Communications Team work plan

Action	Milestones	Due Date	Portfolio Holder(s) & Lead Officer(s)
Provide communications planning and support for the delivery of Council projects (including increased parking capacity, hotel development and Swanley & Hextable Masterplan)	 Develop communications plans as a contribution to the Council's project plans Provide ongoing communications support and act as single point of contact for media enquiries 	March 2017	Policy & Performance, Planning, Economic & Community Development Communications Manager & Project Lead Officers
Support the development of the new Council website	 Review content, develop the new site, train and support staff Work with teams to identify and produce transactional services 	September 2016	Policy & Performance Customer Services Manager & Communications Manager
Communicate the developing local plan and successes in the planning team	 Explain the challenges and issues facing the District as the Local Plan develops, in particular around the need for new homes Communicate successful planning enforcement cases 	Ongoing	Planning Chief Planning Officer & Communications Manager

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Review accessibility of In Shape and the Council website for people with learning difficulties	Work with representative groups to establish if any changes should be made and, if so, implement them	September 2016	Legal & Democratic Services and Policy & Performance Communications Manager, Customer Services Manager & Equalities Officer
Maximise opportunities for generating income from communications activities	 Introduce an advertising plan, which covers In Shape magazine and other Council assets 	June 2016	Policy & Performance Communications Manager
Promote services that generate income, including pest control and MOTs, supporting the Council's financial self-sufficiency	Produce new marketing plans for services	March 2017	Relevant Portfolio Holders Communications Manager & Relevant service areas
Improve communication with Councillors	Contribute and support the development of a new intranet or portal for Members	December 2016	Policy & Performance and Legal & Democratic Services Communications Manager & Democratic and IT Services

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Media relations	 Continue to work proactively with the local media to promote Council news and activities and to respond to media enquiries in a timely manner 	On-going	Policy & Performance Communications Manager
Greater integration of social media platforms across the Council	 Support the Customer Services Team as it takes over responsibility for responding to customer service requests via social media channels 	June 2016	Policy & Performance Communications Manager & Customer Services Manager
Enhance the Council's social media and online presence with the use of short videos	 Purchase suitable filming equipment and upskill the Communications Team to produce videos for a web-based audience Work with the corporate group producing videos to help customers use and apply for our services 	March 2017	Policy & Performance Communications Manager
Run campaigns to support the delivery of Council and service objectives.	Develop campaign templates, deliver campaigns and evaluate outcomes	On-going	Relevant Portfolio Holders Communications Manager & relevant service areas