

Corporate Plan

The new Corporate Plan working group has been convened. The Corporate Plan is the principal document that sets out the Council's strategic direction for the next five years. A draft document will be sent out for consultation at the end of the summer.

North Downs Forum

There was a lively discussion at the recent North Downs Forum which was held in Elham Village Hall. Biodiversity, sustainability, the health and management of the Nailborne stream and land management were all discussed. The next North Downs Forum will be held in Stelling Minnis, date to be confirmed.

Otterpool Park

Interviews for the Independent Chair of the Otterpool Park LLP Board have been held and the post will shortly be filled. Negotiations with Homes England are continuing but are being impacted by purdah.

Folkestone – A Brighter Future

Folkestone Activation, as part of the Folkestone – A Brighter Future project, will be happening through the summer months between June and September. There will be various street activities, a food festival, arts and crafts market, a sports day and a teenage market. The team are really keen to hear thoughts, ideas and suggestions on what other activities can be staged.

Ward Members Grant

I am pleased to tell you that your District Council have recently announced their Community projects grant funding of £90,000. Each ward member has a budget of up to £3,000 to award to initiatives in their ward. Applications for 2024/25 are now being accepted. These grants can be vital to smaller, local organisations that have fewer opportunities to access grant funding from other sources so I would encourage eligible groups to contact me, and I can give you details of how to apply.

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