

REPORT TO COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

STRATEGIC PLAN UPDATE REPORT

Report Reference COM-26-08
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Agenda Item 10
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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 CURRENT YEAR ACTIONS

Ref	Action	Lead Officer	Target	Status /Committee Update
COM08/ 25/S3	Undertake further engagement with young people to develop a Knutsford Youth Strategy	Community Engagement Officer	March 27	Community Engagement Officer undertaking baseline research. Youth Strategy meeting taking place next week.
COM01/ 26/S3	Implement projects under the Youth Strategy	Community Engagement Officer	March 27	
COM02/ 26/C6	Deliver a successful sixth ReFresh Knutsford community freshers fair	Community Engagement Officer	March 27	Review meeting held with participants and plans commencing for March event.
COM03/ 26/C6	Publish a Knutsford community funding guide	Community Engagement Officer	December 27	An initial directory of funding opportunities has been compiled. Research is continuing to develop a practical funding guide for community groups.
COM11/ 23/C8	Develop the e-newsletter database to reach 1,000 resident subscribers	Community Engagement Officer	March 27	Currently at 721
COM12/ 25/C8	Host regular Mayor in the Market engagement opportunities	Civic Events Officer	March 27	To be programmed.

3.0 ACTION PLAN 2027/28

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

Ref	Objective
S3	Increase provision of services, facilities and employment for young people across the town (Youth Strategy)

The following business as usual objectives fall within the committee's responsibilities:

Ref	Objective
C7	Support the creation of new community organisations where needs are identified
C8	Improve town communication channels to help connect the community
C6	Support and develop community organisations operating in Knutsford ensuring they have the skills and resources needed to thrive

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

Objective	Action
S3	Implement projects under the Youth Strategy
C6	Deliver a successful ReFresh Knutsford event
C6	Launch a community lottery scheme (subject to further decisions)

4.0 DECISIONS REQUIRED

The committee should:

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