

## 04 Going to Town

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

**Programme Status:**

Caution

### **Summary Statement**

With lockdown being slowly released and social distancing measures still in place in the districts town centres there are a lot of positive signs, but until we are able to collect and analyse evidence of the return of visitors to the towns the impacts this project will continue to be listed as a caution.

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

The Council has confirmed its match funding contribution to the 'in principle' award of £9.2m from the Future High Street Fund, with formal confirmation expected from Government in early May 2021. Work will now commence on the projects in the bid, including cycle and pedestrian improvements, enhanced Market's Quarter and a new cinema. In Teignmouth work to create replacement parking spaces has been completed, ensuring there is no loss of parking in the town when the Brunswick Street developments come forward.

### **Running and improving Newton Abbot Markets:**

Footfall is still significantly below normal levels. Some traders in the Market Hall and outdoor markets are able to continue trading but it is significantly reduced. The Future High Street Fund plans will be used to rejuvenate the Market Hall and Square, supporting the next evolution of Newton Abbot as a market town.

### **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 lockdowns and tier systems on the town centres, but consumer confidence remains low which has impacted on visitors to the town. We will work with business representatives from the towns to continue to monitor the town centres.

### **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. We are still looking at ways to support town centre management arrangements for all towns.

### **Using our powers to bring about improvements and support business growth:**

The Environmental Health team has provided significant support to businesses in compliance with Government legislation relating to restrictions on operating.

**Improving accessibility and encouraging more town centre living:**

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 accessibility and more sustainable travel into the town.

**Supporting evening cultural and leisure opportunities:**

The lockdown continues to significantly impact on the cultural and leisure industries. Businesses in these sectors are keen to welcome more customers, but with some closed and others operating takeaway only this has a significant impact on them and any opportunities.

## 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

## 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 remains as a caution, as the limited return of activities was impacted by the national lockdown and closure of leisure activities in January.

### 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

Participation data will available when all such covid-19 restrictions are lifted. Participation will be lower but and will take time to rebuild but when participation data is available, we will remodel our indicators.

### 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.

Project Status	Code	Title	Executive Member	Last Review Date	Progress Review	Project Responsible Officer
Caution	CSOAA 5.1	Volunteer task days	Sport, Recreation	09/04/2021	There was no volunteering at Dawlish Warren in this quarter due to the pandemic lockdown. Similarly there were no school visits.	James Teed

			and Culture			
<b>Caution</b>	CSOAA 6.1	Develop & provide a programme of activities targeting 30-45s and over, women & lower social-economic area	Sport, Recreation and Culture	09/04/2021	The national lockdown has meant the leisure facilities were closed in January. The online workouts were made available for residents once again. A walking initiative was created and promoted in February to encourage people to walk, jog or run and records their steps as a #Teignbridgetogether campaign. There was 510 submissions and 15,912,311 steps were recorded.	James Teed
<b>Caution</b>	CSOAA 8.1	Develop a plan of activities, events and opportunities to promote walking and cycling activities	Sport, Recreation and Culture	09/04/2021	Contact maintained with Volunteer Walk Leaders during lockdown. Virtual groups discussion encourage walk leaders to set up their own Walk This Way page to link to the council's leisure pages with a forward plan that this will restore confidence in safely managing groups and help us recruit more volunteer leaders late in the year. Explored working more closely with social prescribers and there is enthusiasm to develop short health walks for closed groups referred by prescribers if we can provide volunteer walk leader capacity.	James Teed

## 10 Vital, Viable Council

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

Programme Status: **Ahead of schedule**