

**COUNCIL PLAN 2018/19**

**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 2018 to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019.

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<br/>at December 2017</b>   | <b>STATUS<br/>at June 2018</b>  |
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| 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.  | Works in progress.   | Roof repairs will be completed shortly. Next requirement is survey and development of a new redecorations/refurbishment programme.  |
| 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>   | Continues   |
| 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. | Working Group meeting delayed until 16th January 2018.   | Working Group met March 2018. Designs refined in light of market test for indicative costs, and planning application submitted April 2018 for discharge of pre-commencement conditions iro NSQ works  |
| 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.  | 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. | Working Party considered heating system options April 2018, and agree design should include Ground Source Heat Pump + Photo-voltaic panel array to maximum feasible area. Architects produced planning-quality drawings June 2018. Working party TBC re agreement to proceed to tender. |
| 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 Versaille (2019)   | Programme ongoing. Lewes Light Festival and 'Lewes Remembers' events recently supported.   | Continues   |
| 6  | <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   | Draft Plan approved by Council for submission to Planning Authority for 'Regulation 16' public consultation. Consultation runs six weeks 11th June to 23rd July.  |
| 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)  |  | Continues   |
| 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)  |  | Transfer documents for Landport Bottom executed 16th May 2018. Awaiting counterparty completion. Pending Council policy decisions - report to Council 21st June 2018  |
| 9  | <b>New council website</b>   | New website to be researched – Council resolution FC2016/19.4 (16th June 2016) refers.  | Provider continuing site structure development. Transfer of background documents being effected by LTC staff. Anticipate presentation to Working Party January 2018  | Nearing completion. Personal profiles awaited from 14 members.  |
| 10 | <b>General Data Protection Regulations</b>   | Legislation still in progress through Parliament, but anticipated that the General Data Protection Regulations will take effect May 2018. Implications for working practices and future Data Regulation structure.  |  | Data audit conducted and DPO engaged for 2018/19. Assessment of IT services; email protocols etc ongoing. Quotations for network upgrade awaited; report to Council anticipated July 2018   |