

Appendix 6 – Single Departmental Plan for Future High Street Fund

In January 2020 we updated our Ten-Year Council Strategy, originally published in 2016.

Coronavirus has had a significant impact on these plans, and we are reviewing them to focus on supporting social and economic recovery across Teignbridge.

Our key objectives, identified in our strategy, are:

- a carbon neutral district
- better quality and affordable housing
- good wages and jobs for all
- active and sustainable travel choices
- young people encouraged to stay and flourish
- a healthier population living in resilient communities
- a clean, green, and safe environment
- an open, transparent and accountable council

At the heart of our strategy are our Teignbridge Ten programmes. These guide our activities, where we focus our time and money, and how we shape our services to plan for future technological, economic and social changes, and deliver real progress for the district and the people living in it.

These programmes each have a wide impact on the economy, community wellbeing and our environment. Individually, each will make a significant difference, but together they have the potential to bring multiple and combined benefits, greater than if they were delivered in isolation.

How the Future High Street Fund Project will meet our objectives:

A carbon neutral district

- The proposed cinema will be a low carbon and fully electric system
- The project includes improvements to pedestrian and cycle routes within the town centre, encouraging people to use sustainable forms of transport
- Creating more leisure, shopping and recreation opportunities within Newton Abbot reduces the need to travel to Exeter, Torbay and Plymouth.

Enhancing good quality, affordable housing with great facilities

- Recreation and leisure that enhance the growth of new homes for families, older people and our next generation.

Good wages and jobs for all

- Regenerating the town centre and creating 41 Full Time Equivalent new job opportunities
- The wider economic benefit to the town is estimated to be £42.3 million
- Improvements to the market will make it a thriving location for new businesses to start up and grow

Active and sustainable travel choices

- The project includes improvements to walking and cycling routes within the town centre, encouraging sustainable travel
- Creating an improved leisure and markets offer in the town centre, next to the existing bus hub and cycle routes, will provide greater choice
- The walking and cycling routes connect to excellent sustainable travel networks that link Newton Abbot to neighbouring towns

Encouraging our young people to stay and flourish

- Improving opportunities for leisure activities and experiences provides more for younger people to do within the town centre, with upgraded facilities and a more modern look making the town centre a more attractive and vibrant place to visit

A healthier population living in resilient communities

- By encouraging active travel, we give residents the opportunity to make healthier transport choices
- Alongside the Newton Abbot and Kingsteignton Garden Community project the town centre regeneration helps to deliver a thriving economy, and make it a desirable place to live, work and visit.

A clean, green, and safe environment

- The improvements to Queen Street give pedestrians and cyclists greater priority and safer environments, reducing car dominance
- Enhancements to the evening economy will encourage more residents and visitors into the town centre, increasing activity in areas that are currently quieter and which currently have less surveillance at night

An open council

- The Future High Street Fund project and preceding Newton Abbot masterplan have been developed following public engagement and input over several years
- All decisions have been made in the public domain and are well documented, based on clear, impartial, objective advice