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GREAT PUBLIC OPEN SPACES			
To provide great award-winning public open spaces with varied opportunities for sport and leisure, and to exceed expectations in delivering deliver high-quality cemetery and allotment services. This work will primarily be within the remit of the Grounds and Environmental Services Committee.			
28	To refurbish Pages Park pavilion to ensure it is safe and suitable for continued community and sporting use. <i>COMPLETED.</i>	Completed.	Delete
29	To create a plan for the management, maintenance and use of all pavilion buildings. <i>Ongoing – External cleaning contractor appointed, new pavilions supervisor in place.</i>	OBR.	Delete
30	To continue to provide excellent play equipment across the parish and to expand the range of accessible play equipment available. <i>Ongoing – annually received in the March committee meeting to agree on the following year’s programme of works.</i>	OBR	Delete
31	To expand memorial services available at Town Council run cemeteries. <i>Additions to Vandyke Road Cemetery COMPLETED - New memorial options installed, and pricing agreed September 2020. Considerations for Old Linslade Cemetery under review. Enhanced marketing will be delivered by the end of 2021.</i>	Reword to express current Objective.	Keep in. Low.
32	To continue to actively seek additional cemetery land or where this is not possible, to consider other ways in which to expand burial capacity. <i>Central Bedfordshire Council approached – Update to the committee in September 2021.</i>		Keep in. High.

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33	To continue to computerise historic cemetery records. <i>Ongoing – Please note it is highly likely that this may never be completed. Possibilities for volunteers undertaking some work will be reviewed and updated to committee for consideration when possible.</i>	OBR unless there is a valuable specific Aim that can be identified.	Delete.
34	To create a ten year planned maintenance programme for buildings and assets. <i>Ongoing – Previously taken to 2nd December 2019 committee meeting.</i>	OBR	Delete
35	To continue to seek freehold depot premises.	OBR (no discussion at Council for past two years so presumably no urgency).	Delete
36	To continue to aim towards the creation of localised Friends groups. <i>Ongoing – Previously taken to 10th June 2019 committee meeting.</i>	Objective unclear. No recent officer action. OBR	Delete
37	To consider options for restoration of historic features and monuments, where practicable and viable.	OBR until a clear Objective is identified.	Delete
38	To seek to maintain and enhance sporting provision. <i>Ongoing – Sports and Physical Activity Development Plan currently being revised (Sept 2020).</i>	OBR until a clear Objective is identified.	Delete
39	To continue to build on the success of the annual Anglia in Bloom campaign. <i>Ongoing annually received in the December committee meeting. Campaign Achievements – 2021 (Cancelled), 2020 (Cancelled), 2019 (Gold), 2018 (Gold).</i>	OBR	Delete
40	To install interpretation panels in the parks and open spaces. <i>Ongoing – Previously taken to the 9th September 2019 committee meeting. Update to be provided at the September committee meeting.</i>	Unclear.	Unclear

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41	To install drinking water fountains in the larger parks. <i>Work on this project has been postponed until 2022/2023.</i>	Councillors need to understand the value for money case for this Objective	Unclear
42	To install a Changing Pod facility in Parson’s Close Recreation Ground to meet requirements of additional needs. <i>Completed – Fully funded through S106 monies from Central Bedfordshire Council.</i>	Completed	Delete
43	To consider the development of the playground in Parson’s Close Recreation Ground to incorporate an adventure play area. <i>Ongoing – Currently planned to be completed by the end of 2021.</i>	Project sanctioned by Council – current.	Delete when completed.
44	To consider car parking arrangements and capacity at town council-owned facilities. <i>Linslade Memorial Playing Field – CBC approached regarding enforcement.</i>	Unclear whether this as an Objective.	Unclear
45	To continue to invest in facilities for young people. <i>Sept 2020 – Purchase of outdoor table tennis tables agreed.</i>	Presumably this is completed. Do officers have an annual Plan for development of facilities for Young People that could attract a cost allocation and be considered as an Objective?	Unclear
46	To work with key partners on the development of the Leighton-Linslade Green Wheel. <i>Endorsed by Council and is now being implemented where possible. £20k of funds made available for projects to be completed.</i>	Objective unclear.	Unclear
47	To assess likely future demand for allotments. <i>Update to committee March 2022.</i>	As a statutory responsibility there may well be a valuable Objective waiting here to be discovered.	Unclear
48	To consider possibilities for the restoration of the Henry Finch Memorial Fountain in Linslade Recreation Ground.	Councillors need to understand the value for money case for this Objective	Unclear

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Additional Objectives needed relating to councillors’ current objectives and concerns: examples:

Climate emergency practical programme

Developing and consulting on a public use strategy for worked-out sandpits including birdlife reserve

Glass recycling

Tree planting programme

Encouraging bee-keeping on set-aside meadow.

[2] All the above are examples of real services being delivered currently by real Town & Parish Councils, as listed in the NALC publication “Points of Light”.

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