

Number	Comment	Response	Working Group response
1.	<p>Hello, I have read the corporate plan and really like the vision for Nantwich. I love the town and enjoyed reading the plans you have for it. As a member of a minority group (LGBT) I was curious to see your plans to engage with the community to improve the experiences communities have and make Nantwich a great place for everybody to live. I would hope that Nantwich is a place where difference is celebrated – but I fear that the divisions in society we have seen around the world have highlighted the way society treats diversity. I would love the opportunity to talk further with anybody at the council about supporting schemes that promote Nantwich as a radically inclusive place to live for all minority groups as listed within the equality act 2010, and also encouraging residents to report instances of hate and discrimination.</p>	<p><b>Theme Two: Work with others to Preserve and promote local arts, heritage culture and tourism</b> Action: Work with community organisations to support events, activities and volunteer programmes across the town and continue to develop the Town Council’s events programme, including street entertainment. The Town Council supports inclusivity for all its community, most recent examples are supporting the Nantwich Pride. The Council is happy to support all minority groups.</p>	<p>The group agreed that the comments were covered within Theme Two with no additional action required.</p>
2.	<p>We need:                      No more houses building in or around Nantwich.                      Provision/Reopening of public toilets.                      Better protection of the local parks to stop traveller encroachments.                      Encouragement offered to prospective new shopkeepers to maintain our town centre environment.</p>	<p><b>Theme One: Planning a sustainable future for our town</b></p> <p>Action: To play an active role in influencing plans for major development/new transport infrastructure and reducing the town’s carbon footprint</p>	<p>Whilst the comments are covered within Theme One, members agreed to strengthen the wording adding that the Town Council have responded to the Boundary Review by Cheshire East and continue to lobby and press Cheshire East for the boundary to change in favour of the Town.</p>

		<p><b>Theme One: Planning a sustainable future for our town</b>  Action: Develop open spaces devolution programme to protect and enhance important open spaces together with a capital programme so devolution “makes a difference” and reverses impact of underfunding, including Coronation Gardens and Brookfield</p> <p><b>Theme Two: Work with others to Preserve and promote local arts, heritage, culture and tourism</b>  Action: Review current provision of public toilets introduce annual refurbishment programme, and feasibility study on former Snowhill site.</p>	
3.	What I would personally appreciate is that buskers are not allowed to be amplified.	Unfortunately, the town council does not have any powers relating to buskers.	Members agreed to strengthen the following action: Work with community organisations to

	<p>On occasion, powerful speakers project music well beyond the busker. Often this fills the square and can drown out other less amplified buskers leading to conflict.</p> <p>Music may not be to a persons` taste yet, if amplified follows you much further then otherwise, in fact one may be unable to get away from it ! As such, it removes my freedom to move around the centre in peace.</p> <p>On balance, even with a varied taste in music, at present, I feel the buskers overall are a nuisance and a negative. Removing permission for amplification would also remove people who play backing tracks and are actually not buskers at all</p> <p>thanks</p>		<p>support events, activities and volunteer programmes across the town and continue to develop the Town Council's events programme, including street entertainment. To include wording around seeking delegation of authority from Cheshire East Council, and be an agent of Cheshire East to manage the Town Centre.</p>
4.	<p>I agree that the Snow Hill toilets should be either refurbished or replaced. The only toilets in the town centre are at the market hall and the gents, at least, are very cramped. Should you look at providing an extra site? Perhaps the civic hall extension should include public toilets accessible from the car park?</p> <p>I approve of your plan to provide free public wi-fi in the town centre.</p> <p>I'm not sure whether you do it already but can council meetings be broadcast online? And for those who can't watch live, could there be the facility to watch a recording?</p> <p>The only significant green area close to the town centre is Mill Island. This could be improved with extra seating and regular cutting of the overgrown areas bordering the river. There is tall overgrowth on two sides which means that during the summer the river is hardly visible. So the attractiveness of the area could be greatly improved.</p>	<p>Resident supports action plan for public conveniences. The Civic Hall extension will include additional toilets</p> <p>Resident supports action for wifi</p> <p>Not currently contained with the Plan, but it is feasible should council agree. There would be a financial impact on introducing suitable IT.</p> <p><b>Theme One: Planning a sustainable future for our town</b></p> <p>Action: Seek opportunities to work collaboratively with Nantwich Partnership to</p>	<p>Members agreed to include an additional action for a feasibility into live streaming meetings.</p> <p>The comments are covered within Theme One.</p>

