

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Communities and Leisure Cabinet Committee

Date: 14 September 2021

Reporting officer: Community Involvement Officer

Subject: Community Engagement Strategy Action Plan Update

Purpose and summary of report:

To update the committee of progress against the Community Engagement Strategy

Recommendations:

Community and Leisure Cabinet Committee are asked to note the report and updated action plan.

1. Introduction

1.1 In February 2021, the Community Engagement Strategy was adopted. The strategy set out 4 main objectives:

- Being a Listening Council
- Empowering Residents and Communities
- Supporting Community Organisations
- Building Cohesive Communities

2. Action Plan Update

2.1 An action plan was developed to ensure delivery against each of the main objectives. A copy of the action plan with an update from February 2021 is attached to this report as appendix II.

2.2 Following adoption of the strategy in February the actions have been developed to include deadlines for monitoring and lead officers. The pandemic continues to impact on the work and the actions have been adapted where possible to meet emerging needs and opportunities.

3. Recommendations

3.1 The report is for information.

4. BACKGROUND PAPERS

Appendix I Community Engagement Strategy 2020-24

Appendix II Action Plan update

IMPLICATIONS	APPENDIX 1
Legal	There are no legal implications. This report provides an update of actions to deliver the Community Engagement Strategy
Finance and Value for Money	The report is for information only.
Risk Assessment	The report is for information only
Data Protection Impact Assessment	<p><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> <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? N/A</p> <p>b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? 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. N/A</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. Yes – it identifies actions that provides focus and action on under-represented and minority groups and on building community cohesion.</p> <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></p>
Corporate Plan	#2 Place – Connected Community
Crime and Disorder	N/A this report is for information only
Digital and website implications	There are no implications
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	N/A this report is for information only