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Housing					
Issue	Proposed Action	Priority	Timescales	Partners	Progress by May 2015
Represent residents' views regarding the types and tenure of housing they would prefer to see in any future development (retirement bungalows, starter homes, low cost housing)	Sandy Town Council to ensure that Central Bedfordshire Council and developers are aware of residents' preferences regarding the types and tenure of housing they would prefer to see in and around the Town	Medium	On-going	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Aragon Housing Association Aldwyck Housing Association	Planning applications over the past three years have been relatively modest with the sites close to Tesco and on the former Mellor Beauty land the only two of size apart from small isolated developments (e.g. Engayne Avenue). Social housing needs have been addressed as far as possible.

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<p>The impact of housing development on the infrastructure of the Town, for example proposed parking issues, impact on public services (e.g. doctors), impact on Town's character.</p>	<p>Establish effective liaison between Sandy Town Council and Central Bedfordshire Council regarding future development plans and infrastructure provision in and around Sandy.</p> <p>Sandy Town Council to liaise with Central Bedfordshire Council regarding how future development can be</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council NHS Bedfordshire</p>	<p>Conservation Area Review</p> <p>S106 compiled.</p> <p>Main town car park less overcrowded since barrier installed and more parking at station.</p> <p>Doctors' surgeries under pressure; Kings Road full.</p> <p>Enforcement of parking and speeding legislation. Bus routes improved in some areas but concerns elsewhere, such as Engayne Avenue.</p> <p>Rail services fluctuate. Too many Peterborough trains not</p>
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	<p>sensitive to the character of the Town.</p> <p>Ensure future Section 106 contributions from developers are secured for public services.</p>				<p>stopping at Sandy.</p> <p>Review status of S106 payments.</p>
<p>Location of future development if there are plans to expand the Town in future.</p>	<p>Town Council to carry out further detailed consultation if further development is proposed to establish whether residents favour development to the North of</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Long</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire</p>	<p>No future large scale development planned, see LDF.</p> <p>Some office development in the Arcade building but general concerns that all retail outlets currently empty. .</p> <p>Survey did show a majority of residents would prefer future</p>

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	the Town or to the East side of the railway.				developments to the north of the town. Would present obvious traffic concerns with the A1. More affordable housing a priority.
Youth & Leisure					
Skate park improvements and extra lighting	Carry out additional consultation with users of the skate park regarding improvements they feel are needed.	Medium	On-going	Community Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Sandy Skate Park 2000 Youth Parliament	Skatepark closed down in 2012 because of safety concerns. Volunteer group seeking to reinstate and have done a lot of campaigning. Funding remains the principal issue. Is another Skate park really the answer? What exactly do young people want?

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<p>Increased youth facilities</p>	<p>Liaise with providers of youth activities to review current youth provision and the potential for increasing the facilities available.</p> <p>Conduct a feasibility study for the provision of a dedicated central drop-in venue for young people.</p> <p>Carry out further consultation with young people about</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Community Youth Parliament Schools Aragon Housing Association</p>	<p>Work done with Skate Park Assoc.</p> <p>Groundworks operating with schools on various projects.</p> <p>Drop-in youth club re-established and open three times per week.</p> <p>A number of local sports clubs targeting young people.</p> <p>Increased opportunities for cricket, football, archery and hockey.</p> <p>Bedford Road sports' pavilion refurbished with much improved and needed toilet facilities.</p> <p>Feasibility study not done but consultation</p>
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	what activities and facilities they would like available in the Town.				with young people on-going and significant. Sport England Grants for new facilities from various sports clubs (cricket, hockey, bowls) with support from Town Council.
Community Facilities					
Provision of facilities to be considered in the Town.	Investigate the possibility of whether Sandy could support any of the following leisure facilities - swimming pool, cinema, ten-pin bowling alley, indoor soft play	High	On-going	Community Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Sandy Chamber of Trade Schools	Indoor soft play area for toddlers provided by private org. Jungle Jim's seems popular. CBC Leisure strategy review and consultation has been completed, indoor swimming pool and cinema unlikely to be feasible for Sandy in near future. Need to try and identify

