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Action Plan and Related Budget Responding to Community Engagement

Throughout the year Hythe Town Council (HTC) engages and consults with the residents and the stakeholders of the Town, on different issues. This works towards achieving the level of satisfaction for the services that Hythe Town Council is empowered to provide.

Public consultations take place in many different formats:

- Face-to-face
- HTC website (hythe-tc.gov.uk)
- Twitter / Facebook / Instagram
- HTC newsletters

The most effective form of consultation is carried out face-to-face, as this provides members of the public an opportunity to speak directly to their elected Councillors. Face-to-face consultations give the Council the opportunity to display materials and current information about the projects and events.

Community Engagement is not only about consultations, HTC, aims to involve the residents of Hythe in more of the decision-making that affects their lives. Working Groups are formed so that the community can take ownership of projects.

Skills, Knowledge, and experience are welcomed into the groups.

Hythe Civic Society, Hythe Business and Tourism Association, and Hythe Rotary are just some of the organizations made up of volunteers that Hythe Town Council consults and works together with.

Below is a chart of just some of the projects that HTC has and is involving the community in.



Issue	Action	Review	Budget
New play equipment at Horn Street Rec	Consult residents on adding additional play equipment to Horn Street Rec	Completed	£25,000 from CIL Reserves agreed through Finance and General Purposes committee.
Concerns about Travelers	Target Harden open spaces. Consult residents on creating bunds in open spaces. Gather quotes from local contractors for the works.	Finance and General Purposes November 2022	Regular review through the Target Hardening Working group and submitted to Finance and General Purposes once costs are acquired.
Eco-Fayre	Hold an Eco fayre to include education for and by residents about protecting nature and reducing carbon footprint.	2022/23 – September	£1,000.00 from the Mayor's Personal Project fund.
Adoption of the Phone Box at Red Lion Square	Repaint the phone box and ask the community to decide what they would like to see in the phone box. Hold a public consultation for ideas.	2022/23 – ongoing	£500 from the Community Engagement Budget.
Additional Play Equipment	Hold consultations and ask the public for opinions. Through renewals program for play areas	2022/23 – September onwards	Regular review through the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Use CIL Reserves – Budget varies per play area.
Better Preparation for Emergencies	Emergency Plan Review. Plan and detail what is required for different emergencies. Engage different community groups in Community Resilience meetings.	Ongoing - Next meeting October 2022	Regular review through the Community Resilience Working Group.



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Supporting local events in Hythe	Grants to organisations, charities, and community organisations.	2022/23	Regular review through the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Grant's budget changes each year. Regular is Hythe in Bloom £5,000 and Hythe Venetian Fete £5,000.
Maintaining site and managing allotments	Regular inspections. Keep in contact with allotment societies and holders. Hold regular meetings	2022/23	Regular review through the Allotments Working Group
Red Lion Square Water Fountain	Refurbish fountain back to working order	November 2022	£1,500
Craft Fairs	Community fairs including free tables for organisations within the town to promote goodwill	2022/23	Regular review through the Community Engagement Working Group which reports to the Finance and General Purposes Committee. Stall holder's costs to be appropriated back to Christmas Light Funding. To help bring business to the High Street traders.

