

Council Plan 2022 2023

This plan sets out the priorities of the Town Council for the period 2023 2027.

2022 - 2023 New Initiatives and Projects 1-4

No	Priority	Initiative / Project
1	1	<p>Local Government Reorganisation Working Group</p> <p>The Council will establish a Local Government Reorganisation Working Group tasked with scoping issues specific to Kirkby Stephen Town Council and impacted by Local Government Reorganisation (LGR). The purpose being to establish a positive and beneficial future relationship with Westmorland & Furness Council beyond vesting day in April 2023 and linked to Memorandums of Understanding between Kirkby Stephen Town Council, Eden District Council, Cumbria County Council and the Shadow Authority Westmorland and Furness Council.</p> <p>Kirkby Stephen Town Council will seek to protect the service level agreements with upper tier councils that underpin the employment of some of its staff going forward and to identify beneficial positions relating to the provision of services and facilities where these are provided jointly with existing higher tier authorities going forwards.</p> <p>Kirkby Stephen Town Council will seek to identify new opportunities that may arise through LGR for the establishment of a new civic amenity/venue & for the betterment of play facilities in Kirkby Stephen.</p> <p>Cllrs Murray, Dew, Richardson (Chairman) and Clerk.</p>
	Working Group	
2	1	<p>Planning and Development of Silver Street Gardens.</p> <p>The council will progress the development of a refurbishment plan for the Silver Street Gardens establishing a memorial to former Chairman Joan Johnstone and with the negotiated consent of the Highway's Authority improving access to the gardens.</p>
	Lead	Cllr Richardson.
3	1	<p>Properties (Portfolio)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The Council will maintain its progress with making registrations of its property assets at the Land Registry to include: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1. Hills Bottom, Via Kilvingtons Solicitors 1.2. Market Place, Via Eden District Council's Legal Services Department 1.3. Cloisters, Via Eden District Council's Legal Services Department 2. The Council will maintain progress with the improvement of access at Edensyde and Stenkrieth Parks. Negotiating with land owners as necessary. 3. The Council will work to clear the backlog of maintenance works required at the newly acquired Visitor Information Centre.
	Lead	Cllr Murray.
4	3	<p>South Road Traffic</p> <p>The council is not directly responsible for the management maintenance or operation of the Highway. This is the responsibility of the County Council. Enquiries will be made with CRASH as to the installation of an SID adjacent to or</p>

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	Lead	in the Highway and if permission is obtainable a scheme progressed for consultation with residents where on street parking, needs to be reconciled with 'A Road' traffic flow at South Road Clerk.
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No	Priority	Initiative / Project
5	1	<p>Jubilee Park Charity Management Plan</p> <p>The Council is sole trustee of the Jubilee Park Charity (Charity number: 504940). It will maintain its implementation the adopted Management Plan to 2026.</p> <p>The Council will:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Establish Jubilee Park Volunteers Mailing List. 2. Increase funds available to Park Charity & seek capital funds for identified capital works. 3. Register 'First Title' to Jubilee Park at the Land Registry in the name of the Jubilee Park Charity (sole trustee Kirkby Stephen Town Council) 4. Work with the adjacent landowner to improve access and amenity at the entrance to the park 5. Develop a bid to Inspire Eden Rounds #1 & #2. 6. Monitor implementation of the management plan through the existing and dedicated working group/council. 7. Discharge its responsibilities as a charity. <p>Lead Cllr Wren & Working Group.</p>
6	1	<p>Evergreen Community Trust Kirkby Stephen Youth Centre</p> <p>The Council will maintain its support for the development of a dedicated youth facility in Kirkby Stephen by:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Supporting the newly established independent 'Evergreen Community Trust' (Charity number: 1198647) in its fundraising to refurbish the building. (£41.6 of an estimated requirement of £97k achieved to date.) The Clerk will continue to assist the Evergreen Community Trust with remaining fundraising for the Capital Project and implementation. 2. Maintaining a restricted reserve to hold funds for the project while the trustees apply for Charitable Status and open a bank account as a charity. 3. Maintaining small scale grant funding to the Evergreen Community Trust through an allocation of its free resource (Section 137, Local Government Act 1972) 4. An Inspire Eden Round #1 application has been made and will be developed to the benefit of the Evergreen Community Trust and Kirkby Stephen Youth Centre. <p>Lead Cllr Dew as Chairman of the Evergreen Community Trust</p>
7	1	<p>Transport Audit</p> <p>The council will complete the delivery of a Transport Audit examining existing provision and gaps in provision and anticipating future trends using a Bus Services Operators Grant (BSOG) and working with consultant Alistair McBride.</p>

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	Lead	The Council will publish and disseminate the results and findings of the audit to provide an evidence and advocacy base to support further calls for investment, action and delivery anticipating significant change in the transport sector. Cllr Walker
8	1 Lead	Kirkby Stephen Market The Council will maintain its progress with research and development of the Market seeking investment in the Market working with colleagues in the Economic Development Department at Eden District Council. An Inspire Eden Round 2 application will be prepared. Cllr Lancaster.
9	2 Lead	Upper Eden Business Network The Council act to assist the development of an <u>Upper Eden Business Network</u> . An Inspire Eden Round 2 application will be prepared. Cllr Lancaster.
10	1 Lead	Support for Local Events The Council will maintain its support for beneficial local events: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Westmorland Dales Day 2. Easter Vehicle Rally 3. 200th Anniversary of the Stockton to Darlington Railway. 4. Townwide 1940's event in 2023 5. Christmas Lights Facilitating and supporting with small grants using the free resource in line with the Small Grants Policy adopted in 2022. Clerk
11	1 Lead	Good Neighbours The Council will maintain its administrative and practical support for the 'Good Neighbours' support programme through Local Links. Council and Community Centre Officer
12	2 Lead	Town Signage The Council will work with the Highways Department of the County Council to improve and renew signage in the Town working with the County Council's Community Development Team (Eden). The Town Council will seek to include a review of the town's 'Gateway Signage'. Clerk