

Combined Commission for the Development of Bodmin Town Centre

Appendix 1 - Context

This appendix provides further detail on key elements and areas of work (both current and historical) which set the scene and form part of the context and background to the project. Key areas of work are: -

1. Bodmin Town Centre Vitality Action Plan

Bodmin Town Council was awarded £80,000 for the "Bodmin Town Centre Vitality Action Plan" project in late 2021, following an application to the "Cornwall Council Vitality of Towns Programme".

The project description, which forms part of that application, states that *"The Bodmin Town Centre Vitality Action Plan will create the conditions to bring about improvements in a variety of aspects of life within Bodmin Town centre with the objective of regenerating activity, increasing footfall and increasing social capital in the town."*

This Bodmin Combined Commission will be funded by the "Bodmin Town Centre Vitality Action Plan" project and a copy of the "Bodmin Town Centre Vitality Action Plan" application is attached as part of the information pack.

2. Bodmin 2030 and Beyond

Significant stakeholder engagement was undertaken as part of the process of producing this document, which sets out an overarching vision for the town over the next 10 to 20 years, supplemented by the identification of a number of priorities for action, split across three high level themes: -

- Building a Stronger Community
- Destination Bodmin
- Accelerating Economic Growth

The document was launched in 2019 and it identified the long-term ambitions for the town as an attractive, thriving town centre. A copy of "Bodmin 2030 and Beyond" is attached as part of the information pack.

3. Bodmin Town Council Neighbourhood Plan

Bodmin Town Council is leading on the development of the "Bodmin Neighbourhood Development Plan" (NDP), building on the work undertaken in the production of "Bodmin 2030 and Beyond".

The latest document produced, "Bodmin Town Council Neighbourhood Plan – Next steps" provides guidance for the preparation of the Bodmin NDP. It was produced in March 2022 and a copy of the document, along with a recently conducted community survey, is attached as part of the information pack.

4. Bodmin Town Centre Charrette

A charrette for Bodmin Town Centre was held over the period of Friday 18 March to Tuesday 22 March 2022. The event, which was funded by Cornwall Council and facilitated by the JTP Architects' Community Planning Team, was designed to promote innovative and effective community engagement, to achieve design quality and foster successful places. The charrette sought to build on the work undertaken to date, including the key documents referred to above, with the principal objective being to shape the vision for the future of Bodmin town centre.

The event comprised a series of community workshops and events over a two day period, with follow up work and analysis undertaken by JTP, before a formal report back presentation to the general public. The feedback summarised the outcomes from the community events, drew up a vision for the town centre and produced an illustrative masterplan, with a focus on realistic routes to delivery.

The key document emerging from the charrette, "A Vision for Bodmin Town Centre - Report Back Broadsheet - 22 March 2022" is attached as part of the information pack.

5. Reimagining Bodmin Town Centre

Further work was undertaken, led by Bodmin Town Team in the second half of 2022: -

- Data analyses, including the identification of Strengths Weaknesses, Opportunities and Threats (SWOTs) were produced for the following areas: -
 - The Bodmin Town Council area
 - Bodmin St Mary's and St Leonard
 - Lanivet Blisland & Bodmin St Lawrence
 - Bodmin St Petrocs
 - Bodmin Community Network Area

- The Cornwall Council Town Centre template was completed for all projects emerging from the charrette.

Copies of the data and SWOT analyses and of the completed Town Centre template are provided as part of the information pack.

6. Building a better Bodmin in Business for the Community

This document, produced in 2020 as a direct consequence of the pandemic, contains a summary of the feedback received, mostly using social media, in response to Bodmin Chamber's efforts to monitor public opinion about how Fore Street needs to be managed to ensure that people can safely social distance and a copy is attached as part of the information pack.

7. A New Regeneration Organisation for Cornwall

The work undertaken to date has identified a specific issue regarding the lack of capacity of local organisations to lead on the identified priority projects linked to the regeneration of the town. Consequently, an application has been prepared on behalf of Bodmin Town Team and submitted to the Communities Levelling Up Programme strand of Cornwall's Shared Prosperity Funds, to explore options for the creation of a new locally controlled project delivery organisation.

A copy of the brief for the work is attached as part of the information pack and it is expected that the exercise will be completed and that all documentation will be in place for the formation of the new organisation by the end of March 2023.

8. Bodmin Town Conservation Area Character Appraisal

A Conservation Area Character Appraisal was created for Bodmin back in 2000 and this is attached as part of the information pack.



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