	<p>The litter bins both in this area and along the canal towpath seem to often overflow with litter. Could litter collection be carried out more frequently? Also, does the litter collected from litter bins get sorted into recyclable and non-recyclable litter? If not, then bins specifically for recyclable litter should be provided in the town centre.</p> <p>Tourism is very important to the town, so I would expect the TIC to be open at times when people are likely to visit. I would have thought that Saturdays are when we get the most number of visitors, yet the TIC is closed. Please look at the viability of opening it on Saturdays.</p> <p>I am pleased that Cheshire East have finally been persuaded to relay the sunken areas of paving in High Street and Mill Street. However the pavers used do not reflect the important heritage value of our town centre. Given the current financial position of CEC, we can't expect them to spend lots of money at the moment, but for the long term the town council should press CEC to resurface High Street and the Square in high quality paving.</p> <p>The temporary traffic restrictions in Pillory Street and Hospital Street were very welcome, but pedestrians still feel obliged to walk on the narrow pavements most of the time. So we should now press CEC to make this system permanent by converting the two streets to pedestrian areas accessible to road vehicles. In other words to raise the roadway to the same level as the pavements so the whole width of the road is a priority for pedestrians and vehicles have to drive slowly in order give way to them.</p> <p>There is a shortage of parking spaces at busy times and this will become more acute when the gas works site is closed. So the council should be looking at ways to extend parking. I disagree with the idea of building a new car park next to the swimming pool off Wall Lane, as this site is very visible from the riverside walks and from the new housing across</p>	<p>utilise the green spaces and river frontage within the town</p> <p>Action: Hold CEC to their street duties and encourage the public to do likewise through 'Report It' web portal.</p> <p>Mill Island is an ambition of Nantwich Town Partnership, of which the Town Council has representation on.</p> <p><b>Theme Two: Work with others to Preserve and promote local arts, heritage culture and tourism</b></p> <p>Action: Develop a customer service strategy</p> <p>Action: Consider the development of a Tourism Strategy</p> <p>The development of the above strategies could consider the revision of TIC opening times.</p> <p>The Town Council is in communication with CEC in relation to town centre paving.</p>	<p>Comments are covered within theme two.</p> <p>Members agreed to include an additional action to work with Cheshire East and respond to the consultation on the car park review</p>
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	<p>the river. Instead you should look at the station car park and the old goods yard area which is privately owned and currently not used. I'm sure that the owners could be prepared to lease the land to the council, or maybe even sell it. Some years ago the Civic Society drew up recommendations of existing locations where extra parking spaces could be provided, particularly at Love Lane where there is the potential for at least a dozen more spaces.</p> <p>Finally, the town council should campaign for the extension of the town boundaries in order to include Stapeley and the new estates south of Queens drive and north of Waterlode. Such an extension would significantly increase the income of the council, so that either spending could be increased or the precept reduced. It seems most unfair that residents in these areas gain all the benefits of living in Nantwich without having to pay for it.</p>	<p>The Town Council is actively working with CEC in relation to additional parking spaces in the town.</p> <p>The Town Council has responded to the consultation on the Boundary Review.</p>	<p>to ensure the best outcome for the town</p> <p>Please see earlier member responses</p>
5.	<p>The Hydro Group have hit the buffers with CEC as landowners. They want surety that, in the event of the project ending and the generating plant needing removal, the Council won't be liable. I understood that the Hydro Company had put a sum aside for this. Then, there are continuing "challenges" over connections to the grid - costs are prohibitive. The St. Anne's Lane development was due to take the power from it, as one of the Hydro schemes directors, Mark Schofield, is on the board of the developers for St Anne's Lane. It looks to an outsider that it is ready to go..... This would be a good project for NTC to have in its Strategic Projects for support.</p>	<p>This is not currently contained within the plan, but there are ambitions from the local group Green Spaces.</p>	<p>Members agreed that the work of the Green Spaces group would continue to be supported by the Town Council</p>
6.	<p>So you must have a bit of extra cash and need to throw it away somewhere. Try repairing the roads for a start, forget wi-fi we don't need it most people have enough data on their contracts anyway. You want more tourists, give them somewhere to park at a reasonable price.</p>	<p>Resident does not support wifi.</p> <p>Town Council does not have any power on the public highway improvements.</p>	<p>As there were a number of similar comments about the wifi members agreed to remove this action</p> <p>Members agreed with the Clerks comments.</p>

	<p>You bought the market at a cost to taxpayers without any consultation and now you want to upgrade it. Why, for what's in there save your money and spend it on something useful.</p> <p>I could go on but what's the point you pay scant regard to the people that pay your wages.</p>		
7.	<p>I was reading a previous article on the lack of public toilets in our area and plans to raise funds to open toilet blocks, and then today's article on the need to support local businesses and how to attract tourists. May I put forward for consideration some ideas that may be a way to help you to fund the toilets and aid the economic recovery of local shops and businesses.</p> <p>Please consider this opportunity in your consultation and feel free to contact me to discuss further.</p> <p>I am local to Nantwich living in Wybunbury so my gain will be seeing the development of local businesses and improved facilities for the townsfolk. I am retired so have no financial interest myself.</p> <p>I am a member of CAmpRa.org.uk facebook group which has attracted 12000 members in as many weeks.</p> <p>It is already being recognised by many authorities as a credible organisation in aiding the recovery of the UK economy.</p> <p>It represents 255000 UK registered motorhome owners in the UK and thousands of EU visitors.</p> <p>Nantwich is a prime location for motorhomes as it is a half way point for holidaymakers travelling from the midlands and beyond to Wales and vies versa including people from Eire coming vis Holyhead.</p> <p>There are as we know many experiences people would like to come to Nantwich and sample, including The Battle of Nantwich, The Jazz Festival and The Food Festival.</p> <p>This pandemic has caused huge problems and they are exasperated by massive numbers taking staycations including thousands of motorhome owners.</p>	<p>The Town Council does not own the car parks to introduce such an initiative. The Town Council could lobby CEC if they initiative is supported by Council.</p>	<p>Whilst the Town Council does not own the car parks, members agreed that such an idea could be incorporated within the tourism strategy, which may then assist with proposal coming to fruition with the aid of Cheshire East.</p>

