Town Plan Action Points

| **ISSUE** | **RECOMMENDED ACTION** | **PRIORITY** | **PARTNERS** | **TARGET TIMESCALES** | | **SUGGESTED RESPONSIBILITY** | **RESPONSE** |
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| **POLICING** | | | | | | | |
| **This section was broken down into 4 sub-sections: the desire for Police presence, the general feelings/emotions attached to safety as a result of local Policing, the ability to contact the Police by phone/internet, and the effectiveness of the PACT initiative (Partners And Communities Together).** | A Police contact point in the centre of town open from 9am to 8pm. | High | Police, B&NES | Autumn 2014 | | Police | There will be an office in the new development, the community team to be based there. |
| A definite Police presence needed outside the contact point opening times, i.e. evenings and late at night. | Med | Police, Town Centre Management Working Party | 12 months | | Police | Police vehicles patrol regularly. PCSO’s and Beat Managers are available 7 days a week. |
| A more visible Police presence primarily in the High St/Park during the day. | Low | Police, Town Centre Management Working Party | 12 months | | Police | There is a police presence in this area. |
| More information on Policing issues available to the public | High | Police | 6-12 months | | Police | There is a quarterly newsletter provided specific to Keynsham. These are available in the Town Council office and around the town. |
| The awareness of the portals for reporting crime. i.e. 101 and website. | High | Police, KTC, B&NES | 6-12 months and on-going | | Police | 101 and the new website are now up and running. |
| Better publicity of the PACT process and how it has been effective locally to encourage greater attendance and participation. | Med | Police, B&NES, KTC | On-going | | Police | There is now one combined meeting for Keynsham. |
| **TOWN CENTRE DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | | | |
| **This section looked at the forthcoming development of the Town Centre ad asked specifically about what respondents feel the facility should contain.** | The redevelopment of The Centre to include shops heritage and a one-stop-shop. | High | B&NES, KTC | Autumn 2014 | | B&NES | Planning consent for the redevelopment of the Town Hall redevelopment was granted in October 2012 and work commenced on site shortly afterwards.  This followed extensive consultation with the local community and specifically targeted consultation with the Keynsham Community Focus Group on a series of design changes to the final scheme.  The building work will take approximately two years to complete – target completion Autumn 2014.   A range of public services will be provided within the One-Stop-Shop once complete, including a new library. In addition there will be a multi-functional space available for community uses on the upper floor. The building will also showcase a range of Keynsham’s historic artefacts, including the mosaic which will be displayed in the floor of the library. As the work on site progresses, the community will be involved in a public art project which will commence late Spring 2013. Progress on the site can be tracked on the Council’s website: [www.bathnes.gov.uk/keynshamregen](http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/keynshamregen) *- Response by Emily Price, Senior Development Officer* |
| Consultation on the regeneration plans needs to take various forms responding to the various ways people preferred to be consulted. This is to ensure it reaches the whole community. | High | B&NES, KTC, The Regeneration Focus Group | Now and on-going | | B&NES | The Council has reviewed the remit and membership of the Keynsham Community Focus Group which now includes all key developments within Keynsham. The purpose of the group is to provide a sounding board for key developments within Keynsham. Formal consultation will be required on all developments in the town. The Focus Group may also be responsible for recommending ways of communicating and consulting with the local community. Terms of Reference and notes of the meetings are available to view on the Keynsham Town Council website. |
| The proposed one-stop-shop within the new regeneration plans should include the police and other public services. | High | B&NES, Police, Other agencies | Autumn 2014 | | B&NES | As above |
| Those who volunteered should be contacted to take part in helping the library or Keynsham Heritage Trust. | High | Keynsham Heritage Trust, Library Service | Now and on-going | | Each receiving organisation |  |
| **TRANSPORT AND ROAD SAFETY** | | | | | | | |
| **This section focused on the way in which Keynsham residents travel around the town, utilise public transport and transfer to areas outside the town boundaries.** | The introduction of a circular bus service providing frequent connections with the X39 (both ends of the town by-pass), Vue Entertainment Complex, Aspects Leisure Centre Longwell Green, Keynsham Town Centre, Railway Station, Health Centre and the estates. | Med | B&NES, Bus Operators, KTC, Dial-a-Ride | 2015 | | Bus Operators and B&NES | Mott Macdonald have been appointed to undertake a Transport study of Keynsham. The study will consider various options for improving the routes and infrastructure of the public transport. |
