

Community Theme 2022/23

Aim: Work with developers and Devon County Council to deliver strategic cycle routes between settlements and key destinations

- This aim was determined as not deliverable within the period of the Corporate Plan as part of the Mid-Point review:

“This is a transport authority function, but opportunities will be taken to try and influence transport policy and planning priorities where possible in order to encourage active travel and healthier travel options.”

Aim: Secure decent digital connectivity for all of Mid Devon

The Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) programme continues through Devon County Council. Connecting Devon and Somerset (CDS) is a local government-led partnership which helps to deliver next generation broadband infrastructure to areas where the market has failed to invest.

Over 315,000 homes and businesses already have access to superfast broadband as a direct result of investment by CDS – that’s more than any other broadband programme in England.

Aim: Work with education providers to secure appropriate post-16 provision within the district to minimise the need to commute out for A/T level studies

- Work experience provision underway with 13 people due to undertake work experience at the council over the coming months. Career fairs being run in local schools (next date is 7th July at Tiverton High), and Development Sessions have been delivered by the Training and Development Officer to year 7s and year 10s, and also at school assemblies. The Department for Work and Pensions have been partnered with to explore opportunities for younger people. Internships supported at Bicton College for disabled students. T level placements now available with one student about to complete and the other due to start in September 2023.

Aim: Lobby Devon County Council and others to introduce 20mph speed limits where children play, and take opportunities to pilot car-free days/ routes

Would need agreement from members on specific locations to target for 20mph zones or decisions on days for traffic to be restricted. No work is yet taking place on this.

Aim: Promote new, more integrated approaches to promoting good health and healthier living especially in the context of planned new developments

The council have commissioned a review of our Leisure Service. This started formally in June 2023 and the report should be ready in August 2023.

Aim: Seek opportunities to address public health issues and disparities to improve the health and wellbeing of everyone in Mid Devon

Performance Indicator	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Target (2022/23)	Performance
Annual Community Safety Partnership (CSP) Action Plan	12	15	12	12	Green

A number of relevant activities were undertaken in 2022/23, including:

- Safe foundation support for young people project
- Contribution from the Violent Crime Funds was made to South Devon & Dartmoor CSP for the Lets Talk Teenagers Project.
- As part of Anti-Social Behaviour Awareness week, the council did joint visits with the police to our estates and offered support and advice to residents.
- Space (formerly Devon Youth Services) were funded to provide positive summer activities for young people in the Tiverton area over the summer holiday period
- Crediton Community Youth Work - provided schools transition support for Yr 11 pupils
- Mid Devon District Council agreed to become a Trauma Informed council
- Focus group on Sexual exploitation
- Body worn cameras for Street Scene
- Warm spaces project
- Initial review of safeguarding policy
- Attended Let's Talk next steps work shop with a view to introducing the scheme in Mid Devon

Aim: Encourage communities to deliver their own projects to reduce carbon emissions

We continue to proactively engage with communities and promote their ideas and projects e.g. active travel; local food; avoiding food waste; self-build and Modern Methods of Construction; repair cafes.

Aim: Facilitate networking across volunteer and community groups to spread knowledge, expertise and awareness on climate issues

We continue to proactively engage and facilitate between community partners and volunteers - a wide range of groups. Actively promoting networks on the Sustainable Mid Devon website. Public art ideas were realised as the Net Zero mural project created by Sustainable Tiverton - artist collaboration and hosted by the council.

Aim: Work with the NHS and other health bodies to promote use of our leisure centres

Performance Indicator	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Target (2022/23)	Performance
Health Referral Initiative starters	6	102	149	15	Green
Health Referral Initiative completers	0	58	69	10	Green
Health Referral Initiative conversions	0	33	38	5	Green

Aim: Promote community involvement in council activity

Performance Indicator	2020/21	2021/22	2022/23	Target (2022/23)	Performance
Complaints resolved within timescales (10 days - 12 weeks)	90%	91%	92%	95%	Amber
Complaints (Number)	273	404	465	N/A	N/A

Aim: Promote new approaches to rural transport in partnership with town and parish councils through the deployment of emerging technologies

There may be some locations where Mid Devon District Council can do more by facilitating opportunities for transport hubs in larger settlements (Tiverton, Crediton and Cullompton) by considering what interventions could be delivered as we develop and deliver against masterplans for these towns. However, rural transport provision remains the responsibility of the transport authority.

Aim: Work with county, town and parish councils to identify safer walking journeys to school

We will participate as part of the consultation on safer routes to schools projects and programmes (or their equivalents) as appropriate.