<p>The UK is years behind the rest of Europe in recognising the potential revenue that can be generated by encouraging motorhomes to visit and spend in their towns.</p> <p>So how can this help Nantwich in the quest to raise the profile of the town and add more toilet blocks ?</p> <p>Well modern motorhomes are fully self contained units and can last 4 or 5 days without needing to empty their onboard waste tanks.</p> <p>There is a huge need for these service points to empty waste in the UK, nearly every village in France has a service point (aire) Spain And Portugal also have a similar idea and Germany has Stellplatz. U.K. travellers will tell you they make a point of topping up groceries and supplies at these locations.</p> <p>It would be quite easy to add a service point to any toilet block that has access for a vehicle to park adjacent, so car parks are ideal.</p> <p>By providing an external drinking water tap and a waste emptying point attached to the already installed sewage system, you could have a means of generating revenue and funding the refurbishment of toilets.</p> <p>A recent survey indicated that most motorcaravan owners would pay up to £5 to use a service point and a further £5per night if they could stay overnight at the same time and visit a nearby town ....I certainly would.</p> <p>Remember these are self contained units.</p> <p>Example figures:-</p> <p>10 visits per day to use a service point at £5 just to take on water and dispose of waste would generate £50 per day. Local shops could dispense the tokens to allow this which would bring people into the town and hopefully top up supplies, have a coffee etc. (Tried and tested throughout Europe)</p> <p>Motorhomes can tour for 365 days per year so that equates to a possible revenue stream of £18,250 per annum just for providing a tap and a waste point.</p> <p>Provide overnight motorhome bays and this doubles to £36,500 per annum.</p>		
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	<p>Experience shows that if overnight parking was provided in a town like Nantwich you would get more than 10 motorcaravans and they spend on average £45 per day in local shops and restaurants.</p> <p>They would pay for overnight parking at Pay and Display machines already installed and operation, making policing it easy by checking ticket in windscreen, but it could also generate money for Nantwich Town FC nearby which also has a large accessible car park near the town.</p> <p>The presence of motorhomes at recognised Aires could prevent possible anti social behaviour.</p> <p>You just have to look locally at Little Rodee car park in Chester to see there are motorhomes most nights.</p> <p>Hopefully these options could be considered as a potential revenue stream and I know from the site the organisers would be happy to supply further information if required</p> <p>You will find details on the facebook group or the website <a href="https://www.campra.org.uk/downloads/A%20Guide%20to%20Aires.pdf">https://www.campra.org.uk/downloads/A%20Guide%20to%20Aires.pdf</a></p> <p>I would like to wish you good luck with your campaign to improve the area in these difficult times but there is obviously a market there that just needs tapping into for little outgoing cost.</p>		
8.	<p>My request is simple. Please provide free overnight parking for self contained motorhomes. Toilet dump, grey water and fresh water would be nice but doesn't have to be at the same place as the parking. It could be at a petrol station for example. Parking could be at a normal car park with no height barriers or any other location. Obviously a view would be nice. Motorhomers are usually affluent so will spend in the area. We love meeting the local community and hope they also love meeting us as respectful visitors who litter clean any places we stay overnight for example.</p>	<p>The Town Council does not own the car parks to introduce such an initiative. The Town Council could lobby CEC if their initiative is supported by Council</p>	<p>See above comment.</p>
9.	<p>In respect of the plan for Nantwich town, I'd like to suggest that signs are placed in Wellington Road and in London Road, both sides of the level crossing, to ask drivers stopped waiting for a train to turn off their</p>	<p>This is not in the plan at present, and whilst the Town Council has no authority</p>	<p>Members agreed this comment will be incorporated with the following action: To play an active role in</p>

	engines. This would immediately improve air quality along Wellington Road, and London Road. Wellington Road is a residential road with housing along both sides, and is also a thoroughfare for Brine Leas, St Annes and Weaver School, so the pavements are often very busy. To improve the air quality here would give positive health benefits to walkers, and save fuel costs for drivers.	over the highway it could lobby CEC if the idea is supported. Many new model cars do have auto stop start engines.	influencing plans for major development/new transport infrastructure and reducing the town's carbon footprint
10.	I see little value in providing free WiFi in the town centre. I suspect the cost of providing it and the ongoing maintenance administration will be better spent elsewhere. also people are now getting phone plans with data over 45G . And finally it promotes more people walking round staring at a screen, and not really seeing Nantwich.	Does not support wifi action. Does the Town council wish to retain this action?	This action will be removed
11.	I would like to see the provision of a few public toilets , at the moment we only seem to have one by the market open office hours, perhaps we could get something organised to reopen another and for both to be open later than about 5:00 pm I think you use a couple for storage at the moment. This would be better use of public money than providing free wifi, which offer little to the people of Nantwich.	Does not support wifi action.  <b>Theme Two: Work with others to Preserve and promote local arts, heritage, culture and tourism</b> Action: Review current provision of public toilets introduce annual refurbishment programme, and feasibility study on former Snowhill site.	Members agreed this will be incorporated within theme two.
