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<b>CAPITAL PROJECTS</b> <i>Affecting capital reserves or representing physical outputs</i>								
CP01a	Outdoor Market	<p>The initial purpose was to review the feasibility of taking back the markets from NDDC. This has now been completed and the challenge is now to rejuvenate the outdoor market in conjunction with the indoor market.</p> <p>Requested by Councillors, (then) NDDC, Town Team and public due to the then, standard and appearance of the market.</p>	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC MM	Ongoing	<p>Transfer date – October 2016</p> <p>Rejuvenation and promotion – ongoing</p>	In progress	<p>Still awaiting the legal transfer of this service from DC, although the Town Council has been running the markets since 1<sup>st</sup> October 2016.</p> <p>The Market continues to hold the Real Deal Charter which gives customers assurance that we are not selling counterfeit goods and that the traders are aware that we will also not allow the sale of faulty or dangerous goods. This was achieved in Partnership with Dorset Trading Standards.</p> <p>The Thursday Street Market remains popular. Saturday markets are not as good but rent reductions have proved helpful with marketing.</p>
CP01b	Dorset Council Grant of £70,000 for market area enhancement	Legacy amount given to the Town Council from NDDC	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM MM	Prioritised	2025	In progress	The working group remit has been extended to include parking and road access. A Town Centre Recovery survey was sent to all households.

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								<p>A recommendation approved by TC to support in principle temporary trial of pedestrianisation of half of the Market Place.</p> <p>DC put forward a proposal of a temporary trial of pedestrianisation of half of the Market Place. The working group decided that the trial should take place to coincide with the opening of the Corn Exchange but timelines made this impossible.</p> <p>Consultation has been held.</p> <p>Town Councillors are submitting a plan to DC officers for the area as requested by Dorset Council</p>
CP02	<b>Corn Exchange Regeneration</b>	<p>To carry out a complete refurbishment and enhancement and equipping of the facility for use as a multi-purpose venue.</p> <p>Requested by Councillors and the public. Supported by shops and businesses and (then) NDDC.</p>	<b>Provision of Facilities &amp; Services</b>	TC OM	Prioritised	Completed	Completed	<p>Work was completed in October 2025</p> <p>Work has begun on introducing weddings and attracting bookings, promoting the venue to ensure it is well used. Several successful events have already been held.</p>

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CP03	Cemetery Wall	Listed at residents' request by HE in August 2016. Numerous site meetings have taken place. Agreed with Conservation Officer to phase the works, taking priority sections first.	Provision of Facilities & Services	OM	Scheduled	Ongoing	Completed	Budget is committed. Initial work to most unstable area has been completed. Staff are monitoring wall.
CP04	<b>Venues Upgrade /Renovation for Sports Pavilions</b> a. Woodhouse Gardens b. Football Club at Park Road Recreation Ground c. Cricket Club at Park Road Recreation Ground d. Bowls Club at Park Road Recreation Ground e. Rugby Club at Larksmead	<p>To budget and plan for the redevelopment of the sports pavilions.</p> <p>Requested by Councillors, members of the public and sports clubs.</p> <p>Reserves allocated for respective projects with additional funds from s106 contributions to assist the sports clubs. BFTC agreed £100,000 financial support, which has been reallocated to sports clubs due to negative response from landowner re land north of the bypass, despite the need for more pitches established by NDDC's PPG17 assessment.</p>	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM	Scheduled	Dec 2020	Completed	a. Completed (new floor laid in April 2017). See also CP17 (extension). b. Completed. Now investigating possibility of introducing floodlights. c. Completed. Pavilion refurbishment was completed June 2020. d. Completed. e. Completed, relocation to Larksmead Recreation