| The development of a transport hub. | Med | B&NES, Bus Operators. KTC, Dial-a-Ride | 2015 | | Bus Operators and B&NES | Mott Macdonald have been appointed to undertake a Transport study of Keynsham. The study will consider various options for improving the routes and infrastructure of the public transport. |
| The introduction of real-time information at bus stops. | High | Bus Operator, B&NES | On-going | | Bus Operators and B&NES |  |
| The development of pedestrian and cycle-safe access to the Bristol/Bath cycle path. | High | B&NES, South Gloucestershire Council | 2015 | | B&NES | As above.  Response from South Glos CC. SGCC have been concentrating on the cycle/pedestrian route to Bristol and have built approx. 200m of the new path near the ring road bridge. They have undertaken initial engaged with landowners concerning the most eastern link to the railway path with varying degrees of success. They will continue their discussions with landowners but to kick-start any works they will need a budget and this will not be forthcoming for the coming year as all monies will go towards the route to Bristol. |
| Further consultation on the benefits of a one-way road link from Carpenters Lane to The Labott to avoid vehicles doing U-turns in Temple Street. | Med | B&NES, Land owners (including Somer Community Housing Trust) | 6-12 months | | B&NES | Transport Study will consider various options to improve access and movement in the High Street. |
| **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** | | | | | | | |
| **The section looked at the respondent’s opinions towards redeveloping the Cadbury factory/Somerdale area, thoughts on the economic incentives available from B&NES/Town Council and ways in which the Council can improve the economic viability of Keynsham.** | Sustain adequate free parking | High | B&NES, KBA, KTC | 6-12 months | | KTC & B&NES | B&NES are due to implement 2 hour free parking in Keynsham.  ***B&NES - See response from Chris Major in Parking Section*** |
| Continue to offer discretionary rate rebates particularly to encourage new businesses. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | On-going | | KTC & B&NES | KTC encouraged B&NES Council to apply rate rebates to the businesses in Temple Street.  Small Business Rate Relief – This relief is aimed at helping small businesses where they are not entitled to another mandatory relief, or are liable for unoccupied property rates and occupy a property with a rateable value which does not exceed £17,999 outside London (or £35,499 in London) will have their bill calculated using the lower small business non-domestic rating multiplie. In addition, if the sole or main property is shown on the rating list with a rateable value which does not exceed £12,000, the ratepayer may be eligible to receive a percentage reduction in their rates bill for this property of up to a maximum of 50% for a property with a rateable value of not more than £6,000.  *Sourced B&NES Website – http://www.bathnes/businessrates/rate-relief-and-exemptions/small-business-rate-relief* |
| The retention of the Fry Club at Somerdale site. | High | Lead developer, B&NES, Kraft, KTC | 18 months | | Lead developer | Further to your letter to my colleague Phil Court, TW confirm that we will be taking action to address the issues under our control. The retention of the Fry Club is part of our proposals for the redevelopment of the site and should be delivered 2014. – *Adrian Slade, Project Director, Taylor Wimpey* |
| A mixed-use development at Somerdale site to include homes, jobs and community use. | High | Lead developer, B&NES, KTC, in consultation with community groups | 2015 | | Lead developer | Mixed use development – I would change date to on-going. – *Adrian Slade, Project Director, Taylor Wimpey* |
| The retention of some of the factory buildings at Somerdale site. | Med | Lead Developer, B&NES, KTC | 2015 | | Lead developer | Retention of buildings – again this is part of our current proposals for the redevelopment of the site. – *Adrian Slade, Project Director, Taylor Wimpey* |
| The retention of the existing avenue of trees at Somerdale site, the playing fields in front of the factory and the views to the surrounding countryside. | High | KTC, B&NES | 6-12 months | | KTC&B&NES | Tree Preservation Order 2012 – Somerdale No.27 came into force in May 2012. Outline plans for the Somerdale underwent public consultation in February 2013 |
