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## TOWN PLAN PRIORITY PROJECTS UPDATE

## REPORT OF THE TOWN CLERK

<b>Projects 2017/18</b>		<b>Current position</b>
<b>1</b>	<b>Local Government Reorganisation - Additional delegated Services/Community Governance Review</b>	Transfer of public conveniences withdrawn following Shadow Dorset Council decision not to support. May be revisited in 2019-20. Work proceeding on transfer of low/no value assets.
Partners	West Dorset District Council, Dorset County Council, local parish councils and BLAP.	
Timescale	Agree principles for potential service/asset transfers.	
Funding	Seek agreement for transitional funding.	
Objective	1	
Outcomes	To seek to maintain local services and, where feasible, take on management of services.	
<b>2</b>	<b>Play Area Improvement Plan (after consultation)</b>	Consultation progressing. Improvement programme being drafted.
Partners	Bridport Young Persons Action Trust and users. Public consultation undertaken.	
Timescale	Plan to be produced by Summer 2019.	
Funding	Scale of works to be quantified and costed as part of the Improvement Plan.	
Objective	2	
Outcomes	A fully costed plan/proposals for improvements to play areas. Could also feature as part of a proposed application under the Parks for People grant scheme.	
<b>3</b>	<b>Bridport and West Bay Public Wifi</b>	West Bay WiFi scheme adapted following problems supplying broadband to West Bay Road Car Park. Now due to be installed by March 2019.
Partners	Dorset Coast Forum Coastal Community Team.	
Timescale	West Bay scheme to be introduced by March 2019.	
Funding	Dorset Coast Forum CCT received funding of £77,000 to support coastal public wifi schemes. Part of that funding has been earmarked for a scheme in West Bay.	
Objective	3	
Outcomes	The scheme would enable connections to local businesses, encourage people to explore the area and enable targeted marketing and promotion of local activities etc. The provision of public wifi is listed as a proposed project in the Bridport and West Bay Coastal Community Team Economic Plan.	
<b>4</b>	<b>Section 106 Allocation – Agree Process to allocate funds</b>	Complete. Confirmation of allocations received and councillors/recipient organisations notified.
Partners	West Dorset District Council, BLAP and local community organisations.	
Timescale	Agreed May 2018	
Funding	Section 106 funding earmarked by WDDC to support projects.	
Objective	4	
Outcomes	To ensure that Section 106 funds being held by WDDC are allocated for local projects that benefit the community.	

<b>5</b>	<b>To review options for new community bus schemes</b>	Six month trial period extended to 12 months to allow revised route to be trialled. New route submitted to First Wessex and expected to commence end Feb/early March 2019.
Partners	Dorset County Council, Western Area Transport Action Group	
Timescale	Pilot 'round-Bridport' bus service to August 2019 with option to extend to end of Summer 2019.	
Funding	Some DCC funding and possible contributions from supporting local councils.	
Objective	1	
Outcomes	Agreement of options for community transport solutions to the reductions in local bus services, enabling informed decisions to be taken on routes for any new services.	
<b>6</b>	<b>To consider and consult on a town centre traffic feasibility study including options for South Street</b>	Town Centre Working Group first meeting Dec 2018, set terms of reference, now approved by BTC Planning Committee.
Partners	Dorset County Council	
Timescale	Town Centre Working Group to develop plans during 2019-20.	
Funding	Funding for the consultation to be met by the Town Council.	
Objective	5 and 6	
Outcomes	To ensure that the community is fully involved in decisions on town centre traffic and to enable the Town Council to consider whether to make any recommendations to the Highway Authority, the County Council.	
<b>7</b>	<b>Management of Open Spaces/Access for All Policy</b>	In development as part of the Neighbourhood Plan.
Partners	Local community groups, Dorset Wildlife Trust, Nature conservancy groups.	
Timescale	By early Summer 2019.	
Funding	The policy will identify any new funding requirements.	
Objective	2	
Outcomes	A strategy for sustainable and environmentally-friendly management of green spaces, that allows access for all and provides wide community benefit.	
<b>8</b>	<b>To agree next phase of the redesign of the Skate Park including Pump Track</b>	Steering Group meeting to further develop proposals.
Partners	Users group.	
Timescale	End of 2019.	
Funding	Funding required would depend on the plans to be agreed following consultation.	
Objective	1 and 2	
Outcomes	To improve the existing facility, increasing usage by young people and enhancing the existing asset in line with the wishes of users. External funding will be required to complete the project.	
<b>9</b>	<b>Climate Change Strategy Audit review</b>	Under review by the Environment & Social Wellbeing Committee. One Planet Living Principles agreed and working group has met.
Partners	Local environmental groups.	
Timescale	By Summer 2019.	
Funding	No funding implications of the review itself.	
Objective	6	
Outcomes	To update and review the Town Council's Climate Change Strategy, including actions taken so far by the Council and develop an action plan for future initiatives.	

<b>10</b>	<b>Identify and Provide Additional Car Parking Provision</b>	Spaces at Plottingham provided. Discussions with WDDC ongoing regarding increasing spaces elsewhere, including discussion re Bus Station.
Partners	West Dorset District Council	
Timescale	By Summer 2019	
Funding	To be identified.	
Objective	1 and also a priority in the Coastal Community Team Economic Plan	
Outcomes	New car parking to be provided on Town Council land at Plottingham – 26 spaces. Town Surveyor to assist West Dorset District Council with an audit of all car parks, with opportunity to enhance existing provision and create more spaces.	
<b>11</b>	<b>Support the delivery of the Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan and discuss future role of the Joint Committee</b>	Analysis of Regulation 14 consultation and technical advice informing a Reg 15 submission draft expected Feb 2019.
Partners	All participating local councils.	
Timescale	Regulation 15 submission by February 2019, referendum on 'made' plan expected May 2019.	
Funding	Funding contributed by all participating councils.	
Objective	3	
Outcomes	Enable the community led Steering Group to prepare a neighbourhood plan for the area, in response to issues identified as important by the community.	

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