## **Swanage2027 – Plan for 2020/21**

Strategic objective	Project	Link person	Key partner organisations – update
H1 Priority: High	Explore Community Land Trust to provide social, local housing	MA	The Swanage Community Housing Steering Group has been established to move the project forward.  Further to the public meeting held on Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 interested parties attended an introductory meeting and were subsequently co-opted to the group.  Three sub-groups have been formed to investigate various elements of the project: Form of incorporation, Finance and Sites, with assistance from Fiona Astin (Housing Advisor). A further update will be provided at a future meeting.
N1 Priority: High	Create Town Centre Sea Defence Strategy	MA	<ul> <li>Swanage Coastal Change Forum, STC, Dorset Council, EA, S&amp;PDT - A scheme for sea defence is under development.</li> <li>Three strands to the strategy: <ol> <li>Temporary: concrete sea defences will be removed shortly but will also be used winter 2021/22.</li> <li>Interim: Repairs to the sea defences, including the Parade and Stone Quay have been completed during October 2020, however the Quay slipway suffered serious damage in the recent easterly winds and investigation into repair options have commenced.</li> <li>Long term: Partnership headed by Dorset Council's Flood and Coastal Erosion Management Team. The design stage is ongoing and public consultation regarding options, scheduled to commence before Christmas 2020, was subsequently delayed. It is anticipated the consultation will commence shortly. The closure of the southern section of Shore Road, together with changes in traffic flow to the Lower High Street, is likely to be considered as part of the wider project, as this could impact the design for long-term flood defence e.g. flood gates.</li> </ol> </li></ul>

N2 Priority: High	Co-ordinate work of environmental organisations in Swanage, deliver agreed actions from the Swanage Green Infrastructure Strategy and take steps to address the climate crisis.	TC/AH	STC/Dorset Council/National Trust - Sustainable Swanage have taken a lead and coordinated the formation of a group around 'Greening Swanage'. This group are likely to take on a lot of the community greening projects identified in the GIS – but also deliver more.  Sustainable Swanage have made significant progress towards delivering the first iteration of the strategy. The current plan is to consolidate progress to date, before looking to further projects.  During 2021 the main focus will be on retaining existing volunteers. A volunteer base at either Durlston or Greengage will be provided. New projects will then be considered towards the end of the year.  Tom Clarke and Sarah Spurling will meet up around Easter to discuss further and an update will be provided at a future meeting.  A report prepared by Sarah Spurling regarding Sustainable Swanage was published 12 <sup>th</sup> February containing further information.  Solar Streets will launch their provision of sustainable energy on 17 <sup>th</sup> March and Lucinda Neall will attend the ST&CP meeting on 3 <sup>rd</sup> March to provide further information.  STC Environmental Policy working party hold regular meetings to discuss the implementation of the Climate Crisis.
S2 Priority: High	Wellbeing Swanage Health & Wellbeing in the community	BF/KG	STC/S&PDT/Dorset Council - The intention continues to be joint working with Children's and Adult Services – As a result of the Draft Transformation Plan presented to DC Cabinet in November 2019, a Chapel Lane Transformation plan was prepared. STC approved proposals in February 2020 and joint submission sent to Dorset Council.  It was noted that the need for community services, including mental health provision, was a high priority due to Covid-19 impact.  A sub-group of ST&CP had been established to address wellbeing issues and have been meeting regularly since November 2020.  A Wellbeing Co-ordinator has recently been appointed for 6 hours per week and is currently establishing a website as well as beginning to map mental health service provision. A Community Signposting scheme is also being established in coordination with health services and professionals.  A section in The Swanage Forum & S&PDT newsletter will be dedicated to Mental Health/Wellbeing containing information on how to become involved.

			A meeting regarding Chapel Lane has been scheduled with Theresa Leavy, Executive Director of People - Children, Dorset Council, for mid-March and an update will be provided at a future meeting.
S4 Priority: Medium	Improve and expand Museum/Heritage Centre <sup>1</sup>	MN	The draft plans from Dorset Council regarding a revised layout of the public conveniences have now been provided to STC.  It was hoped that an Edwardian/Victorian event would be organised to launch the re-opening of the Museum with all shops being invited to join in with window displays and Edwardian/Victorian themed dress, however, due to the staggered approach to reopening different sectors, the event has been postponed. The museum now hoped to co-ordinate the re-opening, at the end of May, with the unveiling of the Albert memorial.
H2 Priority: Medium	Develop transport links and traffic flow improvements with enhancements to the seafront and town centre.  • Institute Road  • Shore Road  • Station forecourt	MW	STC/Dorset Council - Institute Road Improvements: Project completed and well received.  Shore Road: To be integrated into flood defence project.  Station forecourt – Town Council to engage a private contractor to prepare an options appraisal.  Request to be made to PTAG to seek a co-ordinated Purbeck Transport Plan to alleviate heavy traffic in Purbeck. PTAG requested Town and Parish engagement to collate responses and take proposal to DC.  STC contributed to the draft strategy and reference to the Active Travel Plan, prepared by Sustainable Swanage, was incorporated. The PTAG report has been finalised and a response from Dorset Council is expected in due course. An update will be provided to a future meeting.
H2 Priority: Medium	Explore options for Multi-Function Centre, Enterprise Hub/Incubation Units, and develop sporting facilities at Days Park	BF	S&PDT/STC/S&HFC – The quotes for architects, engineers and consultants had been received, however, these had been higher than anticipated. Fundraising was being considered to cover the shortfall and Dorset FA was looking to assist. A Zoom meeting had taken place at the beginning of December 2020 with Dorset FA and the Football Foundation. Further discussions with the Football Club are required.  The closure of the existing sports hall was noted.

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H2 Priority: Low	Explore provision of community bus/transport	KG/MN	Partners continuing to work on proposals.  Various options being considered including the bus route.  Sustainable Swanage working on an Active Travel project to encourage the community to use 'green' transport. Plans to establish a 'Park and Stride' at North Beach car park for drop off and pick ups for St Mary's school. More bike racks and storage and a potential electric bike hire project are being considered.  Durlston Bus service is awaiting confirmation of funding for the 2021 season. The community/town bus proposal will be considered under longer-term plans. A working party has been established to discuss ideas and updates will be provided in due course.  STC currently have a tender opportunity for a Bike Hire concession.
H3 Priority: Complete	Review Conservation Areas and create Local Listing	MA	Purbeck Society/STC/Dorset Council Conservation Officer – Purbeck Society members have finalised a register of buildings of historic merit outside of the existing conservation areas.  It was noted that this will be a useful tool in adding weight to planning committee representations.  A presentation will be provided to a future Planning and Consultation Committee meeting.