| Investigate further and provide clearer examples of what can be made of the surrounding areas of Somerdale, including extension to the Park, The Hams and improvements to the entrance to the site. | Med | Lead developer, B&NES, KTC | 2014 | | Lead developer | Surrounding areas – our proposals for the site include improvements to the entrance, works to the Hams and river walks, but not extension to the Park. We will be providing clear proposals as part of planning application. *– Adrian Slade, Project Director, Taylor Wimpey* |
| Promote Keynsham to larger employers and look at more ways of creating a better mix of shops that in turn would encourage more people to work in Keynsham. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | On-going | | KTC & B&NES | Creative Industries working party has been set up by KTC to encourage industries to the Somerdale site. |
| **PARKING** | | | | | | | |
| **We asked respondents to consider the availability of parking around the Town Centre, looking at how people use the current provisions and sought opinion on future ideas for handling the issue.** | That a full review of parking in Keynsham is carried out, taking into account both short-stay and long-stay needs. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | | 6-12 months | B&NES | Parking Services recognises the request to review the parking arrangements within Keynsham. Parking within Keynsham is constantly under review and whilst the current arrangements are not free in all locations there is a good mix of long and short stay parking areas. The closure of the civic Centre car park has, in the short term, increased the parking pressure in all locations but will reopen later in the year and will increase capacity in the long term. – *Chris Major* |
| Consult residents and businesses affected by parking issues on the pros and cons to decide the best course of action. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | | 6-12 months | B&NES | As above |
| The review should include the provision of an increase short-term free parking. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | | 6-12 months | B&NES | As above |
| **SHOPPING EXPERIENCE/HIGH STREET** | | | | | | | |
| **This section specifically targeted opinion on the facilities and a variety of shops in the Town Centre as well as looking at how the High Street could be altered to improve the shopping experience for both residents and visitors to Keynsham.** | Investigate further the viability of pedestrianizing the High Street. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | On-going | | KTC & B&NES | Transport Study will consider various options to improve access and movement in the High Street. |
| The introduction of at least a one-way traffic system in the High Street and Ashton Way, if full pedestrianisation is not viable. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | On-going | | KTC & B&NES | Transport Study will consider various options to improve access and movement in the High Street. |
| That further developments should reflect the character of the old market town. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA, Keynsham Civic Society | On-going | | KTC & B&NES | KTC planning & development committee may object to any that are not.  There are various policies that protect the Conservation Area – including Policy KE2 of the draft Core Strategy which states that development should *‘reinforce and enhance the historic character and qualities of the Conservation Area ensuring local character is strengthened by change’.* Developers would need to take this into account when proposing development within the Conservation Area. However, there are no resources within planning services at present to undertake a conservation area appraisal for Keynsham. Keynsham Town Council proposed last year to undertake and fund their own appraisal to which planning services were unfortunately only able to offer limited assistance. I believe that this project has been postponed but the Town Council themselves should be able to give you an update on this. We will be undertaking more detailed work on planning policies and designations as part of work on the Placemaking Plan later this year – hopefully this can involve more work on the Conservation Area. – *Neil Best.* |
| The provision of more public conveniences in the Town Centre | Low | B&NES, KTC | Autumn 2014 | | KTC & B&NES | The Council meeting in February agreed the headline budget for the next 3 years and this includes £120k savings to be made in the public toilets area from April 2014.  Detailed plans will now be worked on to implement this, based on the proposals outlined in the public consultation period.  This considered locations serving green spaces, parks, and transport facilities as a priority ahead of shopping precincts where in many cases alternative facilities can be found.  Part of the planning will review the opportunities for some facilities to come to another arrangement, such as a transfer to a resident group or Parish or Town Council to manage. We want to provide the right standard of modern and well maintained public conveniences that meet the needs of both residents and visitors to the district. By reducing the number of public toilets that Bath & North East Somerset Council maintains, we can invest some of the money raised from selling the remainder into improving standards, hygiene, and cleanliness for the people who use them.  