

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Community and Leisure Cabinet Committee

Date: 2 February 2021

Reporting officer: Service Manager, Town Centre & Cultural Services
Community Involvement Officer

Subject: A Community Engagement Strategy for Gravesham

Purpose and summary of report:

To present the updated draft of the Community Engagement Strategy for Gravesham

Recommendations:

Committee Members are asked to:

- approve the draft strategy so that it may be formally adopted
- provide continued support for the further development and implementation of the action plan

1. Background

- 1.1 Gravesham Borough Council has a history of community engagement in many forms from traditional questionnaire to diverse community events. This strategy is formally sets out our visions and objectives and approach to be taken over the next three years.
- 1.2 Following presentation of the draft strategy to the November Cabinet Committee for Community and Leisure, amendments have been made to reflect comments and suggestions made by members.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 Members are asked to provide approval and support of the updated strategy so that it may be formally adopted
- 2.2 Members are also encouraged to support the Community Involvement Officer in the delivery and development of the action plan building on their local knowledge and experience.

IMPLICATIONS	APPENDIX 1
Legal	There are no legal implications. This is the first draft of the community engagement strategy
Finance and Value for Money	There are no financial requirements.
Risk Assessment	The Strategy aims to strengthen the position of Gravesham as a listening Council and broaden engagement opportunities.
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<i>A data protection impact assessment (DPIA) should be carried out at the start of any major project involving the use of personal data or if you are making a significant change to an existing process.</i>
	<p>a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data?</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice?</p> <p>N/A</p>
	<p>c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk.</p>
Equality Impact Assessment	<p>a. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper have potential to cause adverse impact or discriminate against different groups in the community? If yes, please explain answer.</p> <p>No. This strategy should strengthen engagement from all members of the community</p>
	<p>b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer.</p> <p>Yes – the strategy aims to be inclusive and widen access to engagement across the Borough</p>
	<i>In submitting this report, the Chief Officer doing so is confirming that they have given due regard to the equality impacts of the decision being considered, as noted in the table above</i>
Corporate Plan	#2 Place – Develop a cohesive and resilient community
Crime and Disorder	Effective engagement should support the ASB strategy and increase public awareness of the work being undertaken to reduce crime and disorder
Digital and website implications	None
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	N/A