12.	I have read your Corporate Strategy 2020 - 2023, and have the following observations and comments: 1. I think it is a good strategy, and I think it is really positive that the council have asked for consultation with the town's members - this shows a really collaborative approach which should be echoed in other town councils. 2. Why was the last council strategy for 6 years, and this is for 3?	The current strategy is for the lifetime of the current Town Council elected members. The next elections are in 2023.	

	<p>3. Across the 5 Themes (page 13), there is no reference to businesses - will the Town Council be engaging with this stakeholder within the town?</p> <p>4. There are no deliverables against each of the actions? - How will the Town Council manage and monitor its progress throughout the lifespan of the strategy?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o More broadly than this - there is no reference to how the Council will seek to update its members of progress being made throughout the time period?</li> <li>o Once actions have been completed, will they be replaced by further actions? From my understanding, given the actions where the timetable notes it is 'ongoing through the length of this plan', there will be the following completion rate: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>☐ Theme 1 - 11 / 22 'ongoing through the length of this plan' ( 50% completion rate)</li> <li>☐ Theme 2 - 8 / 19 'ongoing through the length of this plan' ( 57% completion rate)</li> <li>☐ Theme 3 - 11 / 17 'ongoing through the length of this plan' (47% completion rate)</li> <li>☐ Theme 4 - 4 / 5 'ongoing through the length of this plan' (20% completion rate)</li> <li>☐ Theme 5 - 2 / 9 'ongoing through the length of this plan' (77% completion rate)</li> <li>☐ Overall 36 / 72 'ongoing through the length of this plan' (50% completion rate) - is this satisfactory to the Town Council?</li> </ul> </li> </ul> <p>5. A number of actions refer to 'feasibility' studies/ developing further programmes of work/ reviews - this document does not however give any suggestion about what the priorities are against the council's budget - if the various timescales for implementing any of the 5 themes of work conflict or overlap, will it be at the discretion of the council to decide what, and in what order, the actions will be implemented?</p>	<p>The consultation is open to all residents and keystakeholders.</p> <p><b>Theme One: Planning a sustainable future for our town</b></p> <p>Many of the actions under this theme will benefit the town and businesses, but there is no specific action linked to supporting businesses in the town.</p> <p>The Town Council will review success of the action by reporting on a quarterly basis during a full council meeting, which is open to the public.</p> <p>Some actions will be a continuous priority hence the requirement for them to be ongoing. For example playing an active role in influencing plans for major development, will be ongoing, with no end.</p> <p>The Strategic Plan will form part of the budget setting process each year, and will</p>	<p>Members agreed that the comments appear to suggest the format of the strategic plan should be changed, and as this would be a significant piece of work it is something that should be considered for future plans, and is only the opinion of one respondent.</p>
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	<p>6. There are a lot of assumptions around pre-defined plans and terms - I would say a glossary of terminology will help readers understand what the document is at times just alluding to. Examples of this run throughout the strategy, however to cite a couple of examples:</p> <p>1. 'To work with partners on a Public Realm Strategy' - what is the scope of this strategy?</p> <p>☐ Will this be a sub strategy which will fall under this theme?</p> <p>2. 'Devolution Deal with Cheshire East Council (CEC) as a framework to govern transfer of responsibility for key local assets and services to the Town Council subject to satisfactory due diligence'.</p> <p>☐ What is the Devolution Deal?</p> <p>7. I think the council can make more of the digital revolution which is being undertaken across society - the only reference to digital in this strategy document currently is looking at public wi fi. Examples of what the town council might consider relating to digital include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Facilitating interactions between members of the community to spread best practice of digital capability, in order to help the economic and social cohesion in Nantwich.</li> <li>o Liaise with businesses/ research and development organisations to understand how the council might incorporate digital capability across its areas of competence.</li> </ul> <p>8. There is no reference to how any implementation work will be tendered out? - I assume a lot of the work will be subject to public procurement regulations, however this is not referred to throughout the document?</p> <p>9. There is no mention throughout the document to the fall out from Covid-19 - once might assume that the Town Council would be keen to understand how this has impacted on the community, and how they might organise to aid the rebuilding of society afterwards?</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o There is no reference to how the Town Council will look to react given threats and opportunities which take place across a local, national, or international level? Perhaps the inclusion of a SWOT within this document would be advisable (it would showcase the Town</li> </ul>	<p>be prioritised by the Council, dependant on other budget pressures.</p> <p>Any future strategies will compliment the overarching Corporate Plan. The scope of such documents will be determined during development.</p> <p>Devolution Deal, is an agreement between the Town Council and CEC on if and how assets can be transferred to the ownership of the Town Council from CEC.</p> <p>There is currently no action relating to the digital revolution. If the Council support this idea then suitable technical specialist would need to be engaged.</p> <p>The Town Council is subject to its approved Financial Regulations for tendering, which are published on the website.</p>	<p>Members agreed that the introduction could be amended to include a reference to COVID 19.</p> <p>Members considered the inclusion of a SWOT, with the Clerk preparing some draft ideas, but members</p>
