

8.a PROJECT LIST

Background – the project list has been based upon the vision contained in the Liskeard Neighbourhood Plan as set out below and the Town Council and Cornwall Council workstreams as they have developed.

Neighbourhood Plan Notes for Liskeard Place Shaping Vision Statement

As part of the preparation for the vitality fund bids we have been advised to put together a statement around place shaping vision and priorities. Here are some key points from the Neighbourhood Plan as a starting point.

Liskeard's Neighbourhood Plan was overwhelmingly agreed in a referendum in 2018. The Foreword to the plan states:

'The priorities we have agreed focus around the concept of Liskeard as a thriving, modern market town acting as the sustainable social and economic heart of the wider community of South East Cornwall.'

The vision in the plan is set out below.

LISKEARD - A MODERN CORNISH MARKET TOWN

LISKEARD IS:

- A Cornish market town with a distinct identity and character
- A vibrant and friendly community built on a human scale
- A place where people from the surrounding area come to use services, shops, cultural and leisure facilities
- Set in a valued rural, agricultural landscape between the sea and the moor

LISKEARD WILL BE:

- A thriving modern market town at the heart of South East Cornwall
- A place where people can work in rewarding jobs supporting a vibrant economy
- An attractive place to live with a range of housing to meet local needs
- A caring community supporting residents of all age and social groups through health, education, employment, and enjoyment of cultural and leisure facilities
- An attractive centre which retains its human scale, and where people want to access services, meet and shop
- A place that fosters mobility and healthy living with a sustainable transport network for walkers, cyclists and those who depend on public transport

- A place that attracts visitors and supports tourism in S E Cornwall

Key drivers in the Plan include:

- Priority for Jobs – new employment sites, and employment linked to new housing.
- Supporting the vitality and viability of the town centre and it's businesses
- Regenerating the Cattle Market to maximise the economic and cultural benefits to the community
- Improving and protecting our valuable green spaces in and around Liskeard with better walking and cycling routes, and connecting neighbourhoods
- Identifying more land for playing fields, parks and natural areas
- Working to improve the towns infrastructure in line with new development
- Respecting the town's heritage and improvements to the street scene
- Promoting brown-field sites first before more houses can be developed on fields beyond our settlement boundary.

LISKEARD ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT - TOWN VITALITY FUND (TVF) STRATEGICALLY TARGETTED PLACE SUPPORT (STPS)
(note that the original report was prepared for a joint meeting. The notes in blue are comments made at the meeting the information in green that which has been obtained since meeting.

Introduction –

Town Vitality Fund (TVF)

activities (not exhaustive) that might be funded include;

- Feasibility studies
- Conceptual designs
- Community/stakeholder engagement
- Demand studies
- Targeted research
- Commissioning of professional/specialist expertise to provide technical advice, etc
- Bid writing capacity/expertise

A streamlined process for grants below £50,000 is being implemented. Grants in excess of £50,000 will be subject to an additional layer of scrutiny, with applications

going forward for additional review by the Economic Growth Board. Final grant approval for both routes will rest with the Cabinet Member for the

Week commencing:

- Application Review 1 – 14 December 2020;
- Application Review 2 – 25 January 2021;
- Application Review 3 – 15 March 2021

Above dates are indicative and to be confirmed and will be driven by any applications submitted from the Town Councils.

- **Coordination of the next phase of cattle market redevelopment –**

- a. Description of each project – Feasibility Study – Community/Stakeholder engagement.
- b. How it meets the criteria for the fund – it enables the consideration of options for the second phase of redevelopment of the redundant cattle market site. This should help to bring the physical regeneration of the brownfield site by introducing a new phase of activity and footfall.
- c. Costing – £20,000 whole site.
- d. How quickly it can be worked up for an application – The architect and company that had undertaken the initial design of the overall site are available to undertake the second phase design work. This should be an Application Review Phase 1 submission.

Group discussion – It was noted that the presentation had listed the present partners on the cattle market working party. The consultation would need to reflect the wider range of possible partners and end users of the facility.

More detail was needed on the nature of the consultation for it to be properly appreciated what was actually, intended and how this differs from the work already being undertaken.

Communicating about the development of the site is also a priority.

Depending on the availability of information this could go to the November or December Town Council for consideration.

Latest information is that the consultation regarding a possible community building is already contracted to be undertaken.

Any other work is not immediately necessary with the November and December application deadlines.

- **Unlocking Employment land and space (light and general industrial and office etc, - the extension of the Liskeard Business Park has been identified as a possible option. Other sites might also be suitable.**

- a. Description of each project – Feasibility study / partner discussion on the provision of public sector lead employment land and buildings scheme. That will result in the purchase of land and provision of roads and services.
- b. How it meets the criteria for the fund – it will help permit the expansion of existing local businesses, the relocation of businesses to Liskeard and the setting up of small businesses. This will increase the wealth of the local economy and support the revitalisation of the town centre.
- c. Costing – not sure.
- d. How quickly it can be worked up for an application – Propose join up of Cornwall Council (CPO powers) and Town Council, however, should consider whether procuring a private sector employment site developer will give the opportunity to progress the whole of the site cost effectively. In addition, would other Cornwall Council services or partners wish to be involved? New Cornwall Council offices? etc.

