

## 04 Going to Town

**Lead Contact:** Neil Blaney, Cllr Nina Jeffries

**Programme Status:**

Caution

### Summary Statement

While the impact of the lockdown and social distancing measures on the districts town centres remains unclear this project will be listed as a caution.

### Designing and delivering small and large scale schemes:

Progress has been made on pre-lockdown schemes, with the proposal for a Premier Inn in Teignmouth being confirmed as compliant with the Local Development Order in September 2020. This effectively gives planning consent for the proposal. A planning application is currently being considered for a hotel in Newton Abbot.

### Running and improving Newton Abbot Markets:

Footfall is still below normal levels and we continue to look at initiatives that can help support existing traders and encourage new businesses into the market.

The Future High Street Fund bid was submitted at the end of July which, if successful, will help to rejuvenate the Market Hall and Square. A clarification exercise has been completed in early October and we await to hear if the submission has been successful.

### Town centre health checks:

The pre-Covid town centre health checks are available to view at [teignbridge.gov.uk/oureconomy](http://teignbridge.gov.uk/oureconomy).

It will take some time to be able to measure the impacts of the lockdown on the town centres, but consumer confidence remains low which has impacted on visitors to the town.

### Working with and supporting continued town centre management:

The Economic Development and Environmental Health teams continue to offer support and guidance to businesses dealing with evolving legislation and funding opportunities.

<p><b>Using our powers to bring about improvements and support business growth:</b>                  The Environmental Health team has provided significant support to businesses in compliance with Government legislation relating to restrictions on operating.</p>
<p><b>Improving accessibility and encouraging more town centre living:</b>                  The Council continues to support proposals for town centre living. The Future High Street Fund bid includes significant improvements into Newton Abbot town centre, which will encourage more sustainable travel into the town.</p>
<p><b>Supporting evening cultural and leisure opportunities:</b>                  The lockdown continues to significantly impact on the cultural and leisure industries. Businesses in these sectors are keen to welcome more customers, but it is too soon to fully understand the impact of the restrictions imposed on operating.</p>

## 05 Great places to live and work

Lead contact: Rosalyn Eastman, Cllr Gary Taylor

Programme Status:

On track

## 06 Investing in prosperity

Lead contact: Stephen Forsey, Cllr Nina Jeffries

Programme Status:

On track

Project Status	Code	Title	Executive Member	Last Review Date	Progress Review	Project Responsible Officer
<b>Caution</b>	CSIIP 8.1	Improved broadband provision	<b>Business, Economy and Tourism</b>	12/10/2020	<p>Reason: The tender process for a new contractor to deliver the roll-out was started before the lockdown due to Covid 19, but the lockdown created delays in the project.</p> <p>Improvement Plan: The project covers Devon and Somerset, with the area broken up into 'lots' for contractors to bid on. The following update has been provided by the Connecting Devon and Somerset team.</p> <p>'The initial bids have now been submitted for every 'lot' and the optimisation period has now elapsed. Final bids were received on 25 August and the evaluation of the final bids is now underway. Thereafter preferred suppliers will be identified and those bids will be subject to Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) assurance. It is currently expected that contracts will be awarded in December 2020.'</p> <p>This project will remain as a 'caution' until there the new contract has been successfully awarded and a timetable for rollout has been published.</p>	Neil Blaney

## 07 Moving up a gear

Lead contact:

Fergus Pate, Cllr Gary Taylor

Programme Status:

On track

## 08 Out and about and active

Lead contact: James Teed, Cllr Andrew MacGregor

Programme Status:

Caution

### Summary Statement

The programme status is a caution at this moment with only a gradual return of activities in consideration of the imposed covid-secure restrictions. Numbers of participants will start to pick up now leisure centres are returning, yet we are still operating with imposed capacity restrictions. On average, we can accommodate half the numbers for participation that we could allow pre-covid. Some community based projects, such as cycling activities, will not resume until at least the New Year / Spring.

### PIs on still on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions

- **CSOAA 6.1** Number of young people (under 18) who participate in activities we organise.
- **CSOAA 6.2** Number of older (over 60) people participating in events we organise
- **CSOAA 6.3** Number of people 30-60 participating in activities we organise
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It is anticipated that participation data will available next quarter (Q3). These will be substantially lower but hopefully some assessment of revised target figures will then be possible

### One Project is still on hold due to Covid 19 restrictions

- **CSOAA 1.1 Refurbishment of Broadmeadow and Dawlish Leisure Centres.** On hold until service recovered. Income streams need to be re-established to support the business case, a time frame for this is not currently identifiable.

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<b>Caution</b>	CSOAA 3.1	Best practice guidance for delivery & ongoing management of open space in new development	Sport, Recreation and Culture	12/10/2020	<p>Reason: The report prepared for informal Executive was presented at the beginning of March 2020. It was agreed that there are a suite of actions needed, alongside the Local Plan update, with the aim of reducing the risk of examples of poor-quality delivery of green infrastructure. This includes changes to the s106 template wording for green infrastructure to support good-quality delivery and ongoing management of green infrastructure, with reasonable management fees. There will also be a review of requirements for good-quality ongoing management to support this. This is underway but there is limited resource, which affects pace of progression.</p> <p>Improvement plan: The Teignbridge Green Infrastructure Strategy document strongly focuses on good-quality delivery and ongoing management of green space, as well as cycle connectivity. This document is one part of a wide suite of evidence that is available to inform the Local Plan review, which is currently ongoing, and it supports facilitation of good-quality delivery of green infrastructure, linking to the informal Executive report. Discussions with the Local Plan team are ongoing alongside progress on viability work and other aspects that form part of the required process of the LP review.</p>	Rosalyn Eastman, Estelle Skinner

## 10 Vital, Viable Council

Lead contact: **Amanda Pujol, Cllr Alan Connett, Cllr Richard Keeling**

Programme Status:

**On track**