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	<p>Council's thinking to its members - and would be a deliverable against the democratic action).</p> <p>I am sure that a lot of these points will already be enshrined within the document already - I would question however how overt they are made within the document.</p>	<p>The document was developed pre COVID, but many of the actions will aid the recovery of the town and community.</p> <p>There is currently no SWOT analysis within the document.</p>	<p>agreed that they could not see how it would benefit the plan or aid in any of the actions.</p>
13.	<p>I would like to make the following comments.</p> <p>Page 3 If the Strategy is to take effect from 2020 is it not late now to be consulting on it?</p> <p>Page 4 The Town map does illustrate how much development has taken place on areas that are outside the Town boundary eg Eddleston, Stapeley and Acton. Can these areas be incorporated within the Town Boundary?</p> <p>Page 5 Is it correct to say that Nantwich has "splendid recreational facilities"?</p> <p>Page 8 Is the Town Ranger scheme actually in operation? There is certainly a need to improve the visual appearance of the Town's street furniture, weed problem and footpaths.</p> <p>Page 13 Can the location of Coronation Gardens and Brookfield be made clearer?</p> <p>Page 16 Is it necessary to consider a feasibility of "free public WIFI" ?</p> <p>Page 17 Pleased to see, at long last, The War Memorial refurbishment is included. This is long overdue! The plan should also include the</p>	<p>Many of the actions are already in progress, but due to COVID there was a delay in publishing the document. The Town Council has responded to the Boundary Review being carried out by CEC.</p> <p>The Town Ranger scheme is not currently in operation, due to COVID it was delayed.</p> <p>Does not support wifi.</p> <p>Action: Hold CEC to their street duties and encourage the public to do likewise</p>	<p>The plan is for the purpose of the Town and actions within its boundary of responsibility.</p> <p>Members agreed with the investment at Barony and Leisure Centre the wording is suitable.</p> <p>Members weren't sure how the locations could be made clearer.</p>

	<p>removal of much unnecessary and unsightly street furniture. The plan should include the promotion of better maintenance, painting and signage on properties around the Swinemarket. Also for the improvement of the planting area.</p> <p>Page 19 What are "KPIs?</p> <p>I think the plan should also include reference to the increasing number of empty and unsightly properties in the Town Centre. Consideration should be given by Councils and voluntary bodies to measures to improve their appearance and temporary use.</p>	<p>through 'Report It' web portal.</p> <p>Action: Ensure all street furniture is well maintained and where possible painted in town colours.</p> <p>Key Performance Indicators Action: Seek funding opportunities to help conserve and enhance the town's built environmental, heritage and historic structures</p>	
14.	<p>The Town Council itself will no doubt lose income as a result of the pandemic. The temptation for the Town Council might be to put off decisions, defer action and reduce expenditure. I contend that would be a mistake.</p> <p>The Town council should not shrink from use of reserves, borrowing, and raising revenue from all sources to achieve its aspirations.</p> <p>It is reassuring that elected representatives are considering these very important matters</p> <p>The Themes are the right ones and the Action Points are well chosen and relevant.</p>	<p>The Town Council is currently developing its budget for 2021/22 which will take into account the Corporate Plan priorities.</p>	

<p>Many of my suggestions are intended to attract visitors, because I think that by doing that shops and traders get extra customers and a virtuous circle is created—visitors support businesses, businesses thrive, other businesses are attracted to the town, catering for residents as well as visitors, and so on....</p> <p>If I have a reservation about the draft Plan, it is that while ‘the Market’ is mentioned in several places, the same is not true of ‘shops’ or ‘restaurants’</p> <p>There is no paragraph in the Plan in which tourism is specifically highlighted as a desirable objective</p> <p>I feel the Plan, and the Council, should explicitly recognise the importance and benefits of tourism to the town</p> <p>Reduce heavy traffic in the Town Centre ‘pedestrian’ area. In other towns, the servicing of shops and offices is done by vans or small lorries or even by trolleys or push carts. With the will, this could happen in Nantwich. I appreciate that the Town Council has not got the legal powers to impose such restrictions. But it could take the following steps-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Re-examine the Order imposing traffic restrictions and ensure it is being properly enforced</li> <li>• Consult with businesses and see if they will request their suppliers to reduce or restrict their deliveries and the size of the delivery vehicles;</li> <li>• Conduct a face to face survey to find out what shoppers feel about vehicles, especially heavy vehicles, in the ‘pedestrianised’ area;</li> <li>• Conduct a survey with photographs, video and notes to find out the extent and frequency of heavy vehicle deliveries in the town centre, especially in the early morning;</li> </ul>	<p><b>Theme One: Planning a sustainable future for our town</b>  Many of the actions under this theme will benefit the town and businesses, but there is no specific action linked to supporting businesses in the town.</p> <p><b>Theme Two: Work with others to Preserve and promote local arts, heritage culture and tourism</b>  Many of the actions under this theme are specific to tourism  There is currently no action linked to pedestrianisation, but Council could consider this request.</p>	<p>Members agreed that many of the actions detailed will aid and benefit traders. By making a vibrant town through tourism and events, it will have an affect on footfall and trading in the town.</p> <p>Members agreed that whilst there were sufficient actions relating to tourism, the wording in the body of the plan could have additional section recognising the importance of tourism.</p> <p>Members agreed that an additional action could be added to review the suitability of the existing traffic order in the town.</p>