Many locations we may propose to sell are close to either new, existing, or future public conveniences. With particular reference to Ashton Way car park toilets in Keynsham, new facilities will be provided as part of the town centre regeneration from Autumn 2014; Memorial Park toilets are proposed to remain open; and future opportunities for increasing publicly available provision will be sought through other new developments in the town or nearby through the planning process*. – response by Kate Hobson, B&NES Waste Management Officer* |
| Explore ways to encourage a better mix of shops and encourage more independent and specialist shops through incentives. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | On-going | | KBA | The Chamber of Commerce do not have much concern about empty shops or large retail chains. There are a few empty shops and they seem to be filled pretty quickly. Keynsham has mainly independent retailers and a good mix of goods on offer. We are hoping Keynsham’s reputation as a thriving shopping centre will grow with completion of the new building and success of the current retailers. The Chamber are holding a networking event to encourage more businesses owners and hopefully pass business and enthusiasm. |
| Promotion of Keynsham as a place for independent shops to thrive. | High | B&NES, KTC, KBA | On-going | | KBA & KTC | As above. |
| **COMMUNICATION** | | | | | | | |
| **This section sought to get a broad understanding of how respondents currently receive information about what is happening in Keynsham. It then went on to look at the preferences that people have towards having communications circulated in future. Respondents could choose more than one method.** | All methods of communication should be used to reach the whole community. | High | B&NES, KTC, all community groups | On-going | | KTC & B&NES | KTC do features in local newspapers produce and deliver a newsletter to all residents of Keynsham, keep the KTC website updated regularly.  B&NES communicates to local residents in many different forms, including its website www.bathnes.gov.uk, twitter, and Facebook and webcasting of Council meetings. It also uses its Connect magazine which is circulated to all residents on a quarterly basis to inform them about local public services and also through the local press. Consultation methods are also varied alongside the Councils e-consult system, public exhibitions etc. *– Response by Sara Dixon, B&NES Stronger Communities Co-ordinator, Policy & Partnerships* |
| Utilise and promote local community websites such as: [www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk](http://www.keynsham-tc.gov.uk) and [www.keynsham.co.uk](http://www.keynsham.co.uk) to inform local people about what is happening. | High | KTC, B&NES | On-going | | KTC & B&NES | KTC keep the website up to date with what is happening in Keynsham and at the Town Council.  B&NES currently manages the keynsham.co.uk and has made some design changes to improve accessibility for users. As there are other platforms where information about what’s on, local events etc are held (Keynsham people, town council, music festival, KChamber), a review of its effectiveness and purpose will need to be undertaken. This is not a high priority for the team and therefore I am unable to give any timescales of concluding this matter.  *Response by Sara Dixon, B&NES Stronger Communities Co-ordinator, Policy & Partnerships* |
| Develop a newsletter that is distributed via various methods. (both digital & print) | High | KTC, all community groups | 6 months | | KTC | A newsletter is produced and delivered to all residents 4 times a year. An Arts newsletter is also produced. |
| Continue to work with the local reporters to ensure news and information is reported through local newspapers. | High | B&NES, KTC, all community groups | On-going | | KTC and B&NES | This is done on a regular basis, KTC have a good relationship with local press. |
| **ENVIRONMENT** | | | | | | | |
| **This section covered understanding attitudes towards the town’s environmental impact, ‘Grow Your Own’ initiatives, energy conservation and Fairtrade.** | Keynsham should minimise the use of plastic bags. | Med | B&NES, KBA, Transition Keynsham | 12 months | | Transition Keynsham | Due to lack of interest from Keynsham businesses the Keynsham Canvas bag is on hold. |
| Provide more litter bins in Keynsham. | High | B&NES and KTC | 6-12 months | | B&NES and KTC | KTC has money in the budget to replace and provide new KTC bins as and when required.  B&NES have advised a list of bins in the main high street that are in need of repair or replacement. B&NES have advised that they need to be assessed and if considered bad enough to replace will be listed for replacement in next year’s budget, however the budget for bins in BANES is very small (£13,000 this year) the cost of each bin and installation is £478.  There are approximately 1500 bins of which ¾ are thought to be in need of replacement very soon. A larger budget is desperately needed. |
