

The services we provide

Economic development, regeneration, town centres, tourism, West Kent Partnership, West Kent Leader Programme, community grants, community plan, community safety, youth and parishes

Objectives

- Working with partners to improve the District by delivering actions in the Community Plan and the Community Safety Action Plan
- Supporting and developing the local economy through the Economic Development Action Plan, the West Kent Partnership and Leader Programme and our work with tourism providers
- Increasing the number of tourism visits in the District, the number of overnight stays and number of rooms in the District
- Working with and providing grants to voluntary and community groups to support projects that benefit the residents of the District

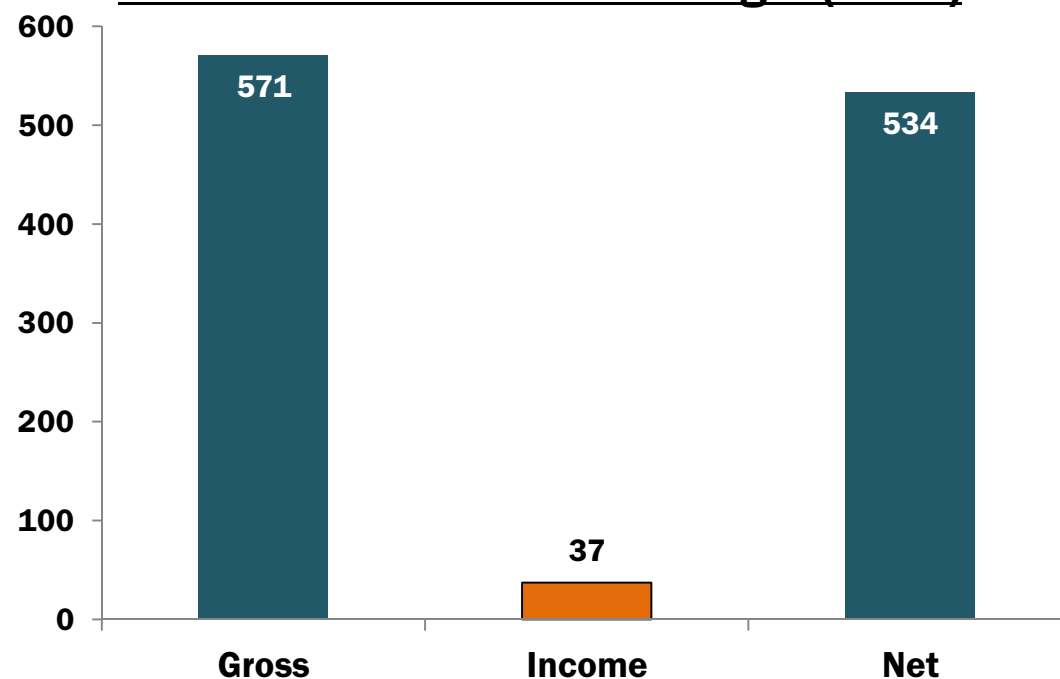
Achievements & Opportunities

- Acquisition of Swanley Working Men's Club and planning consent for Meeting Point to assist regeneration of Swanley Town Centre
- Securing £600k for Sevenoaks businesses through the Escalate Programme
- Actions in the current Community Plan on target
- Low crime rate, reductions in Anti-Social Behaviour and graffiti and compliance with safeguarding duty
- Tourist economy valued at £168m, with £127m generated from day visits (and increasing) and £41m from staying visitors (and decreasing)

Challenges & Risks

- Delivering the Economic Development Strategy and the regeneration of Swanley & New Ash Green
- Development of a Tourism Destination Management Plan and increasing the number of visitors staying in the District
- Delivering on Members' and the community's priorities as identified through the Community Plan consultation
- Continuing to build a strong economy despite loss of employment land and premises
- Risk of future funding reductions from the Police & Crime Commissioner impacting on the delivery of community safety services