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<p>Even if nothing came of this, the approaches to business, the views of shoppers and visitors and the publicity surrounding such efforts might, of itself, persuade businesses to look closely at their deliveries and put pressure on suppliers to act more considerately.</p> <p>Promote the Proposed Nantwich South By pass. Suggest a Brief be commissioned by the Town Council outlining the case, stronger than ever, for a Southern Bypass. Such Brief to be professionally produced by a specialist traffic engineers and copies supplied to persons who might influence this matter, including Cheshire East Council, Cheshire MPs, the Transport Secretary and local parish councils.</p> <p>Create a Link between High Street and Pepper Street. Could the Town Council approach the owners involved, and perhaps for a small licence fee, try to reinstate this passageway? It would be an informal arrangement, independent of the Highway Authority, so insurance arrangements might have to be considered.</p> <p>Increase Parking –promote development at Snow Hill. is very important, if Nantwich is to retain its shopping offer, that the availability of car-parking (probably, in the future, for electric cars) is improved or at very least maintained. A (low) multi-storey car park has been mooted at Snow Hill. Indeed, it is outlined in the Local Plan.</p> <p>the Council, in association with Cheshire East, or retail experts, to produce a Brief for this area—a well produced brochure which could be promoted by agents (at a fee) to possible developers</p> <p>Facilitate parking for Coaches. one approach, which may already be operated, would be to drop passengers at somewhere like the bus station, park the coach at somewhere like the Football Club, then return at a pre-arranged time to pick up the coach party. Such arrangement could be publicised to coach firms.</p>	<p>This is currently not detailed within the plan. Council would have to consider its view on this request.</p> <p>Council would need to consider its view on this request.</p> <p>The Town Council is actively working with CEC to increase parking provision within the town.</p> <p>This is a good initiative supported in other towns. The Council would need to rely on partnership working</p>	<p>Members agreed that this comment is incorporated within action: To play an active role in influencing plans for major development/new transport infrastructure and reducing the town’s carbon footprint. But agreed it could be added to by giving the by-pass as an example.</p> <p>See earlier comments on car parking review.</p> <p>Members agreed that this could be another good idea to be incorporated within a tourism strategy.</p>
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<p>Pressure CEC to provide a much needed path to the Railway Station. The Town Council could persuade Cheshire East to use some section 106 contribution cash for this path to surface and clear it.</p> <p>Provide features at the Millenium Clock, Lake and in Town to appeal to children and parents. I suggest it has reached the end of its useful life and should be replaced, not repaired. There is no legal commitment to retain it. Instead of the 'skeleton' clock which currently exists, I suggest a 'Heath Robinson' or 'Tim Hunkin, Neals Yard/ Southwold Pier' type of clock. This could be designed and made by local college students or engineering apprentices. Children would love it!</p> <p>A 'monster' in Nantwich Lake. The fountain (which the Town Council were not involved in) was apparently not a success. But a green eyed monster which rises from the depths twice a day would certainly attract tourists</p> <p>In some towns they have a 'Burlington Bertie'. It is a train--actually a series of small carriages, pulled by a little motor vehicle, painted up as a locomotive, which takes people round the town with a commentary, to see the main sights.</p> <p>Lights, buskers and events to be encouraged. buskers should be a regular feature. Would a dramatic production like the one about 20 years ago--'Out of the Ashes'-- be worth staging again?</p> <p>Create a Town of Flags and Banners. Occasionally, Union flags are displayed, their poles in the tubes. Again, they look impressive. Could I suggest a further step? Namely, banners and flags of different colours and designs--medieval banners, for example, or flags and banners</p>	<p>should the idea be supported.</p> <p>Action: To work with partners on a Public Realm Strategy</p> <p>The Millennium clock is currently an action for repairs, Council would need to consider this request for replacing the clock.</p> <p>This idea is very popular during town carnivals in other towns and proves very popular.</p> <p>There are mixed views on buskers, some people</p>	<p>Members also agreed that given the responses on the draft plan and the comments on tourism that the action date should be changed to developing a tourism strategy by October '21.</p> <p>Given the number of comments on the millennium clock members agreed to change the wording of the action to reviewing the effectiveness of the clock and other features in the town and consult with the public on future provision.</p> <p>Another idea that could be incorporated within the Tourism Strategy.</p> <p>See earlier comments on the management of the town centre.</p>
