

Edenbridge Town Council - Forward Plan 2021 (for meeting 31 October 2022)

Key: **S** – short term (approx. 1-year); **M** (approx. 4-year term); **L** (4 years plus / or in long-term maintenance plan)

Report includes projects achieved, or about to be achieved in current Council term.

Last reviewed at the Forward Planning Steering Group (FPSG) meeting 4 October 2021.

	Council projects	Time Frame	Comments/updates	Completion / due date – comments from FPSG
1	Street Lighting replacement programme	S, M	Ongoing. As of Oct 22: 64, of 249, remaining to be replaced under currently programme Expect price increases on 30yr plan. CIL/Council agreed 2 extra Westways	Ongoing. Next phase is 2022/23. OS Committee to confirm (9 replacement £25k)
2	Wildflower areas	S	Continue working with SDC Town Field. Millennium Wood – bulb planting and area left for WF and natural species. Mowshurst Field continue with the natural wildflower area in the long grass area.	Ongoing – through SDC let us down this year at Town Field. Could remove this from list
3	Defence improvements	S	Recreation Ground, New defences/improvements to be investigated for Recreation Ground.	CCTV being investigated. Defences – no specific issues currently
4	Tourist Information Website ✓ and updated walks leaflets and App	S	CIL funding approved 02/19. Website completed and launched May 2021. Walks App project 2022	Walks App 2022/23 project
5	Playgrounds Refurbishment – per approved programme	S, M & L	Ongoing review. Spitals completed 10/19. ✓ Maintenance Plan/other/CIL(?): Recreation Ground (160k 2022); Tender Sept/Oct 2021; 2022 aim for completion. ✓ Skate ramps at Blossoms (£21.5k 2025) Autumn 2021 ✓ Marsh Green – (£54k 2026); Stangrove Park (£86k 2033)	Rec & skate park – completed Summer 22

6	Computer systems – file storage (server needs replacing / or move to cloud base storage)	S	Council approved January 2022. Budgeted 2022/23	Oct 22 sort files just started. Aiming to go live March 23
7	Accessibility improvements / content to the Council's website	S	2021 Review of website content and updated. Site redesign to consider 2022	Work to review content started. Budget for new site needed 2023
8	Additional road safety - speed indicator devices	S	SID due to be insitu Autumn 2021. Subject to success consider additional ✓	In use
9	Pop-up Market / Edenbridge Market	S/M	May 2021 ETC took over Thursday Market day-to-day. Reviewing structure. To investigate advertising/promotion/NABMA membership/officer for the position ✓	ETC now manages market
10	Mowshurst Car Park – resurfacing and drainage semi ✓	M/L	Currently costing research and appropriate solution (£50-60K) 2021 Pods removed. September car park resurfaced with plainings. On hold, to review after one-year condition of car park	
11	Waste Management/Environmental Policy – review	S/M	Council 03/20 agreed to investigate possibility of enrolling to achieve the ISO4001 accreditation 2022/23 investigate	
12	Neighbourhood Plan	M	Draft consultation document publish 10/17. Currently on hold awaiting draft local plan outcome	Council Oct 2022 agreed to remain on hold until new council
13	Investigate and consider reopening Market Yard car park entrance	M	Council agreed to consult resident 07/19. Council 09/20 asked for clearer costs to amend deeds. Details for changing access to be investigated further. On hold due to resources (to continue with investigations of viability)	
14	Pitch drainage Improvements Recreation Ground	M/L	Allocation 30 Year OS Plan 2027 (68K) /consider CIL bid. <i>Not sure much can be done.</i> On hold	
15	Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points (MYCP)	M/L	Council 11/19 asked parking Group to investigate. Application has been made to KCC (August 2021) for ETC car parks to be considered. CIL application for funding contribution to be made.	KSTS looking at ETC sites. CIL confirmed contribution