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	Recreation Ground							Ground and Pavilion. Long term lease now in place for pavilion.
CP05	Park Road Toilet Block	To consider a future use for the building now that the transfer from NDDC is complete. Discussions have involved demolition of the block to make way for additional parking spaces.	Provision of Facilities & Services	OM	Scheduled	December 2017	Completed	Councillors approved the demolition of the toilet block and this has now been achieved and replaced with extra parking and EV charging points.  New 3-phase supply has been installed and old supply disconnected. New electric meter has been installed.
CP06	Marsh & Ham Toilet Block	Refurbish toilets pending development. Requested by Councillors and members of the public and recommended by staff.	Provision of Facilities & Services	OM	Scheduled	May 2020	In progress	The disabled unit has been refurbished and reopened but has now been closed due to rotten floor.  Have written to DC for confirmation on future of the building and transfer is with DC. Disabled remains closed until the future of the building is resolved.
CP07	CCTV/ANPR Scheme	To provide town centre CCTV coverage that links to the police station to prevent crime and disorder (Natural Environment and Communities Act 2006 s40) requested by Police, Councillors	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM	Prioritised	Phase 1 – Completed  Phase 2 – Completed	Ongoing	Phase 4 – working with Police. Draft sent for consideration September 2015, further work being done following a meeting in

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		<p>and public.</p> <p>Phase 1 – Two cameras in the Market Place (introduced September 2007).</p> <p>Phase 2 – Mobile and fixed cameras located at Marsh &amp; Ham car park (now Larksmead) and Salisbury Street.</p> <p>Phase 3 – Bottom of Damory Street</p> <p>Phase 4 – To introduce an agreement with the Police</p> <p>Phase 5 – To introduce 4 x ANPR cameras</p> <p>Phase 6 – Replace CCTV town centre system</p>				<p>Phase 3 – Completed</p> <p>Phase 5 – Completed</p> <p>Phase 6 – Completed</p>		<p>September 2016 and September 2017. New Inspector in post and discussions are on-going. Phase 5 – Installed in 2018 and extended in March 2019. The new CCTV system and cameras were installed in June 2018 and updates to WIFI bridges have been installed Additional cameras installed at Marsh &amp; Ham (temporary camera) and Badger Cross (complete). Bridges updated in July 2024.</p> <p>CCTV budgets for maintenance and accruals for replacement equipment are in place. A new PC was installed at the Police station to improve the speed of the system.</p>

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CP09	Railway Arches	<p>To agree the long-term future of the arches and put to good use or remove.</p> <p>Requested by Councillors and the public.</p> <p>The Blandford Railway Arches Trust (BRAT) was formed in 2010 with the objective of producing a five-year management plan for the preservation and enhancement of this important and historic structure on Langton Meadows. It is working with BFTC to secure their future as a last surviving feature of the Somerset &amp; Dorset Railway in the town.</p>	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM	Completed	<p>Phase 1 – completed 2016</p> <p>Phase 2 –2019</p> <p>Railings – Feb/March 2020</p>	<p>Phase 1 – completed</p> <p>Phase 2 – BRAT to progress plans to raise funds to remove soil from top of arches and enable public access. - Completed</p>	<p>Refurbishment is completed.</p> <p>Safety railings installed.</p> <p>Additional building works carried out.</p> <p>Unsupervised opening 9am-2.30pm from 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020.</p> <p>Open to the public, within the agreed opening times.</p> <p>Survey carried out in Sept 2023 and suitable contractors sought for any works, test holes dug in 2024. All ok</p>
CP10a	Badbury Heights Phase 2 Play Area	To build a LEAP in the central green area of Phase 2.	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC ATC OM	Linked to PE02	2018 (Phase 1 – completed)	Completed	<p>Phase 2 has been transferred (January 2018), Play area has been installed and officially opened on 7<sup>th</sup> July.</p> <p>Grounds staff are now including this area in the maintenance schedule. It was resurfaced in 2024.</p>
CP10b	Badbury Heights Phase 2 POS	To take over maintenance of POS.	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM	Linked to PE02	2018	Completed	Grounds staff are now including this area in the maintenance schedule.

