

Edenbridge Town Council - Forward Plan 2023/2024

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 23 October 2023.

	Council projects	Time Frame	Comments/updates	Completion / due date – comments from FPSG
1	Street Lighting replacement programme	S/M	Ongoing. As of Oct 23: 64, of 249, remaining to be replaced under currently programme.	Ongoing
1.a	Street Lighting replacement programme	S/M	To investigate Solar lighting options for Replacement Programme inclusion	
2	Tourist Information updated walks leaflets with GPS routes and integrated third party Apps	S	CIL funding approved 02/19. Website completed and launched May 2021. Walks App project underway	Urgent – complete 2024
3	Computer systems - Cyber Compliance improvements (follows 2023 SharePoint transition)	S	Council Sept 2023 resolved to carry out an appraisal. To proceed to a fully managed system service est £4,600 to be in budget	
4	Council Website – Accessibility & design review	S	Ongoing improvements – new website design 2024 to include Accessibility statement	
5	Old Police Station – front parcel of land by flagpole	S	Negotiations for land and refurbishment (supported Council 2022 & budget in reserves 2023-24)	
6	Neighbourhood Plan	M	Draft consultation document published 10/17. Keep under review - awaiting draft local plan outcome. Nov 22&23 had Reg 18 consultations.	
7	Band Stand for Stangrove Park	L	Band Stand FPSG 2022	
8	Concrete Skatepark; and/or Sports Pump Track	L (M)	Working Group set-up 2023 for exploration to understand the viability and best methods to deliver	
9	Recreation Ground – to create a walkway around the recreation ground/ running path around perimeter	L	Hardcore track (not for vehicles for walking). <i>To investigate costs and viability. Consider CIL. To</i>	

			<i>present to OS Committee to consider viability/interest</i>		
	Projects supported by ETC and action by external bodies		Responsible Body	ETC support	
10	War Memorial – Relocation/Improvements	S/M	NHS Trust	Early stages - Liaising with other vested groups	Can't consider relocation until hospital closes
	From previous Forward Plan – aspirations for the town (supported by ETC and for action by external bodies)		Responsible Authority/Body	ETC Support	
11	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 2022 ETC submitted to SDC under call for sites	
12	Disabled access – Edenbridge Town Station	M/L	GTR	ETC would like to see GTR deliver on this	Possible funding 4Elms application
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14	Leisure Centre Redevelopment/Improvements Explore possible development opportunities to improve the Leisure Centre. Proposals for All Weather Pitch and internal improvements. Preliminary confidential discussions with interested parties are taking place as part of a feasibility study	L	Everyone Active/ SDC	To continue campaigning with SDC & look for potential ways of All Weather Pitch viability	
15	Secondary School / Free School	L	KCC	ETC – supported (draft Local Plan)	Four Elms Planning Application – school included in approved outline planning application
16	Riverside Improvements	L	Great Stonebridge Trust	Local Plan – Town Strategy	

Other projects not specific to Forward Plan – note for info:

- High Street Regeneration Fund – working with SDC, there are some enhancements for the Market and the high street being investigated
- Investigate and consider reopening Market Yard car park entrance (FPSG 2023 agreed to refer to Parking Working Group and removed from Forward Plan)..