

**LEIGHTON-LINSLADE TOWN COUNCIL
POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE – 16 APRIL 2018
WORK PLAN 2017-2018 (INCORPORATING OBJECTIVES 2015-2018)**

Policy & Finance Strategic Objectives for 2015-2018 (from Town Council Three Year Plan)

Objective ref.no. (3 Yr Plan)	Objective	Timescale	Comments
1	Review options related to the future premises to house the Town Council and secure accommodation.	31 st March 2017	Depot Accommodation:- Short terms strategy agreed Negotiations ongoing in respects of Town Council accommodation.
8	Investigate and develop online payments and bookings for all Council services.	Payments – 31 st March 2017 Bookings – phased approach until 31 st March 2018	Town Council is accepting online payments via WorldPay. Agreed that online bookings are not currently a viable option but intention is to trial online ticketing.
15	Expand and consolidate opportunities for two-way dialogue with residents and ensure greater community engagement in, and awareness of, Town Council activity.	Annual & ongoing	Website revisions, About Town delivered in July to all households, increased social media presence (number of posts and number of followers). Development of promotional short videos.
15 (a)	Creation and adoption of website development plan	January 2018 Deferred until 2018-19	Websites to be reviewed in full during 2018-19, following appointment of a support provider. Proposals for future development to be brought to committee before end of 2018.
15 (b)	Creation and adoption of communications strategy	November 2017	Nov 2017 update: now split into two documents, an internal Communications protocol and an external Community Engagement/Consultation Strategy. Consultation underway on draft revised Engagement Strategy.
15 (c)	Social media development		Launch of App summer 2017. Launch of Instagram account. COMPLETED
	Paperless meetings	31st March 2018 System likely to be live in April/May 2018.	Recommendation to adopt Mod.gov software. One year trial period prior to new Council in 2019
	Policies: review/update/develop Home working protocol, Business continuity plans for Astral Park and	April 2018	Home working protocol established Oct 2017. Business continuity plans being

	TACTIC, Community Emergency Plan		developed/updated. Awaiting input from external volunteer consultant in respect of Emergency Plan.
	Data Protection: review procedures and amend as required to comply with General Data Protection Regulations (effective May 2018)	April 2018	Significant progress made incl staff training, review of IT security, development of policies and procedures.
	I.T. infrastructure: develop clear timescales for hardware & software upgrades, server replacement, review of storage and network arrangements	September 2018	New server installed, back up solution under review, new hardware ordered, network switches upgraded.
	Budget process for 2018-19	January 2018	COMPLETED.
	Community safety: review effectiveness of current expenditure and options for alternative measures	March 2018	Through the Police Liaison Sub Committee
	Asset Register: review and transfer onto new software	31 March 2018 July 2018	Deferred to July due to workload
	Financial Regulations: review	Sept-2017 April 2018	Financial regulations & sector accountability documents reviewed, action list compiled. Report to committee in April 2018.
5	Review potential of achieving Investors in People and ISO accreditation.	April 2017	COMPLETED. Report to Committee February 2017. No further action at this time.
17	Review Big Plan II (in conjunction with other committees)	31 st March 2016	COMPLETED. Report approved by Council January 2016. Ongoing tasks incorporated into Three Year Plan.
23	Review and update the Market Development and Business Plan	By end 2015	COMPLETED – presented to committee in May 2016.
3	Review and update contracts of employment.	By December 2015	COMPLETED
4	Update Staff Handbook to include all staffing related policies under one publication.	By December 2015	COMPLETED
2	Accreditation under the new Local Council Award Scheme.	Quality standard 2015; Gold standard 2016	COMPLETED. Gold accreditation secured for 4 years.
6	Review the procedures, protocols and expenses related to the civic position of Town Mayor.	1st April 2016	COMPLETED. Mayoral Allowances policy adopted January 2016; revised Mayoral Protocol adopted January 2017.

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Meeting Date	Regular Updates	Work Plan 2017-2018
19 June 2017		Town Mayor's Accounts 2016-2017 Annual accounts and governance statement Asset register/review of inventory <i>deferred to July</i>
31 July 2017	3-month budget monitoring	Approval of budget timeline for 2018-19 budget Insurance claims 2016-17 Online payments and bookings update <i>initial discussion held;-deferred to Feb 2018</i> I.T. update Asset register/review of inventory Community Emergency Plan
18 September 2017	Communications update	Review priority projects for inclusion in 2018-19 budget External auditor's report for 2016-17 Business Risk action plan update GDPR: data protection update Financial Regulations <i>reviewed – no changes required at this time</i>
20 November 2017	6-month budget monitoring 5 year financial plan	Review priority projects for inclusion in 2018-19 budget Review of salary budget for 2018-19 White House refurbishment/redecoration programme <i>pending lease renewal</i> Paperless meetings: review of options Draft communications strategy <i>following initial work, will now be two documents, an internal Communications protocol and a revision of the Community Engagement Strategy</i>
15 January 2018	9-month budget monitoring	Recommend to Council the budget and precept for 2018-2019 Consider Honorary Burgess 2018 nomination/s Business Risk Register & Action Plan for 2018-2019 Website development plan and hosting/support provider review Community safety – recommendations from Police Liaison Sub Committee
26 February 2018	Communications update	Draft Calendar of Meetings 2018-2019 Review Town Council/employee memberships Market Towns Regeneration Fund projects update GDPR: data protection update Revised Community Engagement Strategy Community Emergency Plan update

<p>16 April 2018</p>	<p>12-month budget monitoring report</p>	<p>Annual Report 2017-2018 Review of Committee Objectives 2017-18; Setting provisional Committee Objectives 2018-19 Review arrangements with local authorities. Asset Register <i>deferred to July 2018</i> Update regarding online bookings/payments/e-ticketing</p>
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