

## ACTION PLAN FOR THE ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### **Objectives**

- 1 To ensure as far as is practicable that the town provides an attractive environment for those living and working in it and for visitors to it.
- 2 To provide the best practicable services to those dependent on the Council in respect of the allotments, cemetery and recreation grounds.
- 3 To develop and regularly review a 3 year strategic plan for the estate and, in particular, a maintenance regime to ensure that the estate is kept in a good and safe state of repair;

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR THE ALLOTMENTS

1. To ensure good management of the allotment sites at Cherry Gardens (including the amenity garden at Cherry Gardens), Virgins Croft, Watch Oak and Netherfield Hill, and such other sites as may be acquired or leased;
2. To set and monitor the level of allotment rents and charges;
3. To develop and regularly review a strategic plan for those sites;
4. To nominate a member of the Committee as its representative on the Committee of the Senlac Allotment Association;
5. To organise the Town Council's annual competition for the best large and small allotments, and the most improved allotment.

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
SHORT TERM				
Organise annual competition	5	Judge by 15 <sup>th</sup> July 2021	£150	Annual
Monitor quarterly inspections	1	Jan, Apr, Jul, Oct	N/A	Ongoing
Nominate member for SAA Committee	4	In May/June each year	N/A	Ongoing
Review rents and charges	2	Annual review in August	N/A	Ongoing
Provide waste skips to sites (excluding Netherfield)	1	For May Bank holiday	£650	Annual
MEDIUM TERM				
Review usage of allotments with regard to rationalisation of plots/sites	3	Periodic reviews to monitor usage and upkeep costs	N/A	Ongoing
LONG TERM £650				
Review need for provision of plots for residents with reduced mobility/flexibility	3		TBD	Annual
Review provision of water supply to Netherfield when development plans progressed	3		TBD	

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR THE CEMETERY

6. Ensure the good management and maintenance of the cemetery and associated buildings;
7. Periodically to review the cemetery regulations;
8. Make annual budget recommendations relating to these activities, including cemetery charges, and thereafter to monitor performance against the approved budget.
9. Provide the best practicable services to those dependent on the Council in respect of the cemetery.

### CEMETERY

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
SHORT TERM				
Undertake annual gravestone inspection	6	New staff to undertake formal training course if possible	F&GP	Ongoing
Review cemetery regulations	7	Review regulations annually.	N/A	Ongoing
Review fees and charges	8	Annual review in October.	N/A	Ongoing
Increase awareness of services and facilities	9	Market services and facilities to residents & Funeral Directors	N/A	Ongoing
Provide guided nature walks	9	Trees in autumn Donations for walk & refreshments for wild flowers for NB area	Expenses	Annual
Digitise cemetery burial records and ensure accessibility	9	Provision of online access to cemetery records	TBD	Ongoing
MEDIUM TERM				
LONG TERM				
Refurbishment of Mortuary	6	South Coast College students were to undertake project Budget agreed 05 Feb 2019 – EMR 345 - £3,000 Seek alternative provider or contractor	TBA	ongoing

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR RECREATION GROUNDS

10. To ensure good management and maintenance of the Council's estate – recreation grounds

### NORTH TRADE ROAD RECREATION GROUND

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
<b>SHORT TERM</b>				
Ensure that play equipment is repaired and maintained.	10	Review annual inspection report (TC reviews regular staff reports)	N/A	Ongoing
Ensure that routine renovation of the football pitch is undertaken	10	In consultation with BTFC Rec maintenance budget	£4590	Ongoing
Prepare a medium/long term plan for repair/replacement of tennis courts and MUGA	10		To be agreed	Apr 2021
Review fees and charges	10	Annual review in October.	N/A	Ongoing
<b>MEDIUM TERM</b>				
Install a zip-wire below the Adventure play area	10	Funding in EMR , but review of plans required following installation of BHP, resulting in potential lack of space	£10,500 i2018/19	Oct 2020
Install play equipment suitable for Rec users with disabilities	10	Swing to be installed June 2021, consideration needed regarding other accessible equipment using grant aid	TBA	May 2023
Erect seating at appropriate sites around the Rec	10	Use wood from BTC estate	N/A	Ongoing
Collaborate with BTFC to rebuild the pavilion to include a community area with a café	10	Possible grant applications to: Lottery Reaching Communities for Café (BTC) Sport England (BTC) Stadium Fund & Football Foundation for Pavilion (BTC/BBFC) Funding from BTC CIL funds Apply for RDC Strategic CIL funding	£700,000	Jun 2023