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CP10c	Badbury Heights Phase 3A POS	To maintain POS areas. S106 negotiated.	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM	Linked to PE02	Unknown	In progress	<p>Further to TC decision to require all adoptions to be completed and evidenced, land transfer process has stalled pending developer completion of all necessary work.</p> <p>Officers will prioritise play areas once the land is transferred.</p> <p>November 2020 - The Town Council's solicitor has confirmed that the long-awaited transfer documents for Phase 3a and Phase 3b are due to be received shortly. <i>July 2025 - no update.</i></p>
CP10d	Badbury Heights Phase 3a Play Areas	To build a LAP, LEAP and NEAP.		TC ATC OM	Linked to PE02	Unknown	In progress	<i>July 2025 - no update</i>
CP10e	Badbury Heights Phase 3b POS	To take over maintenance of POS.		TC OM	Linked to PE02	Unknown	In progress	<i>July 2025 - no update</i>
CP10f	Badbury Heights Phase 3b Play Area	To build a LAP.		TC ATC OM	Linked to PE02	Unknown	In progress	<i>July 2025 - no update</i>

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CP11	Westbury Way	To take over maintenance of POS and two play areas.		TC ATC OM	Linked to PE02	Unknown	In progress	TC re-affirmed the desire to take over the land subject to conditions (March 2019). <i>July 2025 - no update</i>
CP12	Skate Park	To continue to replace existing equipment in consultation with users.	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM	Ongoing	Ongoing	In progress	Equipment replacement works are complete. But upgrades continue. Waiting for DC lease documentation.
CP13	Pump Track	To build a new Pump Track for the residents and visitors to the town	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM	Ongoing	Ongoing	In Progress	Location identified and site meeting held with DC. Initial contact made with Contractors. Funding sought. Meeting held with B St Mary Parish Council.
CP15	Christmas Lights	To continue to replace existing equipment and introduce new products in response to public demand.	Provision of Facilities & Services	TC OM	Ongoing	Ongoing	In progress	S106 application was successful and pole mount decorations were introduced in 2018. Eleven further column lights for West Street and East Street have been purchased extra column lights added in 2022. A lighting scheme was introduced for Woodhouse Gardens, which was very well received by the public and the Merry Christmas sign was refitted with LED lights and installed in WHG. Professional company supplied and installed the main tree in 2025.

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CP16	<b>Sensory Planting Project</b>	Requested by Blandford Dementia Action Alliance. To create dementia / access friendly sensory areas within Woodhouse Gardens and The Plocks.	<b>Provision of Facilities &amp; Services</b>	PC ATC	Completed	March 2018	Stage 1 (WHG) completed. Stage 2 (The Plocks) completed.	Sensory plants funded from Summer/Winter bedding budget.
CP17	<b>Extension to Woodhouse Gardens Pavilion</b>	Extension to improve disabled access, provide disabled unisex toilets, larger kitchen and lockable storage.	<b>Provision of Facilities &amp; Services</b>	TC OM PC	Scheduled	September 2019	Completed	Capital funding approved by Council and grant approved by Awards for All. Works started in May 2019 for a 12-week period and completed in September 2019.

## PEOPLE *Affecting staff, councillor and management procedures*

PE01	<b>To investigate the introduction of an apprenticeship scheme at the Town Council</b>	To offer an Apprenticeship Scheme for horticultural, trees and timber, customer service and business administration students to work at BFTC.	<b>An Excellent Employer</b>	TC OM	Scheduled	None	In progress	Officers approached Kingston Maurward College and discussed possibilities with other organisations to recruit staff via an apprenticeship scheme, currently to no avail however attempts will continue as and when required.
PE02	<b>Staffing review to be held around November 2026</b> <b>Due to new Town Clerk being in post for 6 moths and the possibility of forthcoming land transfers.</b>	Staffing arrangements to be reviewed for appropriateness.	<b>An Excellent Employer</b>	TC OM	Scheduled	None	Report to F&S Committee	Town Clerk to carry out staffing review after six months.

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<b>PROCESSES</b> <i>Affecting working practices and processes</i>								
PR01	<b>Review/update standing orders and financial regulations</b>	To ensure accuracy and reflect current working arrangements.	Professional & Proficient	TC	Deadlined	Ongoing	Completed	Updated May 2024
PR02	<b>To redesign and develop the Town Council's website and Facebook page</b>	To transfer the existing website to an improved software package and redesign the Town Council's website to improve appearance and use.	Professional & Proficient	TC ATC	Deadlined	March 2013	Completed	Councillors agreed to create a new website designed by a local resident. The new design went live in October 2017.
PR03	<b>Local Council Award Scheme</b>	To continue to work towards achieving the LCAS awards to demonstrate that BFTC is an active, effective and efficient Council serving its local community.	Professional & Proficient	TC ATC	Deadlined	Ongoing	Completed	Quality Council Status achieved in January 2008 and reaccredited in 2012. Change introduced to system (now Local Council Award Scheme). Application completed and submitted 13 <sup>th</sup> October 2015. Quality Status awarded March 2016. Quality Gold status awarded March 2017. The Quality Gold status has been re-awarded.
PR04	<b>Neighbourhood Plan</b>	To work with surrounding parishes of Bryanston and Blandford St Mary to develop a Neighbourhood Plan.	Professional & Proficient	TC PC	Scheduled	Spring 2017	Ongoing	The plan was made in June 2021, following the referendum held in May 2021 and it will continue to be reviewed. The Examiner agreed to the modifications and the plan

