



**LYDNEY COASTAL COMMUNITY TEAM**  
**ECONOMIC PLAN UPDATE**  
**FEBRUARY 2020**



No.	Heading	Detail	Information
<b>Key Information</b>			
1	Name of CCT	N/A	<b>Lydney Coastal Community Team</b>
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3 (a)	CCT Membership	Names and position, e.g. resident, Local Councillor	<b>Executive Group</b> Dane Broomfield – Environment Agency (Chair) Cllr Walter Leach – Lydney Town Council Cllr Tess Tremlett – Lydney Town Council Cllr Bernie O’Neill – FoDDC Cllr Sid Phelps – FoDDC Wendy Jackson – Publica (Ex officio) Clerk – Lydney Town Council (Ex officio)
3 (b)	CCT Membership	Other partners and/or stakeholders to be involved.	<b>Stakeholder Group</b> Gloucestershire County Council, Historic England, Harbour Master, Gloucester Harbour Trustees, Inland Waterways Association, Lydney Yacht Club, Canal & Rivers Trust, Lydney Area in Partnership, Wye Dean Tourism, Dean Forest Railway, Gfirst Local Enterprise Partnership, Severn & Wye Smokery, Lydney Harbour Estate, Lydney Skiff Project, Natural England, Gloucestershire Wildlife Trust, Forest of Dean Local History Society, Forest of Dean Buildings Preservation Trust, FoD Sea Cadets
<b>Delivering the Plan</b>			
4	Short term goals/actions	What has the team achieved in the past 15 months? (Jan 2018- March 2019)  What actions are planned for 2019-20?	<b>Key projects -</b>  The focus for the team during <b>2019/20</b> has been the preparation and submission of successful funding bids and subsequent detailed project planning.  The team prepared a successful £2.1M bid submission to the Coastal Community Fund (round 5) for the <i>Destination Lydney Harbour</i> (DLH) project, consisting of a number of elements which cover the area from the A48 roundabout on Harbour Road to the docks and harbour and serve to improve connections between these areas and the town centre. They can be broadly categorised as

			<p>Improvements to Access Routes and Wayfinding, Enhancements to the Landscape, Enabling Increased Use of the Canal, Docks and Harbour.</p> <p>The DLH project includes the refurbishment and conversion of the Harbour Store and Mortuary buildings to provide a heritage information point and toilet facilities respectively plus the installation of a modular café unit.</p> <p>The bid was submitted at the end of January 2019 and was awarded funding in September 2019.</p> <p>DLH will complement the major private sector investment proposals being planned for the redevelopment of the Pine End Works site which is aiming to transform the former employment site into a major visitor attraction which will encourage people to visit the area for 3-4 hours.</p> <p>Additionally the project complements the Gfirst LEP-funded Links Lydney Cycle Improvement Scheme, completed in early 2020. The scheme hopes to improve access and increase connectivity by creating a pleasant, safe and accessible network of pathways around Lydney linking together Aylburton, Lydney Town Centre, Railway Station and Harbour approach, and residential developments. The scheme was developed with the aim of promoting cycle usage and reducing car journeys as well as increasing spend within Lydney whilst a non-vehicular route to the Harbour fits with the LCCT's aspiration to attract more people to the site.</p> <p>The LCCT also team submitted a bid to the Coastal Revival Fund for the repair of the harbour's outer sea gates. This project was successful in obtaining £50K funding for detailed design work – work is now underway to secure the remaining funding needed.</p> <p>The Environment Agency has submitted an internal bid for further de-silting of the harbour in addition to the repair of the outer sea gates.</p> <p>In September 2019 a number of LCCT members came together for their annual clean-up of the Lydney docks area as part of the Severn Estuary Partnership's 'Beach Clean' event.</p> <p>The Environment Agency continued their efforts to transfer land ownership at Lydney harbour to Mr Richard Cook. A process of legal and due diligence work is underway to conclude this important transfer.</p>
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5	Performance measures	Outcomes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <b>Governance</b> - Stakeholder Group meetings held on a quarterly basis &amp; Executive Group meetings arranged as required when decisions have been needed to be taken.</li> <li>• <b>Docks land transfer:</b> Environment Agency working with the future custodian of the docks &amp; harbour.</li> <li>• <b>CCF5 – “Destination Lydney Harbour” Project</b> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>❖ Submission in Jan 2019</li> <li>❖ Bid successful Sept 2019</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
6	Medium term goals/actions	Where is the team currently against these? Have they been amended?	<p>A good number of the medium term goals listed in the first LCCT Economic Plan (Mar 2016) have already been achieved and are listed as short term performance measures in section 5 above.</p> <p>The medium term focus will be to complete the repairs to the Outer Sea Gates and deliver Destination Lydney Harbour.</p>
7	Performance measures	Outcomes	<p>Destination Lydney Harbour Measures - the following headline outcomes will be seen after the delivery of the Destination Lydney Harbour project:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Increased visitor numbers and awareness of the docks and harbour as a great place to visit as well as improved visitor spend in Lydney</li> <li>• Improvements to the public realm on the approach to the area for residents, businesses and visitors</li> <li>• Provide 1.2Km of new pedestrian footpath along Harbour Road</li> <li>• Significant private sector investment into the area supported by creating an attractive environment in which to set up business and create new jobs</li> <li>• Increased boat use in the docks, harbour and canal. In addition, there will be an increase in leisure use of the Canal and as a safe place for people to learn both to row and to gain basic boat craft skills.</li> <li>• Creation of a new business with the pop-up café and creation of up to 2 new FTE jobs</li> <li>• Install 10 new mooring points to generate</li> </ul>