Group Discussion – This project had the highest degree of support. It would be a way of bringing economic value to the town and wider area. There were demand studies and the experience with Trevecca to show good need from local and out of area businesses interested in the town. This now needs to progress to commercial feasibility work to see how employment sites can be delivered.

There was confirmation that this should look at the possibility of progressing the conversation around a number of sites not just the Liskeard Business Park, but also the Agri Hub.

Treveth had indicated a willingness to look at Employment as well as Affordable Housing. However, they did not immediately have the revenue funds available for initial assessment and comparison etc.

SV – to liaise with AB and CM on ways forward and put to November or December Town Council.

Latest information – discussions will take place at a 1st December 2020 meeting regarding the feasibility of bringing forward a public sector lead employment land scheme.

- **Barra Street Bus Stops**

- a. Description of each project - Redesigning the bus stops on Barras Street to accommodate the larger buses and the knock-on effects of that eg for the taxi rank.
- b. How it meets the criteria for the fund – would enable bus based passengers to more easily access the Town Centre. It would assist in the

improve flow of other types of vehicles and hence improve accessibility to the town centre.

c. Costing -

d. How quickly it can be worked up for an application - Ask Cornwall Council – Transport specialists.

Group Discussion – Plymouth City Bus (Richard Stephens MD) would be a good contact on requirements.

Lee Quinney (Public Transport Assets and Systems Manager at Cornwall Council is very keen to help with an application for funding.

They frequently get complaints from the operator Plymouth Citybus, as buses are now longer, lower and more frequent than the stops were designed for.

There are also aspirations to make public transport more multi modal, to include bike racks on buses, cycle stands at bus stops etc to join up networks, cycle trails etc. They would need a highways designer to review the current layout, and look at options including surrounding street furniture, and cost these. It is likely Cormac could be commissioned to do this, but at present have been wondering where to get the money from. He feels the way forward may be to include this with the active travel project James Hatton is working on (see below), but is going to talk to James about a best way forward.

- Active Travel

a. Description of each project – * Design for cycle lanes etc coming out of the cycling group.

b. How it meets the criteria for the fund – improve accessibility to the town centre.

c. Costing – c£30,000 (also to include Cycle hub)

d. How quickly it can be worked up for an application – Ask Cornwall Council – Transport specialists.

Group Discussion – during the meeting in the afternoon the priority areas identified for design work around active travel were New Road, Plymouth Road, Charter Way and Station Road. New Road and Plymouth Road also form part of the proposed Liskeard loop of the Looe Valley Trail and the relationship between the projects is being clarified. Advice to be sought from James Hatton.

Latest Information – advice from James Hatton on the Active Travel and Cycling Hub.

To confirm based on previous experience you would be looking at around £30,000 to undertake a feasibility study to further develop the walking and

cycling aspirations for Liskeard. From this you would potentially get something along the lines of the following;

- A set of schemes developed to an outline design level, these would be built on the concept work already undertaken but be developed to ensure they meet Highway Standards and latest best practice.
- A set of cost estimates to deliver the potential schemes.
- Clarity regarding the potential location of a cycle hub and what form this may take.
- Within this cost you could also ask for some form of community consultation – this could be pre or post scheme design depending on when you want to undertake wider engagement.
- Within this study I think you could focus primarily on Station Road, Charter Way and the Town Centre Cycle hub but expand the scope to include other areas and considerations such as signage and cycle parking. This would allow you to be in a great position to bid for capital funding opportunities alongside the £100K we have from the Local Transport Plan.

The quickly drafted attached note (8.a.i.) sets out some context as a starting point.

- **Cycling Hub**
 - a. Description of each project - Taking forward the idea of a cycling hub in Liskeard to fit with the Liskeard / Looe Valley trail.
 - b. How it meets the criteria for the fund -
 - c. Costing -
 - d. How quickly it can be worked up for an application –

Group Discussion – We need a piece of work which looks at potential locations and also talks to key stakeholders including the owner of the existing cycle shop.

Latest information – from James Hatton is above in the Cycling Lanes / Active Travel.

- **Town Centre Commercial Viability**
 - a. Description of each project – Was it intended to carry out a Shop bright type scheme?
 - b. How it meets the criteria for the fund -
 - c. Costing -
 - d. How quickly it can be worked up for an application -

Group Discussion – due to the effects of the pandemic on trade in the town and the continuing uncertainty it is difficult to frame this project at the moment. It was suggested that it be kept on the list but to look to progress it in a later round.

Latest information – this should be given a much broader title such as ‘town centre commercial viability’. It reflects the work stream emerging from the work on Town Centre Vitality by Cornwall Council