

**COUNCIL PLAN 2017/18**

**Status update**

Lewes Town Council proposes to initiate and complete (where possible and practical), or continue, the following major areas of work in the year 1<sup>st</sup> April 2017 to 31<sup>st</sup> 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.

		<b>STATUS</b> <b>at November 2017</b>	<b>STATUS</b> <b>at December 2017</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Town Hall repairs &amp; conservation</b> Major roof repairs/replacement to Assembly Room and Corn Exchange Works required for safety and integrity of building.	Works in progress. Significant additional works identified in course of project: reported to Buildings Repairs Working Party 13th Sept 2017. Schedule of repairs needed and estimate of cost received 13th Sept 2017. Council agreed 28th Sept 2017.	Works in progress.
<b>2</b>	<b>Pells Lake ecology project</b> Improvements to water quality. Introduction of aquatic plants W/Party remit to consider structural integrity of lake perimeter.partially completed – specialist report obtained	no change	no change
<b>3</b>	<b>Pells Recreation Ground and kiosk/café development (with Santon Group and others)</b> 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.	Public consultation exhibition 7th & 8th July 2017. Consultation ended 31st July 2017. Consultants preparing report and assessing Order of Costs for assessment by Working Group - meeting delayed until November 2017.	Working Group meeting delayed until 16th January 2018.
<b>4</b>	<b>Malling (Bridgeview) Community Centre refurbishment</b> 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.	Architects refining designs and illustrations. Quantity surveyor order-of-costs estimates assessed in detail by W/party 19th October. Presentation of design options planned during November. Anticipated consideration of design recc's by Council December to allow tenders out early 2018.	Architects illustrations of design options to be displayed at Centre 18/12/17 onward, with comments forms and collection box. Architects on-hand to answer questions through afternoon of 17th January 2018, followed by evening meeting of Working Party to select preferred option for recommendation to Council 18th January.
<b>5</b>	<b>Commemorations:</b> 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 Versaille (2019)	Poems for Peace event Lewes Town Hall 21st September 2017 7:30pm - well-attended and popular.	programme ongoing. Lewes Light Festival and 'Lewes Remembers' events recently supported.
<b>6</b>	<b>Neighbourhood Plan (with Community partners)</b> Development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Lewes under provisions of the Localism Act 2011	Regulation 14' consultation ended - NPplan Steering Group assessing responses from public and statutory consultees. Meetings scheduled with statutory consultees to discuss details of their responses. Expected to seek approval for submission ('Reg16') Dec 2017/Jan 2018	no change
<b>7</b>	<b>Continuing programme of environmental enhancements and specific site improvements</b> Engage with appropriate projects arising from third-party initiatives (eg highway safety/traffic management). Continuing improvements to own assets (eg allotment sites)	no change	no change
<b>8</b>	<b>Devolution of assets &amp; services</b> Provide for transfer of ownership of various assets/services from Lewes District Council. (currently subject to ongoing negotiation)	HM Land Registry process underway re allotment site. Further dispute with LDC over background to unilateral decisions. TC wrote to LDC Chief Exec 4th Oct - CE offered an oral apology 11th Oct - written reponse awaited.	Written response reported to Council 9th November - highly unsatisfactory. TC wrote again to LDC Chief Exec 20th Nov - response awaited.
<b>9</b>	<b>New council website</b> New website to be researched – Council resolution FC2016/19.4 (16th June 2016) refers.	Provider working on technical background issues (commenced 26th June). Site structure under development, and some content transfer to test site. Further work on background documents and structure October. Anticipate presentation to Working Party November 2017	Provider continuing site structure development. Transfer of background documents being effected by LTC staff. Anticipate presentation to Working Party January 2018