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								was approved by Dorset Council Cabinet on 3 <sup>rd</sup> October 2023.
PR05	<b>Community Resilience Plan</b>	To work together with residents, businesses, community partnerships and local organisations to develop a Community Resilience Plan for Blandford Forum.	<b>Professional &amp; Proficient</b>	TC ATC OM	Scheduled	Unknown	In progress	This document has been drafted by the OM and requires substantial input and commitment from the community before it can be considered and adopted. Workloads at present mean that this has not been progressed.
PR06	<b>Green Flag Awards for open spaces, cemetery, parks and gardens</b>	To research what opportunities are available for the Town Council venues	<b>Professional &amp; Proficient</b>	TC	Scheduled	Unknown	To be started	Research to be started. Delayed partly due to workload and to criteria. Cemetery of the Year gold winners again 2023/24.
<b>Influences <i>Cross-cutting theme</i></b>								
IN01	<b>Boundary Review</b>	To continue to pursue an extension of the town's boundary to reflect the usage of the town's facilities and services. Requested by Councillors.	<b>Provision of Facilities &amp; Services</b>	TC	Prioritised	Unknown	Not completed	Town Council submitted proposals to Dorset Council which were not approved. 2022

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IN02	<b>Dorset Council – Car Parks</b>	To review the feasibility of taking over the running of the car parks from the Dorset Council. Requested by Councillors.	<b>Provision of Facilities &amp; Services</b>	TC	Scheduled Linked to PEO2	Unknown	Not completed	To be re-evaluated due to change to Dorset Council. To date, town/parish councils advised car parks won't be transferred.
IN03	<b>Devolution – To continue to consider the transfer of responsibility for services and facilities from local authorities that will benefit the residents and the town</b>	Financial pressures on the local authority, in conjunction with the Working Together document.	<b>Provision of Facilities &amp; Services</b>	TC	Prioritised And linked to PE02 and INO2	Ongoing	Ongoing	To date, the Town Council has taken on the public conveniences, amenity areas and outdoor markets. It has also provided financial support to the Youth Centre over a period of 7 years. See IN02 above.
IN04	<b>Parking Review</b>	Requested by Councillors. Although the Town Council does not have any car parks it has to run the administration and initial consultations for this parking review of Blandford Forum.	<b>Provision of Facilities &amp; Services</b>	CC	Deadlined	Ongoing	In progress	A dedicated webpage was set up and public consultation carried out in 2017/18. The final review pack was sent to DC and NDDC for review in March 2018. No further updates as the authority is waiting for the new Dorset Council. DC has received the findings from the external company commissioned for this review and DC Councillors and Officers will provide findings to TC. May 2020 - Due to LGR and then Covid-19 the project did not develop as much as was hoped between

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								2018 and 2020. November 2020 DC Cllrs Quayle and Lacey-Clarke to take this forward and present recommendations to TC.
IN05	<b>Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan</b>	Creation of an action plan with ongoing improvements made by the Town Council to reduce its carbon footprint and encourage biodiversity.  Requested by Councillors and staff.	<b>Provision of Facilities &amp; Services</b>	TC	Prioritised	Ongoing	In progress	The Town Council has adopted a Climate Change and Biodiversity Action Plan and formed a working group. This is a living document that will be continuously updated. Cllr Osborne has updated the document, which was approved by council on 28 <sup>th</sup> September 2020. The document was published on the TC website. Regular meetings are held to progress the Plan.  The group had been renamed, Climate, Biodiversity and Nature.

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