

ACTION PLAN

April 2024 to March 2025

Ref	Description	Key Actions	Timescale	Budget	Update (September 2024)	Lead Officer
ACTIVE TRAVEL						
1.1	East to west walking route	Supporting Kent County Council in the successful completion.	December 2024	No budget implication	KCC works have started.	LB
1.2	North to south design project	Supporting Swale Borough Council in the successful completion	December 2024	£10,000	Working with WPS on the proposed plans. F2F meeting on 30/8/24 to review draft plans.	LB
1.3	Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan	Revision of the LCWIP, including better linkage with the Highways Improvement Plan (HIP).	December 2024	£4,500	Adrian Berendt working on revision. First draft presented to Active Travel Committee 4/7/24	LB
1.4	Active Travel Promotion	Through a number of planned events and exhibitions including Active Travel Month in June.	Ongoing	£700	Active Travel Month in June a success. Cycle Day in the Rec with Cycling UK was a washout due to bad weather, but still managed to sell 30 bikes for £10 and a good queue for bike repairs. Led cycle rides were not successful with little take-up, further discussion needed on this. Faversham Footpaths Group and Faversham Society Heritage Walks have both	LB

					agreed to take part next year and plans are in development. Talk was delayed due to pre-election period and will take place in October 2024. Initial agreement from King Charles III walk officer for a talk was withdrawn due to travel concerns/availability, which was a disappointment. Plans for a larger event on Sunday 1 st June 2025 are in the proposal stage.	
1.5	Faversham Hopper	Successful launch of the community bus scheme. Ensuring ongoing financial support.	Ongoing	£5,000	Passenger numbers are increasing. A decision to make a separate position for Community Transport Officer 8 hours per week has been agreed. This position will be line managed by SW	SW
1.6	Cycle Storage	Additional secure cycle storage, carrying out engagement to find preferred locations.	January 2025	£3,000	A survey has been undertaken and suggested sites will be reviewed by Active Travel Committee.	LB
COMMUNITY						
2.1	Community engagement	Update the community engagement plan. Host public events, particularly around future budget spending.	September 2024	No budget implication	New community engagement plan in place. Residents survey live to 31/8/24 and responses will be analysed and reported in October 2024.	LB

2.2	Events	Organise national events at local level and community events; ensure diversity of events and exhibitions held within council owned assets.	Ongoing	£10,000	Events carried out to date include Easter, Mid-Summer Market, D-Day, Pirate Fest. All have been successful and feedback noted. Medieval/Tudor event, Halloween and Christmas events to come. Discussions are taking place for proposed events for 2025/26 for budgeting. A town licence is being applied for rather than using TENs for our events. Not an event, but the Faversham Passport has proved to be successful, a second edition has been printed with more destinations taking part. The Levelling Up fund has all been used.	CE
2.3	Physical and mental wellbeing	Continue to work with Faversham Community Networking Group and Faversham Healthy Futures to signpost residents to services.	Ongoing	£5,000	A z-fold with information on local organisations able to assist residents has now been produced and is being distributed around the town.	LB
2.4	Faversham and Community District Lottery	Continue to promote lottery, encouraging more local organisations to join.	Ongoing	£1,000	Promotion of the lottery is ongoing.	LB
2.5	Youth	Develop a specification for the delivery of youth services,	December 2024	£15,000	An exit-interview has been undertaken with Vibe to obtain	LB

		working with other youth organisations.			feedback on what worked and what didn't. A new policy has been agreed for youth grant funding and will open to applications in October 2024.	
ENVIRONMENT						
3.1	Climate emergency	Demonstrate environmental leadership in resilience and sustainability in addressing climate change.	Ongoing	£3,000	Town Clerk and Chair of Environment Committee attended a Climate Fresk. Looking at bringing a similar event to Faversham.	LB
3.2	Biodiversity	Lead and support initiatives that encourage biodiversity and rewilding	Ongoing	£2,000	Upkeep of planters ongoing. 500 whips have been ordered for November 2024 Tree Week.	LB
3.3	Green spaces	Preservation of green spaces	Ongoing	No budget implication		LB/AB
3.4	Community gardening and allotments	Support community gardening groups, such as Faversham in Bloom	March 2025	£700	Facilities team are carrying out a lot of work at allotments, including overhanging hedges. Town Ranger is working with volunteers at the Rec, the Rec Ranger's position is due to end in October 2024 and discussions needed to consider what responsibilities FTC will take over. Still waiting for transfer of land at Perry Court with additional	LB/SW

					allotments, community woodland and orchard.	
3.5	Litter and Graffiti	Continue to promote a litter and graffiti free town through regular litter picks and the graffiti action plan.	December 2024	£500	Litter picks are being undertaken intermittently with some councillor attendance but little attendance from residents. The 2 minute litter picking board at the Rec is reported to be successful.	SW
3.6	Pesticide Free Town	Gain pesticide free town status	January 2025	£500	Works are ongoing to progress this.	SW
HERITAGE, BUILDINGS AND CREEK						
4.1	General maintenance of assets	Including existing buildings in town council ownership, regalia and artefacts			The Facilities Manager has produced a schedule of required works.	AB
4.2	The Guildhall	Commission a quinquennial report and consider a public works loan to carry out essential maintenance	December 2024	£1,000	Quotations are being sought for quinquennial report.	AB
4.3	T S Hazard	Facilitate the transfer of T S Hazard into Town Council ownership and carry out an assessment of repairs and initial works.	December 2024	£6,000	Ongoing, waiting on solicitors	AB
4.4	Creek Bridge	Support KCC in its efforts to facilitate an opening bridge. Prepare for a possible public works loan to cover the committed £175,000	December 2024	£30,000	Letters sent to new government ministers	AB

4.5	Sluicing	Consider a judicial review/legal advice on responsibility for sluicing	December 2024	No budget implication		AB
4.5	Events	Support heritage events such as Open Faversham and Faversham Charters and Magna Carta	Ongoing	No budget	We were not able to host events at Town Quay due to complexities of it not being in our ownership as yet. Faversham Charters officer and volunteers have assisted at several events including Millenium Market, Pirate Fest, as well as 10 days during Open Faversham. Several school visits during July were hosted.	AB
POLICY AND RESOURCES						
5.1	Income	Develop a plan for generation of income and set a target	March 2025	No budget implication	SWOT analysis undertaken.	LB
5.2	Local Council Award Scheme	Re-apply for Quality Gold Status	September 2024	£500	Application ready	LB
5.3	Neighbourhood Plan	Successful at referendum	December 2024	£15,000	Referendum expected November 2024	AB
5.4	Grant Funding	Actively pursue opportunities for grants to support activities	Ongoing	No budget implication	Awaiting on results for Levelling Up grant.	LB