COUNCIL PLAN 2020/21 Lewes Town Council proposes to initiate and complete (where possible and practical), or continue, the following major areas of work in the year 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021.

Status update These are in addition to various projects and initiatives itemised in the Council's budgets and accounts and represent larger-scale activities deserving special attention.

	Project	description	status at January 2020	Status at January 2021
1	**Town Hall repairs & conservation**	Replace boilers; Council Chamber redecoration and replace carpet; Corn Exchange and Lecture Room replace lighting; Yarrow Room replace carpet	Awaiting consultants further report on heating system options viability.	Specialist commissioned and system design and works preliminaries underway.
2	**Pells Lake ecology project**	Improvements to water quality. Introduction of aquatic plants W/Party remit to consider structural integrity of lake perimeter. partially completed – specialist report obtained	pending commencement of 3rd-party works in locality to achieve best VFM – links to item 3	pending commencement of 3rd-party works in locality (flood defence structures and improvements to recreation facilities as conditions of North Street Quarter development planning consent) to achieve best value for money – links to item 3
3	**Pells Recreation Ground and kiosk/café development (with Santon Group and others)**	Engagement with Santon Group and others to improve the "urban realm" in the area as an integral component of necessary flood-defence works; taking the opportunity to replace children's play equipment and introduce equipment for a wider age-range, and to provide an enhanced café facility for the swimming pool, recreation ground, and surrounding parkland.	Pending agreements with PPCA	As item 2.
4	**Malling (Bridgeview) Community Centre refurbishment**	To carry out a comprehensive refurbishment of the community centre, with modern heating and lighting, with improved facilities for community use, including more flexible interior spaces and better integration of the sports changing-rooms with the adjoining sports pitches and recreation ground.	Borrowing approval received 20th November. Contractor agreed possession of site March 2020. works duration 20 weeks	Completion imminent. LTC self-management agreed by Council 8th October 2020. Steering Group formed and Members appointed, to supplant Building Working Party interest once works complete.
5	**Continuing programme of environmental enhancements and specific site improvements**	Engage with appropriate projects arising from third-party initiatives (eg highway safety/traffic management). Continuing improvements to own assets (eg allotment sites)	Urgent tree works update received at Council 19th December.	Continuing programme. Emergency project *iro* Ash die-back concluded March 2020. Summary report received by Council 18th June 2020.
6	**Devolution of assets & services**	Provide for transfer of ownership of various assets/services from Lewes District Council. (currently subject to ongoing negotiation)	Working Party recommendations considered by Council 19th December. Next stage: further detail from LDC to inform negotiations	Continuing. LDC have withdrawn the offers of sale regarding " Fisher St and Market Tower.
7	**DECISIONS re Retirement of key staff**	Prepare strategy for recruitment of Town Clerk Designate and further staff establishment changes.	Personnel Panel mandated to begin detailed examination of successor Clerk and discuss 6 other posts affected by eligibility for retirement.	Personnel Panel engaged in project. Specialist adviser engaged and progress reported to Council up to 21st January 2021.