| Litter bins should be promoted as suitable for the disposal of bagged dog waste. | High | B&NES and KTC | 6-12 months | | B&NES and KTC | Stickers are on KTC bins informing users of this. |
| Promote a ‘Keep Keynsham Tidy’ campaign | Med | Transition Keynsham, KTC, B&NES | On-going | | KTC | The Keynsham Wombles is an on-going project and is part of SWIB. KTC support this. KTC’s ‘In Bloom’ Working Party as part of the SWIB entry encourages and supports entries from local organisations and community groups in the Its Your Neighbourhood competition. It’s Your Neighbourhood is a unique scheme for volunteered community gardening projects/groups which are focused on cleaning up and greening up their local area. The In Bloom Working Party leads on community projects e.g. Tidying up Keynsham Train Station. |
| Install more recycling points throughout the town. | High | B&NES | Autumn 2014 | | B&NES | A portion of the Weekly Collections Support Scheme funding that we have won from the DCLG is being allocated to increasing our Recycling on the Go litter/recycling bins and we are looking to identify some key suitable locations in Keynsham town centre, and we would be keen to discuss this with the Town Council soon.  This will give residents and visitors more opportunities to recycle newspapers and drinks cans and plastic bottles particularly while they are out and about.  Just to note, that as our household recycling collection service is very comprehensive, we no longer provide the older style “bring bank” type facilities, such as in car parks. *– Response by Kate Hobson, B&NES Waste Management Officer* |
| Provide cigarette butt disposal points outside public buildings. | High | B&NES and KTC | Autumn 2014 | | B&NES | I have the budget for replacing bins on the street generally, and this is spent on the Glasson type bins. I’m afraid that we do not supply cigarette specific bins for buildings, although if you mean Bath and North East Somerset Council owned buildings by ‘public buildings’, then property services may consider providing them. I would voice a note of caution here though, in that consideration must be given to who will empty the cigarette bins. If they are associated with a building then would it be facilities management for the building owner or would it be cleansing who empty the other LA bins on the street. If it is cleansing, I would suggest that you speak to Wayne Honey as he is the Neighbourhood Manager for that area and is the person that we liaise with when we are considering installing a bin. – *Response by Aled Williams, Environmental Protection Manager* |
| Provide opportunities for smaller initiatives that require minimal commitment from individuals, in order to get wider participation in helping the environment. | Low | Transition Keynsham, KTC, B&NES | On-going | | Transition Keynsham | There are 2 on going growing project. The Community veg in the Memorial Park and Wellsway flower patch. These are part of the SWIB entries. |
| Continue to support the group involved with the initiative for a Fairtrade Town. | Low | Fairtrade Group, KTC, local shops & businesses, B&NES, community groups | On-going | | Fairtrade Group |  |
| **HOUSING** | | | | | | | |
| **This section looked at opinions on locating affordable housing within Keynsham and the awareness of respondents concerning the provision of incentives or benefits in downsizing, specifically through Somer Housing initiatives.** | Support development of ‘brown-field’ sites and infilling as opposed to ‘green-field’ sites. | High | B&NES, KTC | On-going | | B&NES | Waiting for the Core Strategy. |
| Promote the benefits of down-sizing, in the interest of making the existing Social Housing stock accommodate the maximum number of people, to those that are interested. | Low | Somer Housing Community Trust, B&NES | On-going | | Somer Housing Community Trust\* | As part of the government welfare reform, they have introduced a bedroom tax in order to release properties that are under occupied. Due to this being in its early stages the impact are unknown at present. |
| **HEALTH & LEISURE** | | | | | | | |
| **Whilst considering people’s attitudes to health and leisure in general, this section also looked at perceived support for carers in Keynsham. There was also an area in this section that sought opinion on the sports facility at Wellsway School that, at the time was yet to be approved.** | Any new sports facility at Wellsway School should be for the benefit of the whole community. | Med | Wellsway School, KTC | 6-12 months | | Wellsway School | A new facility at Wellsway is now open and being used. |