			<p>income for the new CIC/Trust</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Establish a sustainable not-for-profit boat building company and support up to 20 volunteers to learn traditional craft skills</li> <li>• Phased de-silting of 1.3Km of Lydney canal</li> </ul> <p>The LCCT will continue to scan the horizon for any new funding opportunities to support the delivery and future sustainability of the LCCT Economic Plan.</p> <p>Continue to undertake harbour baseline footfall survey – to monitor pedestrian &amp; cycle use – 2020/21.</p>
8	Long term goals and actions	<p>Are these still relevant? Changes?</p> <p>If not previously stated, what are the team's long term goals now?</p>	<p>The team's long term vision is taken from the Lydney Neighbourhood Development Plan and remains unchanged:</p> <p><i>"The vision is to develop Lydney over the next 10 years and beyond as a thriving, prosperous, safe, integrated and attractive market town, serving its rural hinterland and as a centre from which to visit the area's attractions."</i></p>
9	Costs	<p>Description of spend, revenue raised, resources, etc (including time for volunteers, social/virtual banking – i.e. swapping/sharing resources, skills, time, etc.)</p>	<p><b>FoDDC/PUBLICA</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In kind contribution of £66,843 (2019/20 plus 2020/21) to support the Lydney Coastal Community Team.</li> </ul> <p><b>Team Administration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In-kind venue hire from Lydney Town Council £120</li> </ul> <p><b>TOTAL April 2019 – March 2021 <u>£66,963</u></b></p>
10	Value	<p>What value to the local economy has been realised by the team?</p>	<p>The team's first two projects used the local supply chain to support delivery. Mabey Bridge Limited, a Lydney based engineering solutions business secured the contracts to refurbish both the Lydney Harbour Swing Bridge and St Mary's Footbridge.</p> <p>As an LCCT member, the Environment Agency continues to work with the National Offender Management Service (NOMS) to protect the public and reduce re-offending by delivering the punishment and orders of the courts and supporting rehabilitation by helping offenders reform their lives. The NOMS New Leaf project is a valuable resource that has helped with vegetation clearance and general site maintenance at Lydney Harbour entrance and specifically in remediating the Swing Bridge site in readiness for the restored bridge to be returned.</p>

11	Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)	<p>What is the relationship between the CCT and the local LEP? Does the CCT have a LEP coastal contact?</p>	<p>Gfirst LEP and the Gloucestershire Economic Growth Joint Committee (GEGJC) are both aware of the Lydney CCT, as the only CCT in the County. The LEP has been invited to join the Stakeholder Group but due to limited staff resources cannot attend the meetings. FoDDC's Head of Paid Service attends GEGJC and updates this meeting (which includes LEP) and reports on the status of the various Forest of Dean growth projects.</p> <p>In 2019, the LEP introduced a new Capital Investment Pipeline (CIP). The CIP aims to maintain a viable pipeline of capital projects +£1m that have the potential to support significant economic growth in the county.</p> <p>Gfirst LEP will publish a Local Industrial Strategy in March 2020 following a call for evidence to identify the strengths and challenges within the economy. FoDDC has submitted a response to flag the need for infrastructure improvements in the Forest of Dean.</p>
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**Communications**