16	Friends of Edenbridge Parks	M	To consider the viability of establishing a charity trust and volunteer group (FPSG Oct 21)		
	ADDITIONS / WISH LIST				
	To make Stangrove Park more of a destination to go to expanding facilities	S/M	Band Stand Children's Water Splash area		
	Recreation Ground – to create a walkway around the recreation ground	M	Hardcore track (not for vehicles for walking). <i>To investigate costs and viability. Consider CIL</i>		
	Bus Shelter on Swan Lane	S/M	Resident request for a bus shelter is currently being investigated with other agencies. Estimated cost £10k. CIL funding awarded March 21. Landownership issues and Accessibility.		Reported through OS Committee. KCC issues with location and viability re space
	ROSE WALK – Stangrove Park	S/M	Currently being considered by Open Spaces		
	Stangrove Park – footpath	M	OS to investigate costs. Funding opts?		
	Projects supported by ETC and action by external bodies		Responsible Body	ETC support	
17	War Memorial – Relocation/Improvements	M/L	NHS Trust	Early stages - Liaising with other vested groups	
	From previous Forward Plan – aspirations for the town (supported by ETC and for action by external bodies)		Responsible Authority/Body	ETC Support	
18	Edenbridge Medical Facility	M/L	KCC / NHS	ETC – support. CIL Board (02/19) awarded £100k. ETC continue support. Delivery expected 2023	Building works started May 2022.
19	Parking Consider options to increase/improve parking. Investigate purchase of appropriate land to develop additional capacity	L			
20	Parking – Stangrove Estate	M	SDC Site first proposed 2018	SDC Planning applications 2021	
21	High Street Improvements / Signage	M	Kent Highways	To investigate further bollards for high street pavements to prevent	

	Signage – places of interest within Edenbridge improved signage and possible visitor brown tourist signs			parking. Need KCC to reconsider.	
22	Leather Market Improvements Preliminary confidential discussions with interested parties has/are taking place as part of a feasibility study	L	Landowner	ETC keen to continue pursuing viability	ETC submitted to SDC under call for sites
23	Fircroft Way – Improved Build/Landscaping/Rebranding Proposals for gateway signs to Business Park to be investigated in partnership with Chamber of Commerce and others. Surtees family to have approval of design and licence. Provide support for businesses taking this forward	M/L		To leave on Plan, but ETC not able to currently influence	
24	Spitals Cross Parking	L	KCC / WKHA / SDC	Noted ETC has investigated, but land is managed by WKH (and SDC) Need to liaise with KCC/WKH. improvements/compromise may be possible with redevelopment	SDC been looking and have been consulting
25	Disabled access – Edenbridge Town Station	M/L	GTR	ETC would like to see GTR deliver on this	
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27	Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points across the town	M/L	KCC / SDC and new developments	ETC to lobby District and County Councils.	
28	Environmental Improvements, Station Road (link with Fircroft Way project)	M/L			
29	Parking enforcement Officer	M/L	Referred to FP by Council 11/19		
30	Leisure Centre Redevelopment/Improvements Explore possible development opportunities to improve the Leisure Centre. Proposals for All	L	Sencio / SDC	ETC CIL board (12/17) has approved £10k for all weather pitch	CIL funding now expired

	Weather Pitch and internal improvements. Preliminary confidential discussions with interested parties are taking place as part of a feasibility study			improvement. To continue campaigning with SDC	
31	Secondary School / Free School	L	KCC	ETC – supported (draft Local Plan)	Four Elms Planning Application – school included in approved outline planning application
32	Improvements to the Bovis Roundabout		KCC / Developers	ETC would like to see the pavement size at the roundabout widened and the roundabout larger to slow traffic	
33	Individual Flood Defences		Environment Agency		
34	Review of School Transport	M	KCC		
35	Riverside Improvements	M/L	Great Stonebridge Trust		
36	Understand and improve streetlighting	M/L	KCC Highways/ETC/Network Rail		
37	New footpath – Care Home – MSAW	M/L	KCC Highways		With the Care Home now open evident a need for crossing – include on HIP