

Classification: Public

Key Decision: No

Gravesham Borough Council

Report to: Community and Leisure Cabinet Committee

Date: 13 September 2022

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:

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Key Implications:	
Item	Implications
Legal	None – information report
Finance and Value for Money	Delivered through existing budgets so no implications for MTFS
Corporate Plan	# Place
Climate Change	Actions to support climate change strategy are encouraged where applicable for example in partnership working and any funding agreements.

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 This report is for information.

4. Appendices

- 4.1 Appendix I Action Plan Update

5. Background Documents

- 5.1 [Community Engagement Strategy – Gravesham Borough Council](#)

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Secondary Implications	
Risk Assessment	Work covered under service plan and individual risk assessments completed for specific events or actions.
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>
	a. Does the project/change being recommended through this paper involve the processing of personal data or special category data or criminal offence data ? A definition of each type of data can be found on the Information Commissioner's Office website via the above links. No
	b. If yes to question a, have you completed and attached a DPIA including Data Protection Officer advice? Click here to start typing
	c. If no to question b, please seek advice from your nominated DPIA assessor or the Information Governance Team at gdpr@medway.gov.uk . Click here to start typing
Equality Impact Assessment	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. No
	b. Does the decision being made or recommended through this paper make a positive contribution to promoting equality? If yes, please explain answer. Yes – a key priority of Community Engagement is to build community cohesion and proactively supports involvement from marginalised, under represented communities.
	<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>
Crime and Disorder	The strategy actively supports the work of the community safety team and action to reduce the potential for crime and disorder.
Digital and website implications	Website is an identified platform for sharing information with the community and are working closely with the digital team and the related actions.
Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults	None identified. Any funding or partnership working would be required to have appropriate safeguards and policies in place.