| The existing Leisure Centre should be retained and improved irrespective of any future development on the Wellsway School site. | High | B&NES, KTC, Service provider | 2014 | | B&NES | The Council is considering options for a new leisure facility in Keynsham to replace the existing one as part of the regeneration of the town centre. An option is Ashton Way car park.  We anticipate confirming the location of a new leisure facility and submitting a planning application later in the year.  The community will be consulted on this before a planning application is submitted –*Response by Emily Price, Senior Development Officer* |
| Information about the support for carers should be actively promoted in the community | Med | Sirona, B&NES, Community care providers | On-going | | Sirona |  |
| Investigate ways of promoting exercise as a healthy lifestyle without approaching individuals for commitment. | Low | B&NES, GP services, Healthy Lifestyle Service | On-going | | Healthy Lifestyle Service |  |
| Provide adequate information on maintaining healthier lifestyle. | Med | B&NES, GP services, Healthy Lifestyle Service | On-going | | Healthy Lifestyle Service |  |
| **EDUCATION** | | | | | | | |
| **This section aimed to look at general opinion on school clubs, accessing school placements and then work-related training needs.** | Encourage schools to provide clear information on the breakfast and after-school clubs available. | Low | Schools, Keynsham Children’s Centre, B&NES | On-going | | Keynsham Children’s Centre |  |
| Continue current methods for placement of children at the schools of their choice. | Low | B&NES | On-going | | B&NES | Parents don’t have a statutory right to choose a school. When children start at primary school or transfer to secondary school they are given the opportunity to express a preference for up to 3 schools. If any school is oversubscribed the published admission criteria for the school is used to determine who will be offered a place. Parents will be offered the highest preference school at which they qualify for a place. If none of their preferences can be met we offer the nearest school to the home address with an available place.*-Response by Kevin Amos, Parent Support Services Manager* |
| Encourage local nursery providers to promote their services so that parents are aware of the range of options available to them. | Low | B&NES, Local nursery providers, Keynsham Children’s Centre | On-going | | B&NES | Family Information and Parent Partnership service would be the first point of contact for any childcare and information about schools and family related issues and activities. A new website has been set up called Rainbow Resource.  http://www.rainbowresource.org.  UK/rainbow\_resource/organisations  The Rainbow Resource Directory provides contact details and information of local and national organisations for families living in Bath and North East Somerset. – *Response by Jackie Fielder, B&NES Family Information Service Manager* |
| Particularly for those aged between 30 and 60 years, there should be promotion of the benefits and availability of training to improve job opportunities. | Med | Job Centre, Training providers, local employers, B&NES Skills and Employability Team | On-going | | B&NES Skills and Employability Team | We are not looking at any specific interventions for those between 30-60 years with in Keynsham other than those activities that are already underway through the local colleges. The unemployment level for this resident group is relatively low and present activity is underway in targeting employment opportunities on the Keynsham Regeneration Development for those 18-24, which is where there is a greater need for employment and training opportunities.  *Duncan Kerr, Principal EEB Development Officer, B&NES* |
| Continue to make available the right information on work related training, to those who need it. | Med | Job Centre, Training providers, local employers | On-going | | B&NES Skills and Employability Team | We will continue to work with the B&NES Learning Partnership to ensure that training related opportunities are made available and advertised through our Skills & Training web pages at  <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/business/economic-enterprise-and-business-development/skills-and-training> - *Duncan Kerr, Principal EEB Development Officer, B&NES* |
| COMMUNITY & NEIGHBOURHOODS | | | | | | | |
| **This section aimed to understand the current support and needs for community-based events/activities.** | Continue to support more community-based events/activities. | Med | KTC, KBA, Community groups | On-going | | KTC | KTC recently held a Community Networking event that will be repeated in 2014 due to its success. |
| The new Community Facility should have a wide remit with meeting rooms, exhibition space, performance space, learning & training areas, as well as information/advice points. | High | B&NES, KTC, The Regeneration Focus Group | Autumn 2014 | | B&NES | The redevelopment is under way and will include a wide remit as detailed. |