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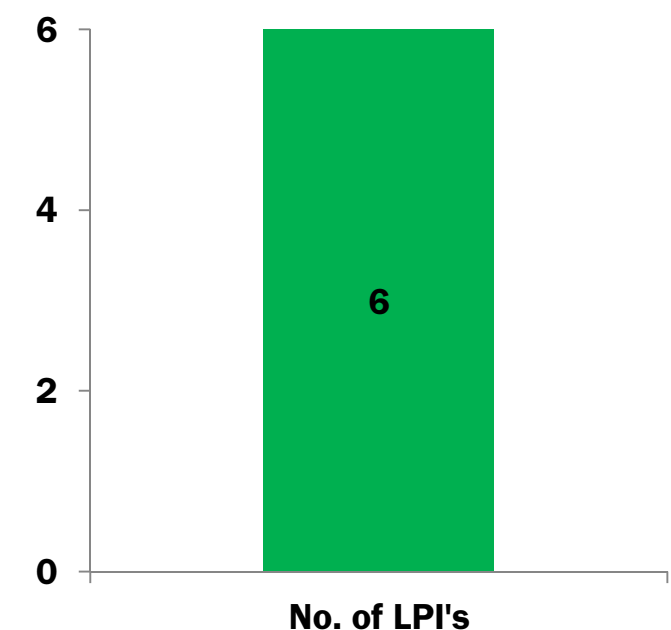
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Corporate priorities

Self sufficiency ✓ Value for Money ✓
Safe district ✓ Collect rubbish effectively ✗
Protect Green Belt ✗ Local Economy ✓

Performance



Advisory Committee responsibilities

Business continuity and emergency planning

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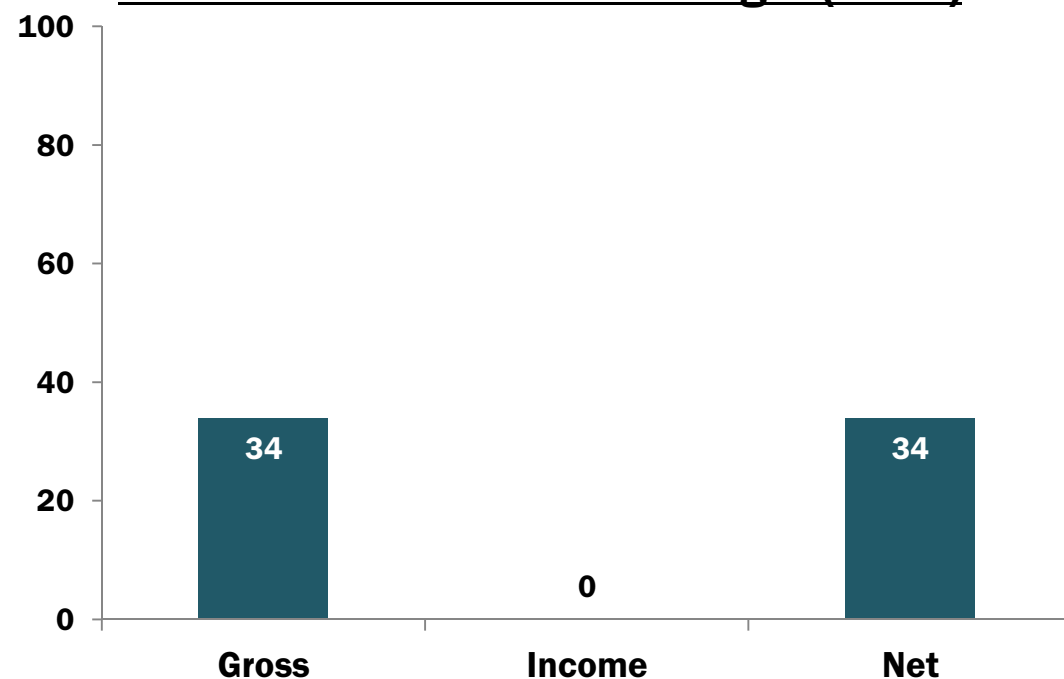
- As a category 1 responder to provide humanitarian assistance and mutual aid in an emergency planning situation
- To ensure a robust and tested business continuity plan is in place to re-establish District Council services in the event of an incident

Achievements & Opportunities

- Emergency plan reviewed, revised and tested
- Business continuity plan reviewed, revised and tested
- Flood resilience plan agreed with many Town & Parish Councils located along the Eden, Darent and the Medway
- Embedding emergency plans and business continuity practices across the organisations

Challenges & Risks

- Local resilience on emergency planning
- Exercising and testing of emergency planning and business continuity plans
- Readiness of winter weather preparations
- Recovery response

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