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	<p>centre.</p> <p>Approach potential providers to assess the potential of Sandy attracting these facilities.</p>				<p>'new' facilities that are not replicated in neighbouring towns.</p>
<p>Provision of a Town Museum.</p>	<p>Look into the funding available for the initial set up and the long term sustainability of suitable premises.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going /Long</p>	<p>Community Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Historical Research Group Sandy History Society Sandy Transport Society</p>	<p>Progress limited mainly due to issues of revenue funding.</p> <p>Is station the right location?</p> <p>An obvious priority given the wealth of artefacts already available. More with cemetery archaeological dig?</p>

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<p>Demand for additional community groups or clubs.</p>	<p>Assess the need from Town Plan Survey and canvass support.</p> <p>Identify volunteers from the community to lead groups.</p> <p>Continue to publicise existing community groups and clubs.</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going /Long</p>	<p>Community Sandy Town Council Schools</p>	<p>Good neighbour scheme.</p> <p>STC Website well used.</p> <p>New groups established including Thai boxing and Knit and Natter.</p> <p>Community First grants awarded to a wide variety of organisations in town. Pot of money oversubscribed.</p> <p>Jenkins pavilion now being used more, especially for exercise classes eg spinning and active retired classes.</p> <p>Constant search for new leaders for scouts/guides groups etc.</p> <p>Big gap to fill since the</p>
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					demise of adult education provision in the town. U3A group not yet in town and not well known in the area.
Additional sports facilities.	Conduct further research into the sports that residents would like to participate in. Retain existing facilities ensuring that they remain open and accessible.	Low	On-going	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Upper School	Consultation on CBC leisure strategy. Importantly no facilities lost. Stevenage Leisure offering an increased range of classes.
Demand for additional baby changing facilities in the Town Centre.	Look into the feasibility of providing additional baby changing facilities in a	Medium	Long	Community Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council	No baby changing facilities in town as yet other than at one town café.

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	<p>suitable venue in the Town Centre.</p> <p>Encourage services in the Town to provide baby changing facilities if they do not already do so.</p>			Sandy Chamber of Trade	
Environment					
<p>Campaign to reduce general litter and dog fouling.</p>	<p>Audit of worst affected areas.</p> <p>Review of current bin provision.</p> <p>More bins installed.</p> <p>Increase public</p>	High	On-going	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Retail outlets and restaurants</p> <p>Local residents</p> <p>Schools</p>	<p>More litter bins provided.</p> <p>Greater public awareness, especially on dog-fouling.</p> <p>Walkers are Welcome group addressing these issues.</p> <p>Town Council in</p>

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	awareness.				<p>discussion with CBC on the issue of issuing tickets to offenders for litter offences.</p> <p>Some areas require special attention, e.g. A1 verges and railway station. A1 Roundabout something of an eyesore. Need to establish effective liaison with Amey over central reservation maintenance and litter control.</p>
Improve maintenance of overgrown hedges	Develop a mechanism to enable residents to report issues to the Town Council through the web-site	Medium	On-going	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Local residents</p> <p>Interest groups</p>	<p>STC website upgraded and is used by residents to report incidents.</p> <p>STC encouraging group and public reports.</p> <p>Two multi-agency</p>

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	<p>and through writing to the Town Clerk.</p> <p>Town Council to encourage responsible parties to improve maintenance.</p> <p>Special action to improve the state of the A1 roundabout.</p>			Highways Agency	<p>Pride in Sandy days held since Town Plan adopted.</p> <p>RSPB has been considering sponsorship of roundabout on A1 – is this a realistic option?</p>
Flytipping	<p>Inform residents about how to report incidences of fly tipping.</p>	Medium	On-going	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Environmental groups</p>	<p>STC website, CBC website</p> <p>Pride In days, police, housing associations – all outlets for residents with complaints.</p> <p>Problems periodical; several vulnerable areas such as the</p>

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					Sandhills and specific sites in town centre.
Improvements to footpaths and bridleways.	<p>Identify priority areas.</p> <p>Consult/recruit interest groups.</p> <p>Carry out a survey of footpaths and bridleways to identify where maintenance to clear overgrown footpaths, additional signage and improvements to access are required.</p> <p>Develop a</p>	High	On-going	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Ramblers' Association</p> <p>British Horse Riders Association</p> <p>Local interest groups</p> <p>Local residents</p>	<p>Some improvements have occurred; Sandy Greenwheel and Walkers are Welcome (WaW) reviewing access to and use of footpaths around Sandy.</p> <p>STC website has report a footpath page.</p> <p>Local interest groups etc.</p> <p>CBC also surveying paths.</p> <p>More leaflets available such as Jubilee walks.</p> <p>STC providing information into Villager, Bulletin and</p>

