

REPORT TO ENVIRONMENT AND TRANSPORT COMMITTEE

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE REPORT AND ACTION PLAN 2027/28



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Agenda Item 19
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1.0 BACKGROUND

As part of the committee's role in overseeing the implementation of the council's strategic plan, it considers an update report at each meeting outlining progress on delivering the current year action plan.

Ahead of setting the budget, the committee should also agree actions for the 2027/28 civic/financial year.

2.0 REVIEW OF CURRENT YEAR ACTIONS

Ref	Action	Lead Officer	Target	Status / Committee Update
ET01/26 H3	Subject to adoption of remaining CAAMPs, develop information leaflets for each area	Deputy Town Clerk	MAR 27	New Conservation Officer to be appointed at CEC which will enable progressing of the CAAMPs
ET02/26 /E2	Deliver the activity plan for the Nature Action Plan	Deputy Town Clerk	MAR 27	Ongoing
ET03/26 /H2	Install the next Lost Streets plaque	Corporate Support Manager	SEP 26	Ongoing
ET04/26 /H2	Deliver a project to restore the Caesar Summer House	Corporate Support Manager	MAR 27	Project developed and grant funding bid submitted. If successful it would be delivered in summer 2027.
ET05/26 /C4	Host five volunteer sessions to support the cleanliness, maintenance and attractiveness of the town	Corporate Support Manager	MAR 27	Three days have been hosted to date (Sparrow Lane, King Edward Road, Kenilworth Avenue ginnel) two further days for Sparrow Lane and King Edward Road are being coordinated.
ET10/23 /T1	Develop an Active Travel Infrastructure Plan and an	Town Clerk	SEP 26	Submitted to committee.

	implementation plan for identified improvements			
ET06/26 /T1	Delivery of action under the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan	Town Clerk	MAR 27	
ET03/24 /E1	Develop a Knutsford Green Spaces Strategy	Town Clerk	SEP 26	
ET07/26 /E1	Delivery of action under the Green Spaces Strategy	Town Clerk	MAR 27	
ET04/24 /H3	Publish Legh Road Conservation Area guidance leaflet	Town Clerk	AUG 26	Advertiser confirmed. Leaflet with designer, proof awaited.
ET09/23 /T2	Work with partners to develop a project plan for the cycle path from the Moor to Parkgate	Town Clerk	OCT 26	Consultants commissioned.

3.0 ACTION PLAN 2027/28

The following priority objectives fall within the committee's responsibilities:

Ref	Objective
H3	Work with partners to implement the Conservation Area management plans and protect the town's Conservation Areas
T1	Develop and implement a Knutsford Active Travel Infrastructure Plan
T2	Work with partners to deliver a cycle path linking The Moor and Parkgate Lane
E1	Work with partners to develop a Green Spaces strategy for Knutsford
C4	Develop volunteer involvement to enhance the cleanliness, maintenance and attractiveness of the town

Alongside this are the following business as usual objectives:

Ref	Objective
H4	Support the protection and retention of the town's built heritage
H2	Work with partners on events and initiatives which celebrate and promote the town's heritage
E2	Continue to work with partners to deliver improvements to the town's biodiversity

The following action plan is suggested for consideration. The committee should consider what priority actions it wishes to see delivered in the next action plan year.

Objective	Action
E2	Deliver the activity plan for the Nature Action Plan
H2	Install the next <i>Lost Streets</i> plaque
H2	Deliver a project to restore the Caesar Summer House
C4	Host a programme of volunteer sessions to support the cleanliness, maintenance and attractiveness of the town
H3	Work with landowners and Cheshire East Council to improve the surface of Moorside (Conservation Area Action Plan)
H3	Publish a guidance leaflet for shop owners on town centre signage and frontage

	(Conservation Area Action Plan)
H3	Develop a CIL project proposal for creation of new pavement at the southern end of Legh Road (Conservation Area Action Plan)
T1	Delivery of identified actions under the Active Travel Infrastructure Plan
E1	Delivery of identified actions under the Green Spaces Strategy

4.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should:

- a) Note the current year action plan set out in section two
- b) Agree an action plan for 2027/28