

**Sevenoaks Town Council**

Priorities [Note updated with 2019 Blue Skies Proposals]

**PRIORITY ONE**

No	Project	Details	Proposed target timescale	£	Update / comment
1	Climate Change / Carbon Neutral	<p>To recognise the Government and KCC declarations for aiming for Zero Carbon.</p> <p>To integrate this within the vision and throughout the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and within the Town Council's general operation.</p>			<p>Consideration of an Environmental Committee (or add to Terms of Reference for Committee) to create an Action Plan to review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Reducing cars / traffic particularly in relation to school traffic.</li> <li>• STC new buildings to be as sustainable and eco-friendly as possible. Existing buildings to be improved to be more sustainable with reduced carbon footprint where practicable.</li> <li>• Include planting of more trees, where possible fruit and nut trees</li> <li>• Continue to promote Refill Scheme and Sevenoaks Plastic Free Pledge</li> <li>• Cycle racks / planters to be installed</li> <li>• Install drinking fountains where possible at STC sites</li> <li>• Increased safety for pedestrians and cyclists</li> <li>• NDP Transport Strategy recommendations including 20 mph, one-way system in town centre and shared space.</li> <li>• Link STC open spaces together with 'green routes'</li> <li>• Encourage increased use of public transport – buses and trains by having improved facilities including live running information.</li> <li>• Install electric car charging points at STC sites</li> <li>• Consider enabling community initiatives for sustainable living e.g. Toy Library, Zero Waste Shop, Community Orchards, Community Cycle Workshops, Repair Café, promotion of alternative resources e.g. nappies.</li> </ul>

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2	Bat & Ball Centre	Construction of new multipurpose community centre	December 2020	£2,750,000	On 1 <sup>st</sup> August 2019 BJJ Group were appointed as the contractor for the Bat and Ball Centre, work to commence on 14 <sup>th</sup> October 2019.
3	Bat & Ball Station building	STC acquire station building on long peppercorn lease. Use as community building.	December 2019	£1,500,000 approx.	<p>The majority of the Bat &amp; Ball Station / HLF refurbishment is completed. There are some snagging to take place.</p> <p>The HLF Activity Plan would continue throughout 2019.</p> <p>As part of the HLF Funding the Town Council was required to produce an Evaluation Plan this can be viewed at <a href="http://www.batandballstation.com">www.batandballstation.com</a> .</p> <p><u>Access Ramp</u> Due to be opened on 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019.</p> <p><u>Ancillary Works</u> The Cycle Racks, additional streetlight and signage post had been installed adjacent to platform 2.</p> <p>Installation of the Cycle Racks on the Community Centre site would be reviewed once the new centre hoardings / temporary access has been finalised. However, would now require additional planning consent.</p> <p>Access to Otford Road. Details to be drawn up. Kent County Council are currently being consulted on land requirements.</p>
4	Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) for Sevenoaks	To provide a long-term sustainable plan for the Sevenoaks	December 2020	£100,000 (initial budget)	Second draft of NDP to be reviewed and public round of consultation with aim for referendum in 2020.

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	Includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan</li> <li>• Cultural Quarter</li> <li>• Transport Strategy</li> <li>• Sports Strategy</li> </ul>				
5	Business Hub	Convert old Red cross building to Business Hub for new start-up of small businesses	June 2020	£373,000	Planning Permission obtained.  To seek external funding towards the project. Grant application to be considered 9 <sup>th</sup> December 2019.  To allocate STC CIL funding £25,000 and £50,000 towards the project.
6	Business Improvement District (BID)	To progress a BID to ensure that Sevenoaks remains a competitive environment to do business.	Tbc	Tbc	Referendum to be on hold until after the NDP referendum
7	Greatness Football Pavilion	Review under proposals for improvements to Greatness area	Unknown	£1,500,000	Football Club submitting planning application for new pavilion and seeking funding. Consultation needed with football club(s) and residents. GRA prefer this ambitions scheme and are submitting scheme for pre-planning advice to have