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	<p>network of volunteers to assist with</p> <p>on-going maintenance of the rights of way network.</p> <p>Identify existing footpaths that could be upgraded to bridleways and cycle routes.</p> <p>Look at ways to improve the Sandhills as a public amenity.</p> <p>Produce an information leaflet / map on the routes</p>				<p>local guides and organising more guided walks via Tourist Information Centre.</p> <p>Kings Arms AC has been working with CB to improve the environment in Sandcaste Wood by clearing the path, pruning, felling trees etc.</p> <p>Disabled fishing platforms under negotiations – on going.</p> <p>Sandy tourist booklets can now be found across the country.</p> <p>Improvements to sandcast wood on-going.</p>
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	currently available.				<p>Outstanding Health and Safety issues in a number of areas.</p> <p>Sandhills quite well used but difficult to get agreement as to how to develop further as a public amenity.</p>
Provision of more allotments.	<p>On-going search for available land.</p> <p>Approach local landowners regarding possible locations.</p> <p>Reduction of waiting lists.</p>	High	Short	<p>Short Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Sandy & District Allotments &</p> <p>Leisure Gardens Society</p>	<p>Main town allotment site closed at end of 2013.</p> <p>Shortage of available agricultural land discussions on-going with CBC estates on one site, two others investigated and ruled out. New site identified in 2015 and negotiations on-going.</p> <p>Private provisions in Seddington and</p>

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					Caldecote have slightly relieved pressure.
Better access for wheelchairs /pushchairs	<p>Identify problem areas.</p> <p>Agree best options e.g. dropped kerbs or ramps.</p> <p>Prioritise costings.</p> <p>Special attention to A1 footbridge to enable access by cyclists, wheelchairs etc.</p>	High	On-going	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Local retailers</p> <p>Highways Agency</p> <p>Sandy Chamber of Trade</p> <p>Wheelchair / pushchair users</p>	<p>Public funding extremely limited CoT survey identified problems and articles in press have identified issues with dropped kerbs etc.</p> <p>Only limited work with kerb and paths completed but the A1 bridge at Beeston has had significant improvements and the Riddy path has been made more wheelchair friendly.</p> <p>Community U-tube video expressing concerns about footways and pavements has</p>

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					highlighted residents' concerns
Green Infrastructure issues.	<p>Extend cycleways to Potton, Gamlingay, Everton and Biggleswade.</p> <p>Improve bridleways in the areas of Biggleswade Common, the Riddy and Everton Road, Sandcast Wood.</p> <p>Creation of other community green spaces.</p>	Medium	Medium	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Local landowners</p> <p>RSPB</p> <p>Beeston Wildlife Group</p> <p>Ivel Valley Cycle Forum</p> <p>Ramblers' Association</p>	<p>Sandy to Potton cycleway remains an aspiration and development work is on going with Potton TC and other agencies. No other new cycle paths currently under consideration.</p> <p>Extensive site refurbishment at the Lodge; new habitats created together with the construction of a new wooden reception area.</p> <p>A1 Sandy roundabout remains an eyesore 'though some improvements with</p>

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					<p>litter removal.</p> <p>Project to develop a community orchard at a site in Beeston is on-going.</p> <p>Ivel Restoration Project now on the horizon and causing concerns.</p> <p>Possible weir removal at New Road. Unknown implications.</p> <p>Exploratory meetings held with EA.</p>
Extensions and improvements to community parklands.	<p>Actions required in relation to:</p> <p>Sandcast Wood</p> <p>Sandhills</p> <p>Beeston Green</p> <p>Fallowfield</p>	Medium	Medium	<p>Medium Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Local landowners</p> <p>RSPB</p> <p>Beeston Wildlife Group</p>	<p>Adoption of open spaces by TC in Fallowfield with more improvements envisaged.</p> <p>Beeston Green Management Plan in the pipeline.</p> <p>Various leisure options</p>

