LPC Action Plan 25/26

Budgetary provision and public consultation: This document sets out the various actions contained within the LPC Action Plan 2025/26 and sets out corresponding budgetary provision and details of public consultation which helped to inform the actions.

Managing risk: The majority of projects included on the Action Plan for 25/26 have budget provision in place and do not require external funding. Those projects which do require external funding are flagged as such. External sources of investment, including SDNPA CIL will be sought to reduce the financial burden to LPC where possible. Risk to public money is managed by adhering to LPC Financial Regulations.

Delivery timeframe: Committees/ Project Leads will set their own timeframes for milestones in project delivery. All actions to be completed within the financial year 2025/26, unless stated/ongoing. A mid-year review will be carried out in November 2025.

LPC ACTION PLAN 25/26	BUDGET/FUNDING	CONSULTATION LPC Action Plan 25/26: March 2025 - Liss Parish Council		
Ongoing actions				
Maintain, improve and promote the use of recreation grounds, open spaces and the Village Hall and Liss Pavilion.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery. Specific budget provision for buildings maintenance, play equipment repairs and inspection, grounds costs etc. Sums ringfenced in reserves for future buildings and grounds projects.	Recreation Strategy - April 2022 - Liss Parish Council		
Comment on all planning applications which fall within or impact on the Parish.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery.			
Represent the views and promote the interests of the parish of Liss, particularly in relation to East Hampshire District Council, the South Downs National Park Authority and Hampshire County Council.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery.			
Engage with the community, including parishioners, local businesses, community groups and organisations in Liss, including by maintaining an up- to-date website and social media presence in the village, in line with the Community Engagement Policy.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery.			

Listen, investigate and respond to issues identified by the parish of Liss and, if appropriate, to signpost to the correct person/ organisation for resolution/ further progression.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery.	
Work with and support local groups for the improvement of the facilities, environment and social and economic wellbeing in the community.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery. LPC in-year grants pot to support local groups.	
Deliver speedy and transparent decisions through full meetings of the Council, supported by appropriate committees and working groups.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and supporting decision making by Council.	
Maintain good financial practices, ensuring transparency and value for money.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery.	
Identify and secure sources of funding to advance LPC priorities.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery.	
Promote training and induction and ongoing support for members of staff and councillors.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery. Training budget in place. Agreed overspend for CILCA training for Assistant Clerk and Rialtas financial software training for Clerk and Assistant Clerk.	
Maintain good governance, including adhering to relevant benchmarks to achieve Quality/Gold Status of the Local Council Award Scheme.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery.	
Fulfil responsibilities as Sole Trustee to three Charities: (West) Liss Recreation Ground (Charity number 301871), Village Hall; (Charity number 301872) and Parish Allotments (Charity number 237190).	Adequate budget provision for staffing and delivery as Sole Trustee to the three charities.	

Key projects			
Highways Priorities Explore options for highways improvements in particular on Andlers Ash Road and Forest Road.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and supporting project delivery. Make use of the Community Funded Initiatives Scheme (*HCC) and other external funds for delivery as the detail of schemes are developed.		
Facilities priorities Consider further enhancements to the recreation grounds in line with the vision for each site, working with partners as necessary. Agree visions for the Riverside Walk and Mill Road Community Garden. Continue the improvement programme to enhance the allotment sites.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and supporting project delivery. Funds allocated in budget and reserves ringfenced for grounds projects as well as more specific projects such as allotment improvement works.	<u>Recreation Strategy - April 2022</u> <u>- Liss Parish Council</u> Feedback sought from allotment tenants about priorities.	
Village Centre enhancement Consult on options for enhancement of the village centre with Hampshire County Council, East Hampshire District Council and the South Downs National Park Authority. Pursue funding for the railway platform extension.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and supporting project delivery. LPC CIL funds ringfenced for village centre improvement project to provide match funding for grant applications. Some S106 funds awarded. Additional and significant external funding will be required for delivery.	<u>Liss Village Centre Master Plan</u> <u>- Liss Parish Council</u>	
Environmental issues Contribute to nature recovery through green space projects to enhance biodiversity and protect the environment. Consider the LPC approach to reaching Net Zero by 2050.	Adequate budget provision for staffing and supporting project delivery. EHDC Councillor grant funding received for bug hotels. LPC CIL funds ringfenced for environmental improvement projects. Focus Green grant awarded for energy efficiency survey. HCC Parish & Town Council Investment Fund sums awarded for energy efficiency measures.		