

LOCAL COUNCIL AWARD SCHEME | FEEDBACK FORM

Name of council	Bembridge Parish Council
Award level	Gold
Date	03/03/26

Summary

The panel were extremely pleased with the overall excellent quality of the application and found this to be a wonderful example of a relatively small council showing how to work with its community to achieve positive outcomes. They also praised the council's swift progression from Silver to Gold level which highlighted their belief that this was an exemplar parish council. Comments below suggest encouragement in areas thought to be of a particularly good standard. The panel sincerely congratulates you on achieving the Gold Award.

The Gold Award

Criteria	Met	Partially met accepted	Not met	Partially met not accepted	Comments
<u>Council Resolution:</u>	X				
The following documents and information must be evidenced and published:					
1) A business plan covering a financial forecast for at least three years linked to revenue and capital plans for the council and its community	X				Excellent plan! Well written and easily understood with clear targets and action plan.
2) An annual report, online material, news bulletins and other council communications with evidence of:	X				

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a) engaging with diverse groups in the community using a variety of methods	X				To note: points a to e - Although the annual report meets the required standard, would have welcomed a broader range of supporting evidence. As presented, it feels somewhat limited and could have been an opportunity to demonstrate greater depth.
b) community engagement influencing council activity and priorities	X				Annual residents survey with feedback influencing development – wonderful!
c) a wide range of council activities, including innovative projects, that produce positive outcomes for the community	X				
d) co-operating constructively with other organisations	X				

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e) Active promotion of elections, including that at least two-thirds of its councillors stood for election	X				
The following criteria require statements which should include a narrative and where applicable, contain document references/hyperlinks as supporting evidence.					
3) Ensures that the council delivers value for money	X				
4) Provides leadership in planning for the future of the community	X				Neighbourhood Plan update on hold for good reasons but preparatory work underway – Excellent.
5) Engages with the community on issues related to the environment and climate change	X				Good evidence of meaningful consultation and community action.

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6) Manages the performance of staff and the council as a corporate body to achieve its business plan	X				
7) Supports a culture of civility and respect in the council	X				