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	<p>Open Spaces & fringes.</p> <p>For all sites raise public awareness of responsibilities, access rights & restrictions, damage, litter, signage etc.</p>			<p>Schools</p> <p>Community groups</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch</p> <p>Local interest groups</p>	<p>being considered for Sandcast wood.</p> <p>Safety concerns.</p> <p>Flood concerns greatly reduced in recent years. Despite exceptional weather in early 2014 flood damage limited in Sandy.</p> <p>Community orchard (see above)</p>
<p>Skate park improvements and extra lighting.</p>	<p>Carry out additional consultation with users of the skate park regarding improvements they feel are needed.</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Community</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Sandy Skate Park 2000</p> <p>Youth Parliament</p>	<p>See above</p> <p>Consultations with users rather than with residents.</p> <p>Changes to lighting put on hold since some equipment dismantled.</p>

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<p>Increased youth facilities.</p>	<p>Liaise with providers of youth activities to review current youth provision and the potential for increasing the facilities available.</p> <p>Conduct a feasibility study for the provision of a dedicated central drop-in venue for young people.</p> <p>Carry out further consultation with young</p>	<p>High</p>	<p>On-going</p>	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Community</p> <p>Youth Parliament</p> <p>Schools</p> <p>Aragon Housing Association</p>	<p>See above</p>
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	people about what activities and facilities they would like available in the Town.				
Retail & Services					
Insufficient range of shops in Sandy.	Undertake research to assess what shops/ retail outlets would be sustainable in Sandy and advertise / market the Town to potential retailers.	High	Long	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Chamber of Trade	Tesco store realised. See below. Town Team and COT have tried various initiatives. Town centre shops come and go and Budgens reduced. No big name to attract shoppers, though large charity store very popular.

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					Arcade situation worrying – currently just a shell.
Location of weekly and Farmers' markets.	<p>Conduct a review of the location of these markets.</p> <p>Seek advice from other market towns and experts in stall holding management.</p>	Medium	Medium	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Sandy Chamber of Trade</p>	<p>Weekly Market Stalls moved to Post Office forefront.</p> <p>Continental markets tried and with some success. Very dependent upon weather and timing.</p> <p>Farmers' markets have never really lifted off and weekly market just about survives. Just not enough people in Sandy on Fridays/Saturdays.</p> <p>Need to rethink Sandy's status as a market town. Periodic high profile markets?</p>

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Demand for a large supermarket / food store in Sandy.	Actively encourage a large supermarket / food store to come to Sandy. If a store comes to Sandy ensure there are good transport links between the store and the Town Centre so that the store enhances rather than damages Town Centre shopping.	High	On-going	Chamber of Trade Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council	Tesco store realised. Usage perhaps not as great as expected at present but will increase with building development alongside and if improved bus services achieved. Tesco building deemed eye-catching and eco-friendly although access road a bit 'tight' Tesco management reported to be 'reasonably happy' with stores fortunes at present.
Work & Education					
Employment / Career	Encourage quality	High	On-going	Job Centre Plus	Sandy Helping Hands.

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Advice.	<p>provision via Schools.</p> <p>Look into the feasibility of the Library being a central base for advertising job vacancies.</p>			<p>Pinnacle Schools Trust</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>POC in Library.</p> <p>Liaison with schools?</p> <p>Unemployment levels in the town have fallen over the past three years.</p> <p>Opportunities locally limited.</p>
Need for further employment opportunities.	<p>Respondents showed a preference for employment opportunities to be provided through small shops and businesses therefore:</p> <p>Encourage the planners to resist the conversion of</p>	High	On-going	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Sandy Chamber of Trade</p>	<p>Some jobs creation since Town Plan adopted eg Tesco, Timberyard, Frontier etc.</p> <p>Business Improvement District status being sought for Sunderland Road estate and could be extended to the centre of Sandy.</p> <p>Chamber of Trade and Town Team still in</p>

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	<p>shop premises to alternative uses.</p> <p>Ensure that there is adequate provision for small businesses in the Town Centre and on the industrial estate.</p>				<p>existence though their activities to promote further employment necessarily limited.</p>
Childcare provision	<p>Promote existing childcare facilities in Sandy and the surrounding area.</p> <p>Seek further market data from providers</p>	Low	Medium	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Churches Together</p>	<p>Childcare provision deemed adequate at present.</p> <p>Mini-Explorers relocated.</p> <p>Toy Box, which started in Sandy, now a mega provider in Beds.</p>

