

COUNCIL PLAN 2017/18 Status update at: February 2017

Lewes Town Council proposes to initiate and complete (where possible and practical), or continue, the following major areas of work in the year 1st April 2017 to 31st March 2018. These are in addition to various projects and initiatives itemised in the Council's budgets and accounts, and represent larger-scale activities deserving special attention.

	Project	description	STATUS
1	Town Hall repairs & conservation	Major roof repairs/replacement to Assembly Room and Corn Exchange Works required for safety and integrity of building.	Works commenced 18th July 2016. Expected completion late Spring 2017.
2	Pells Lake ecology project	Improvements to water quality. Introduction of aquatic plants W/Party remit to consider structural integrity of lake perimeter.partially completed – specialist report obtained	pending commencement of 3rd-party works in locality to achieve best VFM – <i>links to item 3</i>
3	Pells Recreation Ground and kiosk/café development (with Santon Group and others)	Engagement with Santon Group and others to improve the “urban realm” in the area as an integral component of necessary flood-defence works; taking the opportunity to replace children’s play equipment and introduce equipment for a wider age-range, and to provide an enhanced café facility for the swimming pool, recreation ground, and surrounding parkland.	NSQ s106 and works planning in-progress. Working Group re recreation & public realm first meeting 15th July 2016. Currently consulting with public – 2nd phase early March 2017.
4	Malling (Bridgeview) Community Centre refurbishment	To carry out a comprehensive refurbishment of the community centre, with modern heating and lighting, with improved facilities for community use, including more flexible interior spaces and better integration of the sports changing-rooms with the adjoining sports pitches and recreation ground.	Programme underway – RIBA Plan of Work 2013 process. Architects tenders returned 3rd Feb 2017, currently under assessment (RIBA stage 2/6).
5	Commemorations:	To engage with, and inspire, appropriate community recognition of National commemoration of the Centenary of the outbreak of the first World War (2014) Research commission re additional names for War memorial – ongoing; end date 2018 Centenary of the signing of the Treaty of Versailles (2019)	ongoing 2014-18 Programme to be developed to 2019, as Council resolution 12th November 2015 (FC2015/70.1.2) 2016 – engagement with photo archive project - T/hall exhibition.
6	Neighbourhood Plan (with Community partners)	Development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Lewes under provisions of the Localism Act 2011	SA/SEA consultation in progress. Reg14 consultation on draft Plan expected to commence late April 2017
7	Continuing programme of environmental enhancements and specific site improvements	Engage with appropriate projects arising from third-party initiatives (eg highway safety/traffic management). Continuing improvements to own assets (eg allotment sites)	Installation of second pedestrian crossing, Church Lane, Malling planned for Summer 2017(ESCC). Pipe Passage lighting fixtures.
8	Devolution of assets & services	Provide for transfer of ownership of various assets/services from Lewes District Council. (currently subject to ongoing negotiation)	Malling Rec and Landport Bottom agreed for first tranche 2015/16 – legal transfer process halted by LDC. Re-started discussions January 2016.
9	New council website	New website to be researched – Council resolution FC2016/19.4 (16th June 2016) refers.	Proposals received (2/3). Preferred providers to present proposals to W/pty Feb 2017.