

Strategic Plan Status Report

Strategic Theme: The Ilminster Economy

Workplan items:

- Weekly Market – advertising, new traders
- Closer collaboration with the Local Information Centre
- Public Transport – new and improved bus stops, coach parking / service station
- Public Transport – enabling service provision
- Provision of bus shelters
- Update public conveniences
- Lease the kiosk

Non Workplan items: Installation of electric charging points for cars - completed

Period from: 19 January 2021

Period to: 19 November 2024

Overall Status

Previous Period (Red Amber Green)	Current Period (Red Amber Green):	Trend (Up/Down/Stable)
Green	Green	Stable

Progress since last report:

- Concrete base works and shelter installed on Orchard Vale. – completed
- Lease obtained from SSDC for the land for the bus shelter. - completed
- Unfortunately, meetings with market traders and the Chamber of Commerce ceased due to COVID19.
- Weekly market now advertised in The Leveller and The Conduit magazines.
- More enquiries from stallholders, use of the Market House on more days.
- The Slinky bus is now operating.
- The Local Information Centre is now operated by ITC.

Plans until next report:

- Reconnect with the Chamber of Commerce and other community organisations.
- Hold annual meetings with the market stallholders
- Lease the kiosk.
- Increase the number of market events in the town. Investigate hosting a Young Market Traders Competition.

Risks and Issues

Ref:	Risk/Issue	Mitigation Strategy	Risk Owner	Impact H, M, L	Probability H, M, L
1	Number of stallholders declines	Advertise for new stallholders	Deputy Clerk	L	M
2	Loss of income	Lease the kiosk, increase market events	Town Clerk	L	M
3	Vandalism to public toilets	Remote locking or include part of kiosk lease	OS Chair	M	M

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Strategic Theme: The Ilminster Environment

Workplan items:

- Implement 'One Planet Principles'.
- Implement Open Spaces Masterplan (Wharf Lane/Britten's Field)
- Research future need, and enhancement of the cemetery
- Protect Herne Hill from impact of nearby developments and install signage.
- Development of Neighbourhood Plan
- Improvement of the visual impact of the approach roads to town
- Increase recreation provision for 5-25 yr olds.

Non Workplan items:

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- Route signage/information boards installed on Herne Hill. - completed
- Winterhay and West Crescent play parks renovated. – completed
- Fitness station installed on the recreation ground. - completed
- Wildflower meadow work at West Crescent in progress.
- Petrol handheld equipment replaced with electric equivalents. - completed
- Neighbourhood Plan assessed by the Examiner of Somerset Council. - ongoing
- Tree management and maintenance of the canal in progress.

Plans until next report:

- Complete the Neighbourhood Plan Referendum.
- Research new signs for the five approach roads into Ilminster.
- Repair the cemetery wall/railings.
- Research a memorial plaques wall.
- Acquire Blackdown and Greenfylde Play Parks from Somerset Council.

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2	Few plots available in cemetery	Purchase land or install a memorial wall	OS Chair	H	M
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Strategic Theme: Community Engagement and Governance

Workplan items:

- Town Council accommodation.
- Protecting the burial records whilst maintaining accessibility.
- Investigate the set-up of a Community Land Trust for land below Herne Hill.
- Promote sports/activities/social opportunities

Non Workplan items:

- External audit
- Civic events
- Competitions and awards
- Responding to external consultations
- Set up a Youth Council

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- Purchased Old Magistrates Court for council offices - completed
- Burial records at Somerset Archives, a digital copy held online. – completed
- Land below Herne Hill part of S106 discussions. - ongoing
- A new website will have a directory for local organisations. - ongoing
- Herne View CofE Primary School have a Youth Council.

Plans until next report:

- Agree S106 agreement for developments within Ilminster.
- Build community relationships with local groups/organisations by assisting them with grants, and advertising.
- Produce a Town Guide.
- Reinstate the Town Council awards.

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