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	and the local authority and seek to encourage further provision as necessary.				
Adult Education Provision.	Investigate what is already available in Sandy and surrounding areas e.g. through schools, commercial providers, further education colleges, Library and publicise current	Low	Short	Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Further Education Colleges Schools Sandy Library Commercial providers	An area of concern since changes to Adult Education, which used to be extensive in the town. This a nation-wide phenomenon due to spending cuts. Residents need to travel to Bedford for specialist courses. Some locally run art classes and interest groups. Significant and Widespread concerns at

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	opportunities.				<p>present about the future of secondary education in the town.</p> <p>Some Sandy residents use the U3A group on Biggleswade and Potton Ladies.</p>
LETS.	<p>Research existing LETS / bartering schemes and learn from their experiences.</p> <p>Set up a committee of volunteers to pilot such a scheme in Sandy.</p>	Medium	Medium	Sandy Town Council Community	<p>Sandy Good Neighbour scheme initiated.</p> <p>.Other volunteer schemes also operating.</p> <p>No progress with LETS.</p>

Comment [DS1]: Actually they had a good response to the initial request so think we could be a bit more generous/

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Traffic & Transport					
Station.	<p>Discuss with First Capital Connect the possibility of improving facilities at Sandy station.</p> <p>Longer ticket office opening hours.</p> <p>Toilet facilities.</p> <p>Enclosed waiting area.</p> <p>User friendly ticket machine.</p>	High	Medium	<p>First Capital Connect</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>Platform extended, longer trains available.</p> <p>Station triangle created.</p> <p>No waiting area but station does have a café and office retained.</p> <p>Ticket machines improved after large numbers of complaints.</p> <p>Car parking extended but quite expensive.</p>
Frequency of trains stopping and departing from Sandy.	<p>Discuss with Network Rail the possibility of providing a more frequent</p>	Medium	Long	<p>Network Rail</p> <p>First Capital Connect</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p>	<p>Use of station underestimated?</p> <p>Large cohort of users from the Bedford area.</p>

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	train service in particular more trains stopping at Sandy in the evening.			Central Bedfordshire Council	Decision to run more fast trains to Peterborough which do not stop at Sandy difficult to justify. Late night provision considered unsatisfactory at present by some.
Parking at Station.	Look at additional areas near the station that could be used for extra car parking spaces. Pilot a scheme where individuals rent out their driveways to regular users of	Medium	Medium	Network Rail First Capital Connect Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council	More parking available but quite expensive. Less pressure on nearby roads as car park rarely completely full. A handful of spaces available most days.

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	<p>the station.</p> <p>Discuss the cost of car parking at the station for rail passengers.</p> <p>Consideration of whether there should be additional controls and locations for on-street parking.</p>				
East West Link.	Encourage and support planners involved in the project to move it forward.	High	Long	<p>East - West Consortium</p> <p>Local Economic Partnership</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>Some progress recently. Active discussions now underway. Anticipated opening of Oxford to Bletchley branch. Bedford to Sandy deemed the difficult</p>

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					stretch to deliver.
Improvements to bus service.	Conduct a transport needs survey to further investigate the demand for destinations and the current timings of the bus services.	Low	Medium	Stagecoach Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council	<p>Mixed experiences over the past three years.</p> <p>On-going issues with Fallowfield, Sunderland Road, Engayne Avenue and Tesco.</p> <p>RSPB has own bus-stop plus own service from local communities to the Lodge.</p> <p>Greater Promotion of existing bus services via the TIC and more notices locally.</p> <p>Need to review new bus service to address the Engayne Avenue situation – frequency and timings.</p>

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<p>Increase promotion of existing bus services.</p>	<p>Increased promotion of bus timetables and maps - display timetables at all bus stops and a map of routes in the Town Centre.</p> <p>Make information available on bus services at the Library, Tourist Information Centre and on the Town Council website.</p> <p>Display real time</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Medium</p>	<p>Tourist Information Centre</p> <p>Sandy Library</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Stagecoach Bus Company</p>	
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	information at bus stops.				
Demand for cycle routes.	Look at the feasibility of providing additional & enhanced routes, particularly between Sandy and Biggleswade, Sandy and Potton, Beeston and Sandy High Street, Potton, Gamlingay and Everton.	High	Medium	Sandy Town Council Sustrans Ivel Valley Cycle Forum Central Bedfordshire Council	Sandy to Potton cycle route in the pipeline for the future. Access to Beeston improved. Sandy Green Wheel should join up with Biggleswade Green wheel and both projects aim to improve cycle routes.
Pedestrian access across the A1 from Bedford Road.	Lobby for a safe crossing point for walkers and	High	Long	Highways Agency Central Bedfordshire Council	Pedestrian footbridge or other safe crossing at the A1 roundabout remains a high priority.