12	Consultation Exercises	<p>Describe recent results of consultations or other feedback – please include outcomes, use of flyers, etc.</p>	<p><b>Links Lydney (Cycleway Improvements) consultation</b> – The project is being implemented at time of writing and is scheduled to complete in February 2020</p> <p><b>Pine End Works Consultation</b> - Richard Cook, the owner of the derelict Pine End Works site, ran a consultation and engagement session on the 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2018. Approx. 250 people attended to learn about (and give support to) Mr Cook's plans which aim to transform the former employment site into a major visitor attraction. A Planning Application has since been made and is scheduled for determination in Spring 2020.</p> <p><b>Destination Lydney Harbour Consultations</b> - Consultations relating to the DLH project are planned. Gloucestershire County Council's Highways Department will project manage the works to Harbour Road, consulting with owners of the adjacent land, business owners and residents as detailed plans become available.</p> <p>Several Community Projects make up Destination Lydney Harbour including a Skiff Building and Rowing scheme, Public Art Installation and Walking Route way marking. Scheduled engagement and consultation events will invite people to get involved.</p> <p><b>Forest of Dean District Council Local Plan Consultation</b> - Forest of Dean District Council's Forward Planning team are currently preparing a</p>
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			<p>new Local Plan for the Forest of Dean District which will replace the existing plan (runs until 2026). The Local Plan guides future development and sets out policies, against which planning applications are considered.</p> <p>The local plan will set out how the Forest of Dean will develop over the next 20 years to 2041; and help deliver new homes and jobs and safeguard the environmental assets we value. More information can be found here:  <a href="https://www.fdean.gov.uk/residents/planning-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2041/">https://www.fdean.gov.uk/residents/planning-building/planning-policy/local-plan-2041/</a></p>
13	Communication with community	How has the community and stakeholders been involved and informed of progress and outcomes through all forms of media	<p>On behalf of the team, FoDDC has issued a number of press releases and Social Media posts related to the team's work.</p> <p>LCCT Stakeholders are also kept informed of progress at the regular stakeholder meetings and meeting notes are distributed to everyone who has expressed an interest to be involved with the team – whether they can make the meetings or not.</p> <p>Those attending Lydney Town Council Meetings will also receive regular updates from FoDDC Members and officers.</p>
14	GBC Logo	How has the team made use locally of the Great British Coast logo? Please provide examples.	<p>The GBC logo is used on all LCCT Executive Group &amp; Stakeholder Group meeting papers, briefing notes, exhibition materials, press releases, PowerPoint presentations and within evidence base documents used to apply for external funding support.</p> <p>LCCT Executive Group members all have GBC logo lanyards and have been encouraged to wear these at public events to help raise awareness about the work of the team.</p>
15	Comms Contacts	Details of local contacts for comms, media, etc	<p>Chelsea Hopkins – Communications Specialist  T. 01594 812622  E. <a href="mailto:chelsea.hopkins@publicagroup.uk">chelsea.hopkins@publicagroup.uk</a></p>
<b>CCT Logistics</b>			
16	Costs	Average running costs of CCT itself	<p>The running costs of the Lydney CCT are provided in-kind and in 2020/2021 will continue to be shared in terms of: staff time from EA, FoDDC/Publica &amp; LTC; venue hire, equipment, refreshments, photocopying for meetings from LTC and financial management from FoDDC as the accountable body.</p>

17	Sustainability	How will the team continue to sustain itself?	The LCCT Executive Group organisations (EA, FoDDC/Publica, LTC) will continue to provide staff resources to administer the team until a new organisation is established post transfer of land ownership at Lydney Harbour. The new organisation is likely to be some form of non-for-profit Community Interest Company, Charity Incorporated Organisation or Community Land Trust.
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