adjusted. If we want to maintain our invisible infrastructure, we will have to make choices. D66 wants:

- Every Delft zoning plan or environmental plan also designates the subsurface with the undisturbed location of infrastructure as an important goal.
- Delft to reserve space for the associated above-ground infrastructure such as transformers, heat receiving stations and distribution stations for data traffic.
- Delft, together with other municipalities, pleaded for amendment of the Telecom Act: the municipality must be given the opportunity to control data cables with permits, just as is the case for electricity, water and gas.

Data for the city and information in order

Due to increasing digitization and associated cyber threats, digital security is of great importance. D66 is in favor of working smarter and therefore of data-driven working. Because in an era where there is an abundance of data, the municipality can make use of this. Security, privacy and reliability must come first.

- D66 believes it is necessary for the municipality to invest in online safety and information security. D66 therefore wants the municipality to comply with all information security requirements set by the National Cyber Security Center (NCSC) and other relevant institutions.
- D66 wants the municipality to test the guarantees of privacy, equal treatment of people, freedoms and the rule of law protection when using smart technology and wants the municipality to indicate with rules of thumb how it applies technologies.
- As far as D66 is concerned, Delft works on the basis of the CommonGround idea of working on new solutions together with other municipalities. Only in this way can we avoid heavy dependence on IT suppliers.
- D66 wants to share data securely with the Province of South-Holland and use data to make more effective policies. D66 always wants to do this from a social point of view and to expand delft.dataplatform.nl/.

Vital Democracy

From the very beginning, D66 has focused on strengthening our democracy. That is still current. Too many people still feel disengaged from our democracy. We make Delft together. That is why D66 wants fair participation processes in which the participants feel well heard. A vital democracy also includes independent media and a well-supported city council that can control the municipality. We want:

- Continue the 'Delft Doen' participation approach. The results of the participation process are given a clear place in the decision-making process.
- Provide support for initiatives such as the 'right to challenge', whereby residents can take over tasks from the municipalities if they think things can be done differently, better, smarter or cheaper.
- More room for child participation, so that children learn to think along, listen to each other and come to a decision together. Children must be able to express their opinion and the municipality must listen to it. Delft must take the guidelines and concrete recommendations to comply with the UN Convention on Children's Rights seriously.

- Strong local journalism. As a watchdog of democracy, journalism fulfills an important monitoring task for all of us. The Delft media fund set up to strengthen and support local journalism deserves stable funding. Delft must spend amounts for local broadcasters from the municipal fund.

Living together with Safety and Security

Safety in the city is a precondition for experiencing freedom. Regardless of background, ideological conviction, sexual preference or age, everyone should be able to feel safe in our city. We want our government to stand next to people. Low-threshold contact between citizens, the police and the municipality is central. A strong, modern democratic constitutional state is indispensable. The precious institutions of the rule of law protect us from the arbitrariness of power, discrimination and the rule of law. It ensures that the government must adhere to its own rules and that criminals cannot escape punishment.

A feeling of security

There is no freedom without security. A feeling of safety is largely determined by the situation on the street and in the neighborhood. Poor lighting, clutter and undesirable behavior contribute to a feeling of insecurity. Social connection and control actually promote safety. A good mix of prevention and enforcement is necessary. D66 is in favor of:

- More police. D66 sees community officers and municipal enforcement officers (BOAs) as the eyes and ears of the district. For D66, the monopoly of violence rests with the police and we will not arm BOAs with CS-spray or a baton.
- Youth officers who are often on the street and at school. They can notice early on that young people or children are in problematic situations. The youth officer will discuss this with them and possibly also with the school and parents. The youth officer works together with youth care workers to get young people back on the right path.
- Prevent street intimidation like catcalling. It is unacceptable that many residents sometimes have to deal with street intimidation. D66 wants Delft to work on safe havens in entertainment venues and to lower notification thresholds, for example by using a notification app.
- Promotion of digital communication between citizens in the neighborhood to identify and solve unsafe situations at an early stage, but through privacy-friendly means of communication.
- Restraint in the use of CCTV. We only place cameras temporarily, purposefully and proportionally. Cameras with facial recognition technology do not fit in our city because of the importance of our privacy.
- A neat public space. This is important for the feeling of safety. In the event of nuisance, the municipality reacts quickly and provides good information about the responsibility of residents to increase safety in the neighborhood. With the BuitenBeter app, Delft residents can easily and quickly report problems they encounter outside with their smartphone.
- More support and help with reporting anti-homosexual violence. D66 fully supports the "Pink in Blue" initiative of the police.
- Breaking taboos in sex crimes and sex work, so that victims feel free and can turn to the police.
- New year's eve as a party for everyone in Delft, also for aid workers. D66 is in favor of a ban on flares and firecrackers. If this fails to improve safety for people and animals during the New Year, additional measures will be required.

Tackle organized crime

D66 stands for a free and righteous Delft, where subversive crime has no place. Criminals earn their money illegally and the shadowy practices cause nuisance. Subversive crime is a growing problem, which is why D66 proposes to:

- Beyond the narrow focus of detecting and dealing with criminals. It is also important to focus on social resilience in the fight against subversive crime. In this way, criminals are not only cut off in the short term, but also in the long term.
- To hire and employ personnel who specifically report, focus and combat subversive crime. Citizens can come here if they suspect this in their neighborhood. In this way we strengthen the intelligence position, which is essential to stay ahead of criminals.
- Working together with local police officers, in this way we keep an eye on organized crime. In addition, an important task lies with education: preventing early school leavers and monitoring young people who are in danger of going astray.

