

**ACTION PLAN 2023-24**

Objective	Activity	Details	Resources	Timescale	Responsible Committee or Working Group	Progress
Economy Objective 1 - Growth	Hanwood Park urban extension community trust	Secure places on the Hanwood Park Community Trust for KTC  Support measures to protect Green Patch from development	Member time	During 2023	Council	Hanwood Park presentation to Council 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2023. New exhibition taking place 26 <sup>th</sup> -28 <sup>th</sup> October  Asset of Community Value application for Green Patch approved.  Hanwood Park have decided not to pursue a vehicular access through Access C as part of their planning application renewal.
Economy Objective 2 – Town centre	Markets	Promote and expand the regular weekly markets;  Experiment with market superintendent role for three months  Review management and staffing requirements once a public toilet facility is provided.	£14000 deficit expected in year	Ongoing  May-July 23  By September 2023	Markets and Events Committee  Finance and Governance Committee	Modest growth in all markets over the last three months but very good demand for events markets.  market superintendent role made permanent by Markets and Events on 4 <sup>th</sup> October 2023

Economy Objective 2 – town centre	Public toilets	<p>Adopt land at Wadcroft from NNC through community asset transfer</p> <p>Draw up specification and agree location for new toilet provision</p> <p>Seek planning permission</p> <p>Seek tenders for provision and water supply</p> <p>Appoint clients' agent to manage Installation</p> <p>Agree maintenance and cleaning arrangements</p>	<p>Approx £95,000 purchase and installation costs; assume free to users.</p> <p>Up to £25000 in annual maintenance and cleaning costs</p>	<p>By summer 2023</p> <p>By autumn 2023</p> <p>By autumn 2023</p> <p>By September 2022</p> <p>By September 2022</p> <p>By September 2022</p>	Finance and Governance Committee	<p>Purchase terms and conditions approved at Council on 12<sup>th</sup> July. No progress with NNC Legal or property since then.</p>
Economy Objective 2 – Town Centres;	Events _Christmas 2023	Deliver a package of Christmas events and	£60,000	By December 2023	Market and Events Committee	<p>Approval secured for</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Christmas lights package</li> <li>- Switch on event management</li> </ul>

and Health and Community Objective 3 Wellbeing		entertainments which comprises <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Erection of Christmas lights and decorations</li> <li>- Erection of Christmas tree</li> <li>- Light switch on event</li> <li>- Provision of a santas grotto</li> <li>- At least four Christmas markets</li> <li>- Entertainment and music throughout the town centre during the christmas season</li> </ul>				<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Santa’s grotto provision</li> <li>- Christmas tree provision</li> </ul> <p>Some issues with Christmas lights permissions from NNC highways have emerged and are in the process of being resolved.</p> <p>Bookings for Christmas markets and events switch on night being made and entertainment being commissioned now.</p>
Economy Objective 2 – Town Centres; and Health and Community Objective 3 Wellbeing	Events Kettering by the Sea	Deliver a four week long Kettering by the Sea during August 2023 including associated services, entertainment and learning opportunities for children aged under 14	£30,000	By August 2023	Market and Events Committee	Event took place during August and was very popular despite some poor weather.
Economy Objective 2 – Town Centres; and Health and	Events – all other events	Provide an agreed set of events including <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Street Food Saturdays</li> </ul>	£30,000 plus some money through sponsorship	From April 2023 onwards	Markets and Events Committee	All 4 Summer Saturdays have taken place and stall bookings for the final one are complete.

Community Objective 3 Wellbeing		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Bands in the park</li> <li>- Skateboarding activities</li> <li>- other specialist markets</li> </ul>				<p>Bands in the Park fully booked and underway - first Bands in the Town took place 10<sup>th</sup> June Midsummer market 21<sup>st</sup> June Vegan market 17<sup>th</sup> June Skateboard event 18<sup>th</sup> June</p> <p>Food and drink festival in May taken place; October has been cancelled</p> <p>Mayoral food festival event at Wicksteed Park in September in planning</p>
Health and Community Objective 3 – Wellbeing	Allotments	<p>Implement a priority investment programme with allotment societies and implement during 2023/24 – review at end of year.</p> <p>Replace Windmill Avenue allotment fencing</p> <p>Ensure completion of access arrangements with Western Power in</p>	<p>£1200 income per year in rents;</p> <p>£6000 maintenance and development costs</p> <p>Likely project cost of £15000</p> <p>£2000 income from</p>	<p>By March 2023</p> <p>By summer 2023</p> <p>By summer 2023</p>	Allotments WG Finance and Governance Committee	<p>Some tree works required on Northfield Ave allotments – being explored.</p> <p>Works completed June 2023</p>