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	<p>designed and created by local schools. A 'town of banners' would be a sight to see.</p> <p>Advertise the Market. Maybe a publicity campaign – 'the Friendliest Market in Cheshire'</p> <p>Resources for Ground maintenance. Ground Maintenance. Bearing in mind the few staff currently employed in this activity, it would seem that an increase in the number of staff would be required</p> <p>Transfer Open Spaces from CEC-- make management and maintenance local. Perhaps the Town Council would consider taking the ownership of these areas from Cheshire East, with a suitable annual 'dowry,' and maintaining and managing them.</p> <p>Generate power for the town from the River. I would suggest that the Town Council set up a small working party to explore this idea.</p> <p>Let the Town see the River. it is a great shame that the river cannot be seen and appreciated by residents and tourists. Probably it is Cheshire East that cuts the grass and leaves the verges but I would suggest that they be urged to cut right up to the water. If this involves extra expense, perhaps the Town Council could either offer to do the mowing of areas of the open spaces surrounding the river on behalf of the CEC for a payment (and hopefully do it more economically, so the cost of cutting to the water would not be excessive) or alternatively, make up the difference in cost by a payment to CEC.</p> <p>Public Toilets are an essential amenity for residents and tourists. The Comfort Scheme is certainly a waste of money at a time of Covid and probably not very useful anyway. think the money spent on the Comfort Scheme would be far better spent on providing authentic public loos which are well maintained and clean, perhaps with an</p>	<p>appreciate them and others do not. The Town Council would have to take a view.</p> <p>Flags, bunting and banners are thought to make a town more attractive.</p> <p>A video has just been commissioned and developed.</p> <p>Action: To work with traders to develop ideas to help improve and protect the future of the Market Hall.</p> <p>Action: Focus on play provision and enhancement of play facilities in Nantwich through asset transfer of play areas</p> <p>Action: Develop open spaces devolution programme to protect and enhance important open spaces together with a capital programme so devolution "makes a difference" and reverses impact of underfunding, including</p>	<p>Members agreed that the action relating to Gateway Signs could include market advertising.</p>
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	<p>entrance charge. If the toilets are being phased out by the Town Council due to vandalism, then the vandals have won.</p> <p>these projects take months to research, plan and begin and even longer to come to fruition. Now is the time to consider them and now, I would urge, is the time to adopt, finance and commence</p>	<p>Coronation Gardens and Brookfield.</p>	
<p>15</p>	<p>General comments on the plan  We thought the plan was attractive and easily accessible to all interested stakeholders and residents.  However, the document makes no reference to the financial constraints the Town Council is currently under in relation to the pandemic, and how the pandemic is likely to shape Council funding, and hence its actions, over the lifetime of the strategy. Difficult decisions will have to be taken about what actions the Council will fund and to what degree. The Council needs to make this clear in the strategy.  Comments on specific page content  p5 'It's attractive old buildings....' should read 'Its attractive old buildings'  Comments on aspects relating to Nantwich in Bloom  p.8 Functions and Service Responsibilities of Nantwich Town Council Grounds and Environmental Services  Nantwich in Bloom is listed but no other local voluntary organisation Does this imply that that NIB comes under direct control of Nantwich Town Council?  NIB should be identified as a partner or recipient of funding along with other voluntary organisations.  p.10 Continued financial support for NIB (from 2020) - Good  p.13 Key Objectives -Theme 1 Planning a sustainable future for our town  Nantwich in Bloom are interested in anything listed under Service Area - Grounds and Environmental Services  p13 'Hold CEC to its street duties ..... '</p>	<p>The plan was developed before the impact of COVID. The plan will be used in preparing the budget for 2021 onwards. It is correct that some difficult decision will need to be made.</p> <p>Typo</p> <p>This wording can be misleading and should be amended. It is the Grounds and Environmental Service area that would work with NiB volunteers.</p> <p>Yes, all CEC obligations</p>	<p>See earlier comment about including reference to COVID 19 in the introduction.</p> <p>Member agreed with the comment of the Clerk to amend the wording.</p>

<p>Does this include weeds? A major eyesore in town, these are a detriment to Nantwich in Bloom's activities</p> <p>Also, we would like clarity on where CEC's duties end and those of other stakeholders (TC, Church etc.) begin.</p> <p>p.14.'Seek to extend and improve our floral display through continued support of NIB' Good</p> <p>The plan's focus in relation to Nantwich in Bloom seems to be only on Floral Display -Nantwich in Bloom does have a wider remit and interests, i.e. Environmental and Community links - does this need publicising more?</p> <p>'Seek opportunities to work with Nantwich Partnership to utilise the green spaces and river frontage within the town' Agree</p> <p>Further explanation required - Utilising for what? Recreation, tourism?</p> <p>p14 'Work with partners to consider possibilities for trees / woodland spaces...'</p> <p>Which partners? Does this involve Nantwich in Bloom?</p> <p>p.16 Theme 2 -Working with others to preserve and promote local arts, heritage, culture and tourism</p> <p>Work with local community organisations to support events, activities and volunteer programmes across the town -we support this</p> <p>p.17 'Carry out new town centre signage and street furniture scheme in town centre, with interpretation points and Tourist Information panels for public spaces', Agree</p> <p>Can interpretation boards and Tourist Information panels give some information about Nantwich in Bloom?