

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME

APPLICATION FOR NANTWICH TOWN COUNCIL

Statement - Leadership in planning for the future

Planning application consultation responses – The Town Council ensures that all planning applications are considered at either the full council meeting or a relevant committee each month. Members of the public are welcome to attend the meetings, and there is a section on the agenda under public participation allowing residents to make representations on planning applications. Recent examples where residents have participated can be found in the minutes for 18 November 2021, 8th October 2020, 30 March 2021, 4 March 2021, 14 January 2020.

Corporate Plan – In 2020 the Town embarked on the development of a Corporate Strategic Plan. A working party was established with representatives from the town council and Nantwich Town Partnership. An extensive consultation was conducted with residents and stakeholders in September 2020 (see attached responses) and the plan was approved on 10th December 2020. The Town Council agreed that it would not develop a Neighbourhood Plan because at the point of developing the Corporate Plan the boundary of the town did not have any land available for significant future developments. So, it is not a traditional Town Plan that many town and parish councils produce but is a document that aims to set out what the Council can achieve rather than a document that seeks to influence others on issues that are not directly under the control of the Council. When Cheshire East complete the Community Governance review and if the boundaries for Nantwich are amended to incorporate land for development the Town Council will look to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.

Climate Change – In November 2021, the Town Council declared a Climate Emergency and agreed to set up a stakeholder working party which will be tasked with considering the climate change situation in Nantwich and bring forward recommendations for climate change actions, to reduce the carbon footprint of the Council and the town. There are ten members from the community on the working party and the first meeting was held on xx March 2022.

Tourism – In November 2021, the Town Council agreed to develop a Tourism Strategy. This will be a process of leading, influencing and coordinating the management of all the aspects of the town that contribute to a visitor's experience, taking account of the needs of visitors, residents, businesses and the environment. The visitor economy involves a full set of experiences delivered by many organisations in the public, private and voluntary sectors, therefore a working party was formed to agree a plan, set a direction and identify key actions.

Partnerships – The Town Council has representatives on both the Civic Society and Nantwich Town Partnership, with a budget set to aid the delivery of key projects for the town, for example the improvements at Mill Island near the River Weaver, which included introducing new features such as seating areas, decorative boulders and Cherry tree planting.

Planning Consultation – The Town Council responds to consultations on wider strategic planning such as the Community Governance Review. The Town Council responded to the initial Community Governance review in early 2020, and again to the formal consultation in October 2021. In July and September, the Town Council responded to the Cheshire East Highways/Transport pilot for bus routes and the Bus Service Improvement Plan.