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	cyclists across the A1 near the Sandy Bedford Road roundabout.			Sandy Town Council	Beeston bridge improved.
Concerns regarding pavement and road surface condition and overgrown vegetation and hedges.	<p>Make sure that residents are aware of how to report problems as and when they occur.</p> <p>Conduct a comprehensive survey of all roads and pavements to assess and prioritise areas where work may be needed.</p> <p>Ensure that</p>	Medium	Short	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Highways Agency</p>	<p>On-going checking of road surfaces and pavements.</p> <p>Local concern about impact of HGVs in Beeston and in Sandy town centre.</p> <p>On-going arguments about the pros and cons of traffic calming measures on St Neots Road.</p> <p>Potholes a national problem, temporary patches criticised Need for residents to report 'dangerous' situations.</p>

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	<p>residents are aware of how to report issues with overgrown hedges and vegetation.</p> <p>Encourage responsible parties to carry out regular maintenance of vegetation and hedges.</p>				
Lack of available off-street parking in residential areas.	Identify locations where off-street parking is an issue and identify any possible solutions.	Low	Long	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Aragon Housing Association</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>Keeping town centre parking free remains a priority.</p> <p>Planning applications in Sandy are reviewed by TC and parking implications always considered.</p>
Concern regarding	Identify &	Medium	Medium	Bedfordshire Police	Yellow lines on Bedford

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<p>dangerous parking near junctions.</p>	<p>prioritise locations and look into the feasibility of installing road markings & signage to enable penalty notices to be issued.</p> <p>Publicise to residents what is considered dangerous parking, its effects and the penalties that it can incur.</p> <p>Encourage Bedfordshire Police to take action where dangerous</p>			<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>Road and Albion Court.</p> <p>Road markings improved in places.</p> <p>Some progress generally, especially on Bedford Road.</p> <p>Police will help residents monitor if asked.</p>
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	parking is occurring.				
Increase reporting of any problems with street lighting.	Make sure that residents are aware of how to report problems as and when they occur.	Low	Short	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council Highways Agency	Website reporting is happening.
Street Lights	Investigate the possibility of replacing street lights with low energy lights as and when required.	High	Long	Central Bedfordshire Council Sandy Town Council Highways Agency	This has happened. All replacements are now low energy bulbs. Significant improvements on the Sandy stretch of the A1 and in the town centre.
Demand for a zebra crossing near St Swithun's School.	Look to install a zebra crossing on the High Street near to St Swithun's	Medium	Long	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council	Not likely to happen in the near future due to lack of funds.

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	School.				
Concern about the volume of HGVs passing through the Town.	<p>Conduct a survey of HGV traffic including information on operators.</p> <p>Encourage HGV drivers to avoid the Town Centre where possible using appropriate restrictions, signage etc.</p>	High	Short	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p>	<p>This is one of the few issues that have probably gone backwards since the Town Plan published; problems at the Black Cat may increase problems in the short term. Other problems on Sunderland Road and on Beeston Green with the Timber yard traffic.</p> <p>Drivers and residents complain that SATNAVs sending HGVs on inappropriate routes.</p> <p>CBC survey undertaken.</p> <p>Community Group SG19 set up to</p>

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					campaign on traffic problems in the area.
Speeding.	Look into the feasibility of reducing the traffic speeds in target roads.	Medium	Medium	Sandy Town Council Central Bedfordshire Council	<p>Insufficient volunteers interested in Speedwatch despite several initiatives by police.</p> <p>A1 cameras only operating intermittently.</p> <p>Local residents keeping records.</p> <p>Money the real issue here.</p> <p>Local campaigns attracting publicity.</p> <p>SG19 group formed to petition for a Sandy by-pass. Long term government review of A1 and possible</p>