</p> <p>'Install gateway features at entrance to town'. This should include the Railway Station.</p> <p>Theme 4 Supporting people, groups and organisations</p> <p>p.20 'Encourage coordination and foster collaboration between community groups' We support this</p> <p>Theme 5</p> <p>Delivering more services locally to meet the needs and aspirations of our community.</p>	<p>There is often confusion over service responsibilities within local government organisations. The aim of the Functions and Service responsibilities on p.8 would clarify this.</p> <p>Utilising "make practical and effective use of" so this would include all aspects including recreation and tourism.</p> <p>It would include all interested partners</p> <p>It is possible to have anything of interest on Tourist information points. Each TiP could have different information on. This would be determined during development.</p>	<p>Members confirmed the importance of all partners.</p>
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	<p>p.21 'Extend and improve floral displays within the town Responsible Officer -Facilities Manager Timescale by Summer 2021' Further explanation of this statement is needed in relation to Nantwich in Bloom - does this relate to the role of Ansa? Displays outside Civic Hall? Displays outside St Mary's Church? Is the implication that displays can be improved? Could NIB help identify priority areas for improvement?</p>	<p>It would require the Facilities Manager to work with ANSA, and NiB to help increase floral displays throughout the town.</p>	
16	<p>The Open Spaces are not just the green spaces but also the hard urban spaces: Town Square, church precincts and all the historic streets. The entire breadth of our environment needs to be included and given attention.</p> <p>The quality of maintenance of the urban environment – the public realm – has fallen over the years. Historic pavements of the Conservation Area are sunken, cracked and unsightly. There is also a definite need for street furniture to be better maintained.</p> <p>Empty Shops is not as great as in some other towns, thankfully, but it is still a threat to the livelihoods of the retail and business sector. We would like NTC to take up a campaign to identify the owners of these empty premises or scruffy shopfronts to encourage them to clean and repaint their frontages</p> <p>On Open Spaces, you identify Coronation Gardens and Brookfield for improvement but others are equally if not more important and better used. The Lake and River - - side open spaces and Pathway system have been really well used and valued by residents and visitors alike and not just over this past, difficult year. It is such an under resourced feature of</p>	<p>Action: Ensure all street furniture is well maintained and where possible painted in town colours.</p> <p>This is not currently an action, so would need to be considered by council.</p> <p>Action: Develop open spaces devolution programme to protect and enhance important open spaces together with a capital programme so devolution “makes a</p>	<p>Members agreed with the Clerks comments</p>

	<p>the town, running right through close to the shopping areas yet has not had commensurate amounts of CEC funds spent on it.</p> <p>Opportunities for more trees and woodland in the town are very limited but the riverside still has potential - provided it is done intelligently.</p> <p>Our members like the suggestion of repairing the Pillory but have suggested the immediate environs with stone pavings, bollards are improved to reflect this piece of our history.</p> <p>the Millennium Clock - Can another public feature take its pace perhaps, rather than this confusing often embarrassing artefact remain?</p> <p>Play Equipment in and around the town is sadly lacking in amount and quality.</p> <p>We are not sure there is a need for public Wi-Fi now, and it may become quickly irrelevant and costly.</p> <p>Tourism does need to be publicised, coordinated and better managed – but the basics must be in place first. Opening hours to include weekends and bank holidays seem an obvious advantage for tourists and visitors.</p>	<p>difference” and reverses impact of underfunding, including Coronation Gardens and Brookfield. <i>This action includes all identifiable locations.</i></p> <p>Action: Seek opportunities to work collaboratively with Nantwich Partnership to utilise the green spaces and river frontage within the town</p> <p>Action: Work with partners to consider possibilities for additional trees and future woodland areas in the town.</p> <p>The extend of the work suggested has not been included with the action plan, so would need to be considered by council.</p> <p>This is the second request for an alternative feature.</p> <p>Action: Focus on play provision and enhancement of play facilities in Nantwich through asset transfer of play areas</p>	<p>Members agreed with the Clerks comments</p> <p>Members agreed to amend the wording of the action relating to the Millennium clock.</p> <p>It was agreed to remove this action.</p> <p>See earlier comments relating to a Tourism Strategy and review of TIC services.</p>
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	<p>Public toilet provision is also vital for everyone using the town – residents and visitors alike. We welcome your suggestion of opening the Snow Hill Toilets. All WC Facilities need to be open seven days a week.</p>	<p>A number of responses have suggested this is not required.</p> <p>Action: Develop a customer service strategy. This action/strategy could include the review of the tourist information centre opening times.</p> <p>The Clerk is seeking proposals for outsourcing the service which would result in a 7 day service if approved.</p>	<p>Members agreed with the Clerks comments.</p>
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