

**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>Project</b>	<b>description</b>	<b>STATUS at June 2017</b>	<b>STATUS at July 2017</b>
1	<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.	Agreement reached 9th June with Barclays Bank for scaffold iro Corn Exchange roof. Works expected to commence 19th June.	Works in progress. Expected completion October 2017
2	<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	pending commencement of 3rd-party works in locality to achieve best VFM – <i>links to item 3</i>	no change
3	<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.	NSQ s106 and works planning in-progress. Working Group re recreation & public realm first meeting 15th July 2016. Currently consulting with public – 3rd (final) phase early July 2017.	Public consultation 7th & 8th July 2017. Assessment by Working Group early August.
4	<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.	Programme underway – RIBA Plan of Work 2013 process. Architects appointed and currently drafting (RIBA stage 2/6). Intention to introduce 3 design permutations for selection at public W/pty meeting - mid July 2017	Architects refining designs. Quantity surveyor preparing outline cost estimates. W/pty meeting re design options likely early August 2017
5	<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 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	Engagement with Internation Day of Peace 21st Sept 2017, and other emerging projects as described in Minutes of Commemorations W-pty 19th June 2017.
6	<b>Neighbourhood Plan (with Community partners)</b>	Development of a Neighbourhood Plan for Lewes under provisions of the Localism Act 2011	SA/SEA consultation in progress. Reg14 consultation on draft Plan commenced 8th May –two-day exhibition 25th & 26th May 2017 – consultation period ends 21st June 2017.	Regulation 14' consultation ended - NPplan Steering Group assessing responses from public and statutory consultees.
7	<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)	Second pedestrian crossing, Church Lane, Malling installed April 2017(ESCC). Pipe Passage lighting fixtures pending.	no change
8	<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)	Malling Rec and Landport Bottom agreed for first tranche 2015/16 – legal transfer process halted by LDC. Re-started discussions January 2017 - continuing - agreement reached 12th June re Landport Bottom allotment area statutory transfer.	HM Land Registry process underway re allotment site.
9	<b>New council website</b>	New website to be researched – Council resolution FC2016/19.4 (16th June 2016) refers.	Provider commissioned end April 2017 – unable to commence work until late June 2017. Expected work duration before launch 8-10 weeks.	Provider working on technical background issues (commenced 26th June). Cooperative arrangements with original site provider and service infrastructure provider in place and working.