Together we fight against radicalization

Radicalization and extremism in various forms put pressure on a free society. Even if it is only a small group that radicalizes, it can jeopardize the freedom of Delft citizens. That is why D66 wants:

- A powerful municipality that has insight into (potential) radicalization - and that subsequently takes firm action to protect our society.
- To be in conversation with residents in neighborhoods, social organizations, schools and community police officers. A close focus on stricter punishment and tackling the individual is not enough: radicalization often occurs in groups. We want to prevent, identify and tackle extremism.

A more effective drug policy

D66 wants to minimize the health risks of drug use, cut off criminals and put the safety of society first. D66 wants to get rid of the situation in which the production and supply of hemp to coffee shops is illegal, while the government tolerates the sale. Growing cannabis should not be a source of income for organized crime.

That is why D66 wants the Delft coffee shops to be able to purchase, deliver and sell legally, whereby the drugs have been tested for quality. People in a coffee shop need to know what they are smoking. This is called a closed supply chain, which is a realistic coffee shop policy. Information, prevention and drug testing policy are part of this.

Healthy municipal finances as a foundation

The Municipality of Delft has an annual budget of 390 million Euros. Community money that we must handle responsibly. In recent years, D66 has ensured balanced budgets with a balanced and prudent financial policy from the municipal council. D66 has taken responsibility for sharp and difficult choices to create a stable base. The corona crisis has demanded a lot from the inhabitants of Delft, the economy and municipal finances. D66 not only attaches importance to economic recovery, but also to good governance based on healthy municipal finances.

Finances with a responsible mindset

Most of Delft's income comes from the central government through the Fund for Municipal Finances. The money the City of Delft receives from this fund is not sufficient for all the extra tasks. This puts pressure on local democracy: there is insufficient money to support local facilities, which we consider so important in Delft. That is why D66 wants:

- More money for the municipal fund and recognition of Delft as a center of urban and metropolitan sprawl. We want to work on mobilizing a larger financial contribution from the government that does justice to the role of Delft for its environment and its inhabitants.
- A sustainable and realistic budget. In the long term, the municipality is not allowed to spend more than it receives from the fund and taxes yearly. In this way we can not structurally supplement the deficits from the municipal reserves.
- Don't just go for a tax increase to close the budget. The housing costs (OZB, sewerage and waste levy) will increase by a maximum of CPI and ideally decrease in the future, if this can be done responsibly. After all, Delft is already one of the municipalities with the highest costs.
- When the municipal executive or council makes a proposal to spend extra money, the proposal must indicate how we will absorb and pay this in the budget. D66 will also do this itself with proposals.
- In the event of budget deficits, D66 sees few opportunities for performing tasks more efficiently and cheaply. In the event of any cutbacks, we will spare municipal core tasks and involve residents, entrepreneurs and social organizations to support them.
- Payments to the municipality must be cost-effective and transparent. D66 also wants the fees for, for example, building permits or marriages to be in proportion to the actual costs as an incentive for the municipality to function efficiently and limit the costs for residents.
- D66 works from a cost-conscious attitude where we ensure that the risks that the municipality runs are realistically mapped out. The annual accounts and budget contain an assessment of the necessary size of the general resources on the basis of an up-to-date risk inventory and risk weighting. D66 only wants the municipality to set up temporary designated reserves for concrete and clear objectives.
- We want no unnecessary risks when buying and selling land in Delft and real estate prices affect the municipal budget as little as possible. For large projects, we manage the risks by frequently mapping them out.

Transparent finances

D66 stands for proper spending of taxpayers money and proper control of expenditure by the municipal council. In recent years, Delft has had to make substantial cutbacks due to the financial crisis of 2008 and the devolution tasks with insufficient resources from the government. The starting point of D66 has always been: cutbacks with a view on the effects and not pass the blame on to our children and grandchildren. The budget must be future-oriented. At the same time, not everything in the city can be controlled with money: good governance, but also the strength and energy of our Delft companies and residents can make the difference.

- Both the council and residents must be able to easily find online what the City of Delft spends money on and what the effect is. In this way we can also give residents the opportunity to participate in decisions about spending in their own environment.
- Prepare budgets with measurable objective goals (SMART). This allows the council to check whether the money has been spent well.
- Delft provides municipal subsidies to residents, associations and foundations for a boost based on their performance. We support start-up initiatives with incentive grants. A subsidy register makes it clear who receives which subsidy and for which policy objective, so that the Council can periodically evaluate the effect achieved.

- D66 wants to pay the expenses for by law mandated tasks such as social assistance benefits, sheltered housing or social care as much as possible from the government grant. The municipality clarifies where this is not possible. In this way, the City of Delft can explain to the council, the residents and the central government why the city does not receive enough resources.

Room for investment

D66 focuses on the growth of Delft. That is why D66 wants to invest in the quality of the living, working and living environment for residents of Delft. This requires sharp choices, which is why we want to:

- Invest in the strengthening of the local economy, space for the manufacturing industry, (language) education, the maintenance of public space, the neighborhood, the energy transition, the closed circular economy, and the quality of exercise and sports. Thanks to the Eneco Energy funds in the general reserves, we can invest in the future.
- Allow property owners and users to contribute to zoning development and investments when they benefit from it.