		relation to Northfield Avenue	Western Power			
Health and Community Objective 3 - Wellbeing Objective 4 – Safety Sustainability Objective 6 - Climate change mitigation	Community resilience	To engage in dialogue with local groups and organisations about the most effective interventions to support local communities and help local people and places become more resilient.	£7,500 in budget	From April 2023	Council Finance and Governance Committee	Potential visit by Police Commissioner to discuss community safety concerns aim to involve other organisations to make this a round table discussion.
Health and Community Objective 3 - Wellbeing Objective 4 – Safety Sustainability Objective 6- Climate change mitigation	Community Infrastructure Fund	To develop a programme of spending which reflects the council’s objectives both within the town centre and wider.	£20,000 in budget	From April 2023	Council Finance and Governance Committee	Currently monies held for - electricity supply upgrades in town - contribution towards Windmill Ave allotment fencing (paid) - residual costs for speed devices (paid) - digital notice board (Leaving up to £2000 uncommitted)
Health and Community Objective 3 Wellbeing	Small grants scheme and a members initiative fund	Review 22/23 scheme and change criteria where necessary  Run grants award programme  Run Ward initiatives fund programme	£20,000 for small grants; £10,000 for members’ ward initiative fund	By March 2023  May-July 2023	Finance and Governance Committee	WIF launched for 23-24. Only £1800 has been spent so far.  Small grants fund – applications on this agenda.

		Re-allocate any unspent ward initiatives monies after Christmas 2023		April-December 2023  By March 2023		
Health and Community Objective 3 Wellbeing	Community lottery	Promote and manage lottery  Allocate monies in three tranches during the year	Officer time	Decisions on awards in June, October and February each year.	Finance and Governance Committee	Lottery funding Round 2 determined in April Round 3 launched September- to be considered at next meeting.
Health and Community Objective 4 – safety	Speed devices	Ensure all three speed devices work effectively and are maintained  Keep overall provision under review	£ 3500 for any new device/ repairs and maintenance	Throughout year	Finance and Governance Committee	New device on Pytchley Rd up and running end April  Other two devices now working.
Health and Community Objective 5 – Armed Forces Covenant	Remembrance Day events	Support Royal British Legion with costs and management of event, in particular the traffic order and hospitality costs.	£2000	November each year	Finance and Governance Committee	Planning is underway
Sustainability Objective 7 Development	South West Kettering Neighbourhood Plan	Ensure that the Neighbourhood Planning Committee has the ability to	Clerk time	Ongoing	Neighbourhood Planning Committee	Referendum 27 <sup>th</sup> April approved by 91% of those voting

standards and policies		<p>monitor the effectiveness of the Neighbourhood Plan once adopted</p> <p>Ensure Planning Committee is aware of conflicts between the plan and planning applications</p>				Planning Committee and Neighbourhood Planning Ctte
Sustainability Objective 7 Development standards and policies	Replacement Area Action Plan for Kettering Town Centre	Engage NNC in dialogue to deliver a planning framework to protect the town centre and adjacent areas for inappropriate or poor quality development	Clerk time initially.	BY April 2023	Council	NNC approached for advice
Sustainability Objective 6, Climate change mitigation, 8 Biodiversity 9 Walking and Cycling	Climate Change projects	<p>Love Wildlife Competition</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- monitor grants made in 22/23</li> <li>- develop new competition in 23/24</li> </ul> <p>Provide air pollution measuring equipment to lend to schools</p>	<p>£3000 in budget to pump prime projects and ideas.</p> <p>From existing budgets</p>	Throughout year	F&G Ctte	<p>Monitoring of Love Wildlife Grants underway – most projects have completed.</p> <p>Air pollution equipment has proved very expensive.</p> <p>Seed and veg exchange ideas to be discussed with allotment</p>

		<p>Support development of community nature reserves with starter kits</p> <p>Develop and promote sources of information for local people to use, including through the Council's website, to improve sustainable lifestyles; engage with schools and local groups to this effect.</p>	<p>From existing budgets</p> <p>Member and officer time</p>			societies and Groundwork in November.
Organisational Effectiveness Objective 11 communications and engagement	Town Meetings	Agree a programme and themes for town meetings during 2023-4	Officer time	Throughout year and by February 2024	Council	Annual meeting and September meetings have both taken place.
Health and Community Objective 3 Wellbeing Organisational Effectiveness Objective 11 communications and engagement	Integrated Care System	Engage with and participate in the structures which will support an Integrated Care System as they are designed and delivered	Clerk time	Throughout 2023	Council	<p>Clerk continuing to engage with local debates and structures. Themes around mental health emerging as main local priority</p> <p>Cllr Fedorowycz appointed to Local Area Partnership at Annual Council</p>



<p>Organisational Effectiveness Objective 11 communications and engagement</p>	<p>Communications strategy</p>	<p>Implement communications strategy and maximise use of the website and social media and improve the Council's profile.</p>	<p>Deputy Clerk time</p>	<p>From April 2023</p>	<p>Finance and Governance Ctte</p>	<p>We have secured access to the <i>This is Kettering</i> facebook, twitter and instagram accounts,</p> <p>The website account is effectively moribund and is no longer linked to any of the social media accounts, although it seems to be in use by NNC at their tourism hub at Rushden Lakes. We are attempting to improve coverage of Kettering events within that hub.</p>
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