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					<p>separate building to replace current portacabins, current pavilion adjacent to pitch 2 refurbished to accommodate public toilets, café and community space for hire. Consideration to be given to joint management of facility. Would release current pavilion building, adjacent to pitch 2 for alternative use.</p> <p>New public toilets installed. CIL Funding allocated towards this facility. 3G Official launch Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> September 2018.</p>
8	3G Pitch at Knole Paddock	Identifies as part of the Sevenoaks Sports Strategy.	Tbc	Tbc	Refused planning permission 2019.
9	Community Right to Bid.	To nominate assets of community value to Sevenoaks District Council which Sevenoaks Town Council would be interested in purchasing if they were to be sold.			<p>CLLrs to be asked to provide information of such buildings within their wards</p> <p>Registration process for Stag. Completed.</p> <p>Registration process for Bradbourne Lakes completed.</p> <p>To Register Kaleidoscope (Library)</p>

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1	South East in Bloom	Provide action plan for obtaining gold award.			Budget and plans for 2020 to start January 2020.  Theme: 'edible gardening' to continue for second year.
2	MUGA Multi Use Games Area	Install to replace facility at Community centre	September 2020	£100,000	Install new MUGA on current community site in new location.
3	Tarmac Site	Develop community facility provision as part of the NDP / Local Plan	Tbc	Tbc	Ensure community facilities are delivered as outlined in the Northern Sevenoaks Masterplan.  Invest in feasibility and project design where appropriate particularly in relation to Oast House.
4	Markets	Long term aim for Sevenoaks Town Council to take over control of the markets.	Tbc	Tbc	Currently 'owned' by Sevenoaks District Council

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5	St John's car park public toilets	Refurbish	2020	£50,000	Potentially from future CIL receipts
6	Electric Bus	To convert No.8 bus to meet sustainable agenda	2020	£300,000	To initially seek grant funding.
7	Darent Valley Community Rail Partnership	Support and be involved in the development.	2019	£3,000 p.a.	Launched in September 2019, working in partnership with Sevenoaks District Council, representatives from six stations, Southeastern and GTR.

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1	Bradbourne Lakes	To seek continued improvements with facility			<p>To work with SDC to achieve this.</p> <p>Bradbourne Residents Association had started to create a plan. SDC agreed at Town Forum 10.03.2014 to involve STC.</p> <p>SDC produced Consultation document.</p> <p>Town Clerk met with SDC on 26.02.2019 to discuss potential joint working.</p> <p>Asset to remain in SDC ownership.</p>
2	Night-time economy	To seek to develop night-time economy via Sevenoaks Town Partnership initiatives, entertainment on the Vine one evening per week			<p>Programme being put in place for bands on Vine Bandstand. Long term, evening bands to be funded by presence of arts and craft stalls, now premises licence in place.</p> <p>Preparing application for Purple Flag Award. To be considered within proposed BID.</p>
3	Library (Kaleidoscope)	Research feasibility for taking over the management of facility and operating with volunteers like the Stag.	Ongoing		To liaise with KCC and register as a Community Asset (see Priority 1).
4	Stag	Freehold and Capital Improvements	Tbc	Tbc	Aspirations to buy lease if it becomes available. 15 years left on current lease.

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					Improvements to building (Fly Tower, 4 <sup>th</sup> Storey, Walkway from front to back enabling additional basement area, Nightclub?) subject to funding, planning permission and ownership.  Linked to Cultural Quarter – improved walkway from London Road to South Park car park.
5	Nightclub for Sevenoaks	Support provision of nightclub in Sevenoaks	Tbc	Tbc	
6	Community Events	Continue to promote the town to residents and visitors via community events.	Tbc	Tbc	
7	Cafes	Continue to operate and promote	Ongoing		Noted the benefits of ongoing community service and crime reduction.
8	Youth Provision	HitB Youth Café  Partners  New provision if viable  Youth Council	Ongoing		To continue to provide the HitB Youth Café facilities  To work with partners to provide youth provision  If viable to extend youth provision.  To continue to support the development of the Youth Council.