

Annex 1 - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT UPDATE

	Theme	Econ Strategy Targets	Update 28/11/19	Next Action	Risks / Issues	Status
Employment & Skills	Investment and Growth Packages	Develop a core business support 'offer' by Sept 2019 & develop sector specific investment packages by Apr 2020 (including identifying possible financial incentives)	MDDC webpages have been reviewed.	Collect information on Commercial properties.	Further work is needed on identifying business needs.	AMBER
Employment & Skills	Business Champions Group	Business Champions Group established by Dec 2019	List of strategic businesses has been created	To discuss with SW	Businesses unwilling to engage	AMBER
Employment & Skills	Incubation Space	Develop a detailed business plan by Sept 2019	MDDC supported a bid which was submitted at the end of September. Though we are not directly involved in the project, it is of strategic importance to the District and to ensure the delivery of supported employment space for small, growing businesses.	At the time of writing this report we are still awaiting the outcome of the ERDF bid.	Bids may not be successful, which will mean other options will have to be considered	GREEN
Employment & Skills	Business Awards	To undertake a Mid Devon Business Awards Event by Dec 2019	Following the decision not to hold the awards event in 2019, and instead to postpone and develop an event for 2020, it is proposed that this project be moved into the second year action plan.	Early discussions to take place in Jan/Feb 2020 to determine the way forward with an events ceremony.	It will be delayed / postponed / cancelled	RED
Place	Cullompton Historic England Bid	Develop a partnership scheme with Historic England to commence April 2020	Detailed Delivery Plan submitted by 20th December 2019.	Now awaiting final decision from Historic England	A successful bid is contingent on progress to delivering the Eastern Relief Road	GREEN
Place	Future High Streets Fund	To submit a Future High Streets Bid for Tiverton (Cabinet decision 16th March)	Future High Streets Fund bid submitted on 22nd March	COMPLETE - Bid Unsuccessful	Other opportunities for will be sought	GREEN
Place	Tiverton Public Realm	Scope and costing exercise to commence with a view to produce a public realm plan	Stakeholder consultation to take place in January 2020, with implementation expect in Mar/Apr 2020.	Delivery of quick wins, while wider delivery plan is developed	Ensuring S106 monies are spent within the requisite time period. Ensuring appropriate consultation is undertaken prior to member sign off.	GREEN
Place	Crediton and Cullompton Town Centre Partnerships	To work with local town centre bodies in Cullompton and Crediton to set up functioning town centre partnerships by April 2020	Crediton - has a successful Town Team which leads on several popular events and projects. Cullompton also has a Town Team delivering a number of projects including the food and drink festivals in the highstreet. Cullompton Food and Drink	In Cullompton it is proposed to have a Town Centre Regeneration Partnership to advise on HAZ bid and masterplanning exercises (Draft TOR to be circulated).	Dependent on the willingness of partners to participate	AMBER
Place	Tiverton Masterplan	Deliver early milestones for Tiverton Town Centre Masterplan	Draft masterplan being reviewed by Officers prior to Stage 2 public consultation.	Stage 2 public consultation to take place over March / April 2020	Less coordinated development & uncertainty over delivery	AMBER
Place	Cullompton Masterplan	To complete a masterplanning process in Cullompton with adoption in June 2020	Stakeholder event undertaken 04.09.19 (48 attendees). Comments collated ahead of Stage 1 public consultation.	Stage 1 public consultation in Feb/Mar 2020	Less coordinated development & uncertainty over delivery. Less co ordination with the HAZ bid	GREEN
Place	Tiverton EUE. Area B Masterplan	To complete a masterplanning process for Area B of the Tiverton Eastern Urban Extension with adoption in Spring 2020	Landowner and stakeholder consultation event (Sept 2019). Stage 2 public consultation Feb/Mar 2020	Stage 2 public consultation to take place over Feb/Mar 2020	Less coordinated development & uncertainty over delivery	GREEN

Place	Shopfront Schemes	Deliver shopfront grant schemes in Tiverton, Cullompton and Crediton	The shop front scheme is operational in Tiverton (£30k from S106). Funding is being sought through the HSHAZ bid to further the scheme in Cullompton, and other opportunities are being explored to try to bring back the scheme to Crediton.	Identify match funding to support a shopfront grant scheme in Crediton.	Cullompton and Crediton are dependant on match being successfully secured.	GREEN
Place	Destination Website	Develop a destination website to promote the district by Jun 2019	The website is now live, but still going through a final testing and tweaking stage before the launch event in January.	Website launch in January, Cllr Barnell (portfolio holder) to attend.	Errors may be found on the site over the next month. This poses only a minimal risk, as they can still be amended at any point.	AMBER
Place	Connecting the Culm	Deliver three year Interreg funded partnership programme	Work on a whole catchment survey is underway to provide a baseline for further studies. A stakeholder engagement plan is being developed. D8		ON TRACK	GREEN
Infrastructure	Town Centre Wi-fi	Develop a clear project plan for delivering a free public wi-fi network in Tiverton by Sept 2019	Meetings have now taken place with a number of potential providers to steer the development of the project and to explore making the project viable while avoiding future on costs.	Tender document still being considered while also considering a potential partnership approach to the project.	Avoiding on-costs is critical to making the project successful. This has required a slightly different approach to the project to a standard procurement approach.	GREEN
Infrastructure	Broadband - Gigabit Voucher	Promote Gigabit Voucher Scheme from Jan 2019	Promotional materials produced and Gigabit Voucher Scheme advertised through social media campaign	COMPLETE	COMPLETE	GREEN
Hi-Tech, Innovation and Green Energy	Hydromills Project Tiverton Weir	Deliver a hydro-project on Tiverton Weir by 2022	Pre-Application Planning meeting has taken place. This has provided guidance for taking forward the full planning application. Aim to submit planning application by end of Feb 2020	Discussion to take place with architects relating to the building design, taking into account feedback from the pre-app.	There is a risk that EA permissions might not be granted. This is something we have no further control over (now that the applications have been submitted) but in the preparation work we have done everything possible to give the applications every chance of success.	GREEN
Agriculture / Food & Drink	Food and Drink Promotion	Create a database of local food and drink businesses by Dec 2019; Work with partners to create two Food & Drink campaigns by Jun 2020; Organise a Mid Devon Food and Drink forum event by Dec 2020.	The database is populated and entering its completion ready for December 2019.	End point of research: Exploring the district to ensure all businesses are included. We are creating a questionnaire to take out with topics to discuss with businesses e.g to identify the need etc.		GREEN