

Royal Leamington Spa Town Council

Service Plan 2022/23



Introduction

Royal Leamington Spa Town Council exists to represent the interests of the people of Royal Leamington Spa and to work with partner organisations and the wider community to improve the quality of life in the Town.

The purpose of this service plan is to identify the broad actions and areas of work that the Town Council will undertake in 2022/23.

The Town Council's Corporate Objectives provide the context for this service plan – they are the things that the Town Council wishes to achieve and prioritise. These were last considered in November 2021 and are shown on page 2.

Living in Leamington Spa

We are immensely proud to live in and represent Leamington Spa. We consider ourselves lucky to be able to benefit from its green spaces, cultural activity and wonderful community. However we want to continue to work with our communities to make things even better and help ensure that everyone can benefit from being in such a wonderful town.

We also acknowledge that the last two years has been difficult for our communities and we want to help the whole town recover from the effects of the pandemic.

The Town Council

The Town Council is only a small organisation, but it wants to have a big voice for Leamington Spa and do all that it can to ensure that our town is a great place to live, work and visit. It recognises that it needs to influence and work with partners and communities to achieve this.

Budget – 2022/23

The Town Council set its budget for 2022/23 at its meeting in January 2022. This seeks to provide adequate resources to enable the delivery of its services and activities. The Town Council will seek to use its limited resources as effectively as possible.



Royal Leamington Spa Town Council
 Corporate Objectives
 Adopted 11th November 2021

Objective	Key elements / strands
<p>PARTNERSHIP - Work in partnership with key local organisations to enhance the town, especially the district and county councils.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Encourage and engage with effective partnership structures to contribute to major initiatives in the Town. • Work with partners to support a flourishing town.
<p>PLANNING - Engage effectively with the planning process to support a successful future for the Town.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Respond effectively to planning application consultations • Contribute to local planning policy • Implement and monitor the Leamington Spa Neighbourhood Plan.
<p>CULTURE - To Promote the Rich Culture of Leamington Spa</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lead, support and engage with major cultural events in the Town. • Support local organisations in the delivery of cultural activities, including through grant funding where appropriate.
<p>COMMUNITY - To promote community wellbeing across the town, with a focus on achieving a good quality of life for all parts of the community.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To promote health and wellbeing for all. • To promote equality for all sections of the community, with a focus on more deprived areas.
<p>ENVIRONMENT - To improve the local environment and contribute to wider environmental and climate change goals.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Help protect and enhance the local environment for the benefit of the community. • Encourage and contribute to positive action to address wider environmental issues and climate change.
<p>AWARENESS - To raise awareness of the Town Council</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To communicate effectively with local organisations and the community. • Engage with partner organisations to ensure Town Council input into key projects / activities.
<p>RESOURCES – To ensure the effective use of resources</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To closely scrutinise all expenditure and consider how it contributes to achieving our objectives. • To work with partners and the community to achieve best value for money.

Theme / Area of work	Activity	Details	Link to corporate objectives	
Planning & Town Centre	Respond to planning applications	To consider planning applications in the Town and respond to WDC planning consultations (in accordance with Leamington Spa Neighbourhood Plan policies)	Partnership Planning Community Environment	
	Planning Policy	-Contribute to the development of relevant local planning policy. (especially South Warwickshire Local Plan)	Partnership Planning Community Environment	
	Neighbourhood Plan	Seek to achieve the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan through our engagement with the planning process.	Partnership Planning Community Environment	
	Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL)	Develop and deliver proposals for spend of RLSTC's CIL monies	Partnership Planning Community Environment Resources	
	Economic development / town promotion	Work with partners to promote Leamington Spa as a place for residents, visitors, businesses and cultural activity.	Partnership Planning Culture Community Environment Resources	
	Town Centre Developments and Projects	Work with partner organisations to shape, influence and achieve positive developments in the Town Centre.	Partnership Planning Culture Community Environment Resources	

	Re-convene Safer Town Centre Group	Work with partner organisations to consider re-establishing Town Centre Safer Neighbourhood Forum.	Partnership Community Environment Resources	
Civic Events & Activities	Mayoral support for local community and civic activity.	-Promote and support local community activity through the attendance and support of the Town's Mayor at a wide range of community activities and events. -Welcoming of and engaging with civic visitors.	Partnership Culture Community Environment Awareness	
	Lead and Support Key Civic Events and Activities	-Work with Royal British Legion and WDC to deliver the annual Leamington Spa Remembrance Sunday Service. -Arrange / support annual Civic Service	Partnership Culture Community	
Environment & climate	Engage with local Climate Change networks / structures	Support development and delivery of climate change projects and initiatives	Partnership Community Environment Awareness Resources	
	Leamington in Bloom	Deliver Leamington in Bloom activities and projects, working closely with Leamington in Bloom group and WDC.	Partnership Culture Community Environment	
	Street Trees	Continue to work with WCC to enhance street tree planting and maintenance in the Town.	Partnership Culture Community Environment Resources	
	Allotments	Provide allotments in the Town.	Partnership Planning Community	

		Work in partnership with allotments societies to maintain and enhance allotment provision.	Environment Resources	
	Support town centre improvements.	Work with partners to enhance town centre environment, including green spaces, public realm, active travel etc.	Partnership Planning Community Environment Resources	
Culture & Community	Provide support for local groups / activities (includes through Grant funding)	-Provide grant support to key local orgs -Community grants open to eligible local groups.	Partnership Culture Community Environment Resources	
	Twinning activity	Support and work with Leamington International Twinning Society to enhance twinning links and activities.	Partnership Planning Culture Community Resources	
	Blue plaque scheme	Work with blue plaques group to identify and deliver installation of new blue plaques. Promote the blue plaques in the town and the community's engagement with them.	Partnership Planning Culture Community Environment Awareness Resources	
	Commonwealth Games	Work with WDC and partners to promote and support activities related to the Commonwealth Games 2022.	Partnership Planning Culture Community Environment Awareness Resources	

	Queens Jubilee	Work with WDC and Leamington BID to deliver Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebration event.	Partnership Culture Community Resources	
Wellbeing & Equality	Supporting relevant groups to support local communities	Support for and promotion of key relevant local services, including Citizen's Advice, Shopmobility, Children's Centres, Library etc	Partnership Community Awareness Resources	
	Promotion and awareness of local services	Assist in raising awareness of key issues / service provision amongst the local community.	Partnership Community Awareness Resources	
Communication & Engagement	Regular programme of communications.	-Emphasis on local news / services / wellbeing / culture / mayoral activity etc. -Taking opportunities to seek the views of local communities on key issues	Partnership Community Awareness	
	Review / redesign Website	-Improve Town Council website to enhance the information available to the community through that channel.	Community Awareness Resources	
Internal / administrative	Various	Programme of internal activities to maintain and improve the operation of the Town Council.	Resources	

WDC = Warwick District Council

WCC = Warwickshire County Council

BID – Business Improvement District

Adopted 17 March 2022