

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 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 at August 2017	STATUS at September 2017
1	Town Hall repairs & conservation	Major roof repairs/replacement to Assembly Room and Corn Exchange Works required for safety and integrity of building.	Works in progress. Expected completion October 2017	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 to consider 28th Sept 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	no change	no change
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.	Public consultation exhibition 7th & 8th July 2017. Consultation ended 31st July 2017. Assessment by Working Group September 2017.	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.
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.	Architects refining designs and illustrations. Quantity surveyor order-of-costs estimates prepared. W/pty meeting re cost implications scheduled for 13th September 2017	Architects refining designs and illustrations. Quantity surveyor order-of-costs estimates prepared. W/pty meeting considered cost implications 13th September 2017 - further meeting October to assess detail and funding framework. Presentation of design options likely November.
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 Versaille (2019)	Engagement with Internation Day of Peace 21st Sept 2017, and other emerging projects as described in Minutes of Commemorations W-pty 19th June 2017. Recommendations from W-pty 9th August to Council 24th August: support for 3rd-party Poetry event, and investigate schools opportunities with Pestalozzi Village charity	Poems for Peace event scheduled for Lewes Town Hall 21st September 2017 7:30pm
6	Neighbourhood Plan (with Community partners)	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.	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
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)	no change	no change
8	Devolution of assets & services	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.	HM Land Registry process underway re allotment site.
9	New council website	New website to be researched – Council resolution FC2016/19.4 (16th June 2016) refers.	Provider working on technical background issues (commenced 26th June). Cooperative arrangements with original site provider and service infrastructure provider in place and working. Site structure under development. Design options should be presented Sept 2017	Provider working on technical background issues (commenced 26th June). Site structure under development, and some content transfer to test site. Anticipate presentation to Working Party October 2017