

The Council's vision

Principles arising from the 2019/20 'Visioning' exercise



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Principles to inform and underpin future actions and decisions

Area of activity, or theme	Comment
Services, activities and projects currently operated by Council	<p><i>All items that were listed as 'ESSENTIAL' and categorized as items already in place or imminent that could be refined and/or have little resource implications</i></p> <p>There was general discussion regarding the context of the items listed, and it was acknowledged that they represented salient activities within the Council's normal operations that had initially been seen as 'key' functions, although with further analysis it was understood that they may be simply more 'obvious' than others.</p> <p>It was agreed that High priority should be given to the Council's buildings; allotments; grants scheme; community partnerships and support for outside bodies and public events; The Pells area, Lewes Priory; and Landport Bottom.</p>
Successor on retirement of Town Clerk	Financial provision added to assist with immediate priorities.
Area of activity, or theme	<i>All items that were listed as 'POTENTIAL' and categorized as items either not undertaken at present or deserving refinement; and needing careful consideration of resource implications and/or in-depth assessment, research or specific allocation of resources.</i>
Transport-related: Infrastructure & signage, cycling routes; bus transport;	Council can influence & assist funding. Council can directly provide some infrastructure.
Openness; engagement; consultation; partnership	Council can bring disparate groups together, consult, and influence discussions. Council can exceed statutory requirements for transparency in governance.
Trees & Biodiversity; wildlife & the environment; Open spaces	Council seeks measurable improvements over term of administration, reflecting decisions with specific effect in these areas and/or occasions when influence exerted (eg encouragement to Planning applicants)
Support for foodbanks & the disadvantaged.	Include specific focus in any revision of policy for Financial Grants Scheme. Increase amount budgeted.
Encourage participation of, and facilities for, youth in the working of the community.	Exercise influence wherever appropriate and remain alert to occasions when Council could directly affect.
Encourage Youth festival with Twin towns	Investigate in partnership with Lewes Twinning Association and its counterparts, and the Councils of the twin towns.
Possible establishment of a Lewes Arts Council	Investigate arts and event promotion; seek support for principle and potential to form a lead body.
Public water fountains (drinking water)	Sustainability Goals Working Party asked to seek three locations