

October 2023 – updated with current status (blue)

Edenbridge Town Council - Forward Plan 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. CIL/Council agreed 2 extra Westways	Ongoing 2023-24 budget £25k incs 7 upgrades & 30 new LEDs. 2024-25 programme has £45k budget. 4 lights to be decommissioned following Medical Centre lighting upgrades. Stock will be 245 plus 2 SDC
1.a	Street Lighting replacement programme	S/M	To investigate Solar lighting options for Replacement Programme inclusion	
2	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 NOW 2023-24 project Little progress; is next project for Tourism Officer. Needs doing to maintain CIL funding
3	Computer systems – file storage (server needs replacing / or move to cloud base storage) ✓ To amend this to Cyber Compliance improvements	S	Council approved January 2022. Budgeted 2022/23. Project commencing Oct 22. Aim March 2023 live	Review Maintenance Plans & consider CIL applications to assist with funding. June 2023 transition to Sharepoint completed. To now review Cyber Compliance

4	<p>Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points (MYCP)</p> <p>✓</p> <p>Do members want to keep on list for other future site?</p>	S	<p>Council 11/19 asked parking Group to investigate. Application has been made to KCC (August 2021) for ETC car parks to be considered. CIL contribution confirmed. IN PROGRESS</p>	<p>KSTS/ ETC sites supported (MYCP). Nov 22 conf to KSTS given.</p> <p>Work has started with the installation of 4 new EVCs for MYCP – should complete 2023</p>
5	<p>Edenbridge Dementia Friendly ✓</p> <p>This is slow build, so keep as ongoing</p>	S	<p>Partnership working</p>	<p>ETC to facilitate Early investigations</p> <p>October 22, Council Oct 22 supported a collaborative initiative to help Edenbridge in becoming a dementia friendly</p> <p>Launched Spring 2023, there has been two training awareness sessions, attended by 6 organisations. Kent Dementia Alliance issuing logo and accreditation. ETC to keep promoting and facilitating</p>
6	<p>Council Website – Accessibility & design review</p>	S/M	<p>Content reviewed 2021/22. To reconsider design and layout (possible 2023 project)</p>	<p>Budget approved, Communications Officer managing project – work will be late 2023 and in 2024</p>
7	<p>Investigate and consider reopening Market Yard car park entrance</p>	S/M	<p>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. FPSG 22 requested investigation to costs so could consider viability</p>	<p>This is a hangover from 2017/18. Resources and cost of a Highways Engineer/Planner report needed. Due to office resources pushed to max – this has not been a priority. Not clear who actually wants this.</p> <p>Current issue is residents use it as their residential parking.</p>

8	Waste Management/Environmental Policy – review	S/M	Council 03/20 agreed to investigate possibility of enrolling to achieve the ISO4001 accreditation 2022/23 investigate costs	
9	Band Stand for Stangrove Park	S/M	Band Stand – FPSG 22	
10	Defence Improvements	S/M	Defences improved around OS sites. Recreation Ground some defences increase consider. Anti-social Behaviour – investigate CCTV viability.	
11	Neighbourhood Plan	M	Draft consultation document published 10/17. Currently on hold awaiting draft local plan outcome. New Rg 18 cons LP Nov 22.	Council Oct 2022 agreed to remain on hold until new council. Council July 2023 supported investigating costs and for FPSG to consider timescales and budgets
12	Friends of Edenbridge Parks ?? Recommend remove from list	M	To consider the viability of establishing a charity trust and volunteer group (FPSG 22 leave on Plan)	Not sure how viable this is anymore, research doesn't support those that where formed are still operating – not sure if pandemic affected this?
13	Playground Refurbishment programme (30-year maintenance plans)	M/L	ETC playgrounds: Marsh Green 2026 Stangrove 2033 <u>Last done:</u> Spitals 2019; Stangrove outdoor gym & MUGA wall 2020; Blossoms Skate additions 2022; Recreation Ground 2022.	
14	Recreation Ground – to create a walkway around the recreation ground/ running path around perimeter	M/L	Hardcore track (not for vehicles for walking). <i>To investigate costs and viability. Consider CIL. To present to OS Committee to consider viability/interest</i>	
15	Bus Shelter on Swan Lane X remove	S/M?	Resident request for a bus shelter is currently being investigated with other agencies. Estimated cost £10k. CIL March 21. Landownership issues and Accessibility. Reported through OS Committee. KCC issues with location and viability re space.	In view of KCC response viability issues hence change in listing Opens Spaces has confirmed that this is not currently viable and Committee agreed to remove from projects

	Projects supported by ETC and action by external bodies		Responsible Body	ETC support	
16	War Memorial – Relocation/Improvements	M/L	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	
17	Edenbridge Medical Facility ✓ Recommend remove from list	M/L	KCC / NHS	ETC – support. CIL Board (02/19) & Oct 21 awarded £100k x 2. ETC continue support. Delivery expected 2023	Building works started May 2022. Expect handover Oct 2023 Due to open late 2023
18	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	
19	Spitals Cross Parking ✓ Recommend remove from list	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 with new planning application (Dec 2022) SDC has an approved planning application which will be including additional parking spaces. Recommend remove from list
20	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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22	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	L	Sencio / SDC	To continue campaigning with SDC & look for potential ways of All Weather Pitch viability	

	interested parties are taking place as part of a feasibility study				
23	Secondary School / Free School	L	KCC	ETC – supported (draft Local Plan)	Four Elms Planning Application – school included in approved outline planning application
24	Individual Flood Defences		Environment Agency		
25	Riverside Improvements	M/L	Great Stonebridge Trust		
26	Understand and improve streetlighting ✓	M/L	KCC Highways/ETC/Network Rail	ETC improved Westways Done, completed	Not sure what else can be done here. ETC already has its replacement programme and is upgrading others to LED. Perhaps as an when requests come in for additional lighting they can be received and considered by Open Spaces.
27	New footpath – Care Home – MSAW recommend remove from list	M/L	KCC Highways	HIP?	With the Care Home now open is evident a need for crossing – include on HIP A crossing at the care home across MSA Way would be a good idea, but there is no support from Kent Highways and ETC has campaigned and discussed with Kent Highways. At the last HIP review it was removed from the list as there was no likelihood that this could be delivered

Other projects raised over the year for including in the Plan:

High Street Regeneration Fund – working with SDC, there are some enhancements for the Market and the high street being investigated

Concrete Skate Park

Land by Old Police Station

Rickards Hall Sound System

Annual Community events

Cyber security and compliance appraisal and service improvements and upgrade – *has been incorporated to IT improvements above*

Replacement Bridge at Town Field/Church Street