| The new facility should also include ‘hot-desks’ at a café | Med | B&NES, KTC, The Regeneration Focus Group | Autumn 2014 | | B&NES | This is being provided in the new development. |
| Create a means for people to learn about local volunteering opportunities and how to participate in them. | Low | B&NES, Community groups, KTC, The Volunteer Centre (Bath and North East Somerset) | On-going | | KTC and B&NES | KTC now hold an annual community networking event. The Voluntary Centre based in Bath have a link to the national data base doit.org |
| Members of the group developing the Community Facility should look to other areas for examples, e.g. Market Towns of a similar size, etc. | High | B&NES, KTC, The Regeneration Focus Group | On-going | | B&NES | Consultation has now ended. |
| **YOUNG PEOPLE** | | | | | | | |
| **This section, recognising the desire to engage fully with young people, was specifically aimed at seeking opinion from the young people of Keynsham and provided opportunity for more than one member of the household to respond. It covered 8 sub-sections: the big issues, socialising and spending free time, youth clubs and other organised activities, transport, young people’s voice, communication, guidance/advice and bullying.** | Identify places and venues around Keynsham where young people can meet. | High | KTC, Youth community groups | 6-12 months | | KTC’s Young People’s Liaison Group | Street Space project with St. John’s, Keynsham Methodist Church and Keynsham Town Council will start with a mapping exercise.  Keynsham Town Council Youth worker looking at potential alternative venue for Timeout youth centre. |
| Encourage local community groups to develop their own youth activities/programmes that could be supported in partnership with Keynsham Town Council youth service. | High | KTC, Youth community groups | On-going | | KTC’s Young People’s Liaison Group | Youth Liaison has a planned young inter-agency type meeting to look at how youth organisations and community groups can work more effectively together for benefit of young people. Event is planned for March/April 2014.  Partnership youth work has been delivered with groups such as Curo, Keynsham Town Football Club, local Churches, Police, BANES |
| Maintain the commitment to support existing youth groups and youth organisations across the town. | High | KTC, Youth community groups | On-going | | KTC’s Young People’s Liaison Group | Youth Liaison group is currently looking at ways of strengthening relationships amongst groups. Event is planned for March/April 2014 |
| Councils to develop a strategy that encourages businesses and traders into Keynsham to increase the town’s employment prospects. | High | KTC, Connections, B&NES, Youth community groups, KBA | On-going | | KTC’s Young People’s Liaison Group |  |
| Commit to create effective ways of listening to young people, gathering their opinions and responding to what has been said. | High | KTC, Youth workers, Community youth groups, Young People’s Liaison Group | On-going | | KTC’s Young People’s Liaison Group | Town Council is currently exploring possibility to start a youth council to listen to young people’s opinions.  Keynsham Town Council Youth Service has consultation with young people as an integral part of its delivery. |
| Youth Newsletter (paper, website and email) informing young people what is going on in Keynsham. | High | KTC, Youth workers, Community youth groups, Young People’s Liaison Group, B&NES | Now and on-going | | KTC’s Young People’s Liaison Group | There was a newsletter produced 12 months ago but unfortunately due to financial restraints this has not been repeated. @One has a Facebook page and the Town Council Youth Service is presently developing one. |
| Develop a youth council/forum in conjunction with Keynsham Town Council. | Low | KTC, Youth workers, Community youth groups, Young People’s Liaison Group | 6-12 months | | KTC’s Young People’s Liaison Group | This is presently been done – January 2014. |
| Create a wide and open opportunity for young people to participate in a youth council or at the least contribute to discussions on the Town’s Development. | High | KTC, Youth workers, Community youth groups, Young People’s Liaison Group, B&NES | On-going | | KTC’s Young People’s Liaison Group | The setting up of a young council would enable Young People to:  • Voice their concerns  • Participate in Local Government  • Be empowered to take decisions and action to improve their local community.  Youth Councils enable Local Councils to:  • Truly represent the whole of the community they live in  • Become more vibrant, modern and dynamic  • Encourage young people to vote and become councillors when they are old enough  • Improve services to young people  Youth Councils enables the Local Community to:  • Become safer and more sustainable  • More vibrant and progressive  • Improve services and be more representative |