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					motorway status. Group also campaigning on other key issues such as Sunderland and St Neots Roads.
Crime & Safety					
ASB.	<p>Ensure residents are aware of how to report incidences of anti-social behaviour.</p> <p>Promote Neighbourhood Watch.</p> <p>Publish phone number & web address of Safer Neighbourhood</p>	High	On-going	<p>Sandy Town Council</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Bedfordshire Police</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch Co-ordinator</p>	<p>All actions in respect of informing residents how to report ASB carried out:</p> <p>Two Pride In Days conducted.</p> <p>Two Op Visions.</p> <p>Police pod and surgeries.</p> <p>Neighbourhood Watch still in existence though activities limited in most parts of Sandy and still trying to</p>

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	Team. Promote Let's Talk Together meetings.				establish a higher profile. STC website. Let's Talk meeting x 2. CBC leaflets.
Varying levels of awareness of existing community safety initiatives operating in the Town.	Raise awareness of the Community Safety group, Let's Talk Together and Neighbourhood Watch.	Medium	Short	Community Safety Group Central Bedfordshire Council Bedfordshire Police Neighbourhood Watch	As above
Demand for an Alcohol-Free Zone in the town centre.	Introduce an Alcohol-Free Zone in the Town Centre. Police to work with Chamber of Trade and local retailers	High	On-going	Central Bedfordshire Council Bedfordshire Police Sandy Town Council Sandy Chamber of Trade	Alcohol Free Zone achieved for the town centre. Alcohol related offending still a problem in line with national trends.

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	to put together a strategy to improve control of alcohol sales in the Town.				
Police presence.	<p>Discuss with the Police the possibility of providing an increase in Police presence.</p> <p>Ensure that there is a clear process for passing on community feedback through the Town Council to the Police to assist them with allocating</p>	High	Short	<p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Bedfordshire Police</p> <p>Sandy Town Council</p>	<p>PCSOs retained though this service was threatened in 2013.</p> <p>Police funding cuts continue to impact on local provision.</p> <p>No permanent police presence, community policing team based in Biggleswade .</p> <p>Police pod not currently in use though still located in town.</p> <p>Police attend most STC meetings and bring a written report on recently reported</p>

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	and directing resources.				<p>crime.</p> <p>PCSOs also liaise with STC regularly.</p> <p>Lack of visible police presence in town, a concern for many residents.</p> <p>Overall levels of crime show a decrease in past 5 years.</p>
Drug issues.	Ask Police, Schools and Publicans to monitor situation and report on successes.	High	On-going	<p>Bedfordshire Police</p> <p>Drug Action Team</p> <p>Central Bedfordshire Council</p> <p>Pub Watch</p> <p>Schools</p>	<p>An on-going issue though various drugs agencies working in Sandy and co-operation between police, local councils, housing associations etc during the summer months members of community see more evidence of drug related activity.</p>

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Health					
Residents' experiences of using the doctors' surgeries in the Town.	Feed information regarding respondents' views on their experiences of using their doctors' surgery to the respective surgeries.	Medium	On-going	Sandy Town Council Doctors' Surgeries NHS Bedfordshire (& its successors)	Kings Road surgery full. Actively seeking larger premises and meanwhile planning additional portakabin facilities. Medical Centre surgery extensively refurbished.
Residents' experiences of using Dental Practices in the Town.	Feed information regarding respondents' views on their experience of using their respective practices in Sandy. Encourage	Medium	On-going	Town Council Dental Surgeries NHS Bedfordshire (& its successors)	Increased dental provision in the town including NHS service.

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	dentists to promote their NHS services.				
Residents' experiences of using the pharmacies.	Discuss with the pharmacies the feasibility of extending the opening hours e.g. one late night opening a week and reinstating the repeat prescriptions service where required.	Medium	On-going	Sandy Town Council Pharmacies	Repeat prescription services now available. No real demand identified for late opening hours. Most residents believe the town is lucky to have TWO pharmacies.
Demand for Good Neighbour Scheme.	Approach BRCC for support in setting up a Good Neighbour Scheme. Encourage	High/ Medium	Short	Sandy Town Council Bedfordshire Rural Communities Charity	Good Neighbour Scheme initiated with help from BRCC (Bedford Rural Charities). Initial meeting held with a view to Sandy

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	residents who struggle to access the hospital to use the scheme once established.				becoming a dementia friendly town as part of national campaign.
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