

Corporate Plan 2021- 2024

1. To improve governance and sustainability of the Town Council

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	Comments
1. Work towards making Wareham Town Council (WTC) a carbon neutral organisation by 2030 as set out in the Council's agreed Climate Change Action Plan	Policy Resources and Finance Committee	Chairman of Policy Resources and Finance Committee and Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	Incorporate Climate Change Action Plan
2. Provide new depot for the Operations Team	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Operations Manger	By beginning of June 2021	
3. Promoting the work of the Town Council through various formats and media	Policy Resources and Finance Committee	Chairman of Policy Resources and Finance Committee and Deputy Town Clerk	March 2024	
4. Training of staff and councillors to ensure WTC meets the requirements of a Quality Council and Continual Professional Development.	Council	Mayor and Town Clerk	March 2024	Becoming a Quality Council means compliancy and transparency laws are met, Foundation Award should be achieved within 12 months
5. Decide on the best future use of the first floor of the Town Hall Annexe.	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Town Clerk	March 2022	
6. Consider the viability of energy conservation measures such as solar panels for the Town Hall.	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Town Clerk	March 2023	
7. Replacement of the small diesel van, at the end of its economic life, with an electric vehicle.	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Town Clerk	March 2024	Ensure battery technology can meet needs.
8. Strive to improve our efficiency and accountability by regular reviews of our decision-making structures, staffing and financial procedures to ensure the council taxpayer receives value for money services.	Policy Resources and Finance Committee	Chairman of Policy Resources and Finance Committee and Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	
9. Increase the General Reserve to a minimum of 25% of expenditure on arrears budget and pursue external funding opportunities	Policy Resources and Finance Committee	Chairman of Policy Resources and Finance Committee and Town Clerk	March 2024	

2. To preserve and enhance the economy and tourism of Wareham

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	Comments
1. Provide an electric charging point in Howards Lane Car Park.	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Operations Manager	By March 2024	
2. Create attractive gateway features at all entrances to the town	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Operations Manager	Welcome signs to be installed by end of 2021	Ongoing. Issues with Highways re installation
3. Promote Wareham Town Museum as an important heritage destination and improve access to historical information	Museum Committee	Chairman of Museum Committee and Deputy Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	
4. Maintain support for keeping the existing pedestrian level crossing of the railway to prevent the railway becoming a barrier between the north and south of the town.	Council	Mayor and Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	This should be assigned to a smaller Committee to include the Mayor, at the appropriate time.
5. Maintain Town Council buildings in good condition, with a planned maintenance programme, setting aside funding yearly for major works and consideration of a PWLB loan for major works to the buildings including a step free access from East Street to the Town Hall and, implement if feasible, a lift to enable persons with a disability to access the first floor.	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Town Clerk	By March 2024	
6. Instigate a programme of planned maintenance and replacement of public seats and bins	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Deputy Town Clerk	By March 2024	Bins to be replaced with dual function recycling/waste bins at end of life once Dorset Council offer separate collections.
7. Continue to support tourism and events in the town	Policy Resources and Finance Committee	Chairman of Policy Resources and Finance Committee	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	
8. Work with lead authorities and organisations on improvement and enhancement schemes for Wareham	Council	Chairmen and Town Clerk	In progress	Grant funding may be able to support.

3. To further enhance our environment

Action	Council Committee	Lead Member and Officer	Timescale	Comments
1. Influence the improvement of the highway environment in the town centre to benefit the safety and wellbeing of pedestrians and cyclists by reducing the impact of vehicles and encouraging through traffic to use the bypass	Planning and Transport Committee	Chairman of Planning and Transport and Deputy Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	Parking Issues Working Party set up
2. To continue to work with residents and stakeholders regarding parking and traffic issues.	Planning and Transport Committee	Chairman of Planning and Transport and Deputy Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	Support for appropriate Traffic Regulation Orders
3. Develop an investment fund for the upgrade and refurbishment of all open spaces, play areas and other environmental enhancements that will improve Council owned public open space	Amenities Committee and Policy Resources and Finance Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Deputy Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	Grant funding for open spaces to be investigated to develop the investment fund.
4. Determine the future of the pavilion, once Dorset Council plans for the former playing fields are known	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Deputy Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	Dependent on the future use of the Middle School playing fields
5. Install inclusive play equipment at larger play sites	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Deputy Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	
6. Establish a tree planting programme	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Deputy Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	

4. To contribute to the development management of the town

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1. To continue to support the Wareham Neighbourhood Plan through planning consultations and the development management process	Planning and Transport Committee	Chairman of Planning and Transport Committee	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of Neighbourhood Plan	
2. Explore the feasibility of setting up a Community Land Trust to provide affordable rented homes for local people	Planning and Transport Committee and Policy Resources and Finance Committee	Chairman of Policy Resources and Finance Committee and Town Clerk	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	
3. Support, encourage and create wildflower planting in public spaces to benefit pollinating insects	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Operations Manager	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	
4. Support the creation of a network of small community planting and tended flower and shrub gardens around the town	Amenities Committee	Chairman of Amenities Committee and Operations Manager	Progress to be evidenced over the lifespan of this document	Provide seeds etc.