NORTH TRADE ROAD RECREATION GROUND Cont'd

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
MEDIUM TERM Cont'd				
Install floodlighting on the MUGA	10	Hours can be limited e.g. 17.00 to 21.00 hrs Could reduce pollution from car engines running to power headlights to light area Floodlights on MUGA may assist grant funding applications	£10,000	May 2022
Seek environmentally friendly composting solution	10	Following advice from High Weald Organisation Further research required	To be agreed	Oct 2023
LONG TERM				
Provide play equipment for very young children near to castle	10	For children too young to use play castle	To be agreed	Jun 2023

TELHAM RECREATION GROUND

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
SHORT TERM				
Ensure that play equipment is repaired and maintained.	10	Review annual inspection report (TC reviews regular staff reports)	N/A	Ongoing
MEDIUM TERM				
Ensure that play equipment is repaired and maintained.	10	Full Council agreed that the area be a wild flower meadow with meandering mown paths.	N/A	Ongoing

## SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR STREET FURNITURE & LIGHTING

11. To be responsible for the repair and maintenance of the street lights for which the Council is responsible;
12. To consider the need for the enhancement or reduction of street lighting in areas for which the Council is responsible;
13. In association with the Planning Committee, to consider whether street lighting should be provided in new developments and, if so, in what style; and to recommend to Council in cases where it is thought appropriate to accept future responsibility for repair and maintenance;
14. To provide advice on street light provision in Battle to other organisations;
15. To provide public benches in and around the town and to ensure that repairs and maintenance are carried out to these and other benches for which the Council has accepted responsibility
16. To provide, maintain and repair signage and notice boards (eg fingerposts) which are defined as street furniture.

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
SHORT TERM				
Make recommendations to TC regarding provision and maintenance of benches	15	Maintenance is covered in Estate Management Programme	N/A	Ongoing
Recommend improvements to signage	16	Review signage annually	N/A	Ongoing
Make recommendations for enhancing or reducing street lighting	11,12,13,14	Review lighting service contract regularly Provide advice as requested Respond to P&T Committee as required	£15,000	Ongoing
MEDIUM TERM				
LONG TERM				

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES FOR BTC's ESTATE excluding the cemetery, allotments, recreation grounds and street furniture & lighting

17. To ensure good management and maintenance of the Council's estate;
18. To develop and to regularly review a three-year strategic plan for the estate and, in particular, a maintenance régime to ensure that the estate is kept in a good and safe state of repair;
19. To ensure that an up to date record is maintained of the land and property for which the Committee is responsible;
20. Under agreement with English Heritage to monitor the condition of the Abbey Green and ensure that minor repairs and maintenance are carried out
21. To undertake risk assessments relating to the Committee's area of responsibility;
22. To make annual budget recommendations which reflect the strategic plan, including proposals for fees, charges and rent increases, and thereafter to manage performance against budget.

<u>Outcomes</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Notes</u>	<u>Cost</u>	<u>Timescale</u>
SHORT TERM				
Undertake the Risk Assessment	21	Review annually in August	N/A	Ongoing
Review Management Programme	18	Review annually in August	N/A	Ongoing
Ensure that an up to date record is maintained of the land & property for which the Committee is responsible	19	Compiled by TC and reviewed by F&GP	N/A	Ongoing
Make recommendations regarding the replacement of equipment and the purchase of new equipment	22	Review in August in preparation for budget setting Money into reserves each year	N/A	Ongoing
Review fees, charges and rents and recommend any increases each year	22	Review annually in August	N/A	Ongoing
MEDIUM TERM				
Improve access to Mansers Shaw for pushchairs and wheelchair users		Widen bridge across the stream (See minutes 05 Feb 2019 10d) Construct stone path with suitable gradient to bypass steps	TBA	Oct 2023
Manage the Amenity Field as a wild flower meadow	17		N/A	Ongoing
LONG TERM				
Refurbish the surface of Abbey Green	17	Place funds annually into an EMR Research grant funding	TBC	Ongoing