



Axminster Urban Renewal Forum

8 November 2022

Attendees:

CLlr Paul Hayward - EDDC
Josh Dutfield – Axminster Carpets/Property Co
Jane Rockett – Axminster Chamber of Commerce
CLlr Jill farrow - ATC
CLlr Steve Holt – ATC
CLlr Andrew Moulding – EDDC
CLlr Sarah Jackson - EDDC
Alison Hayward - EDDC
Linda Perry - EDDC
Keir Duffin – DCC
Gareth Jones – HJA
Isabel Compton – HJA

Apologies:

CLlr Ian Hall - DCC
CLlr Andrea Sedgewick - ATC
Simon Smith – Community Waffle House
Barrie Hedges – Axminster Chamber of Commerce
Kelly Apps – Axminster Properties

Agenda Item 1: Seaton Regeneration Strategy – questions and clarifications

1.1 A number of issues were discussed, including:

- Social mobility and access to training, education and career opportunities
- Growth targets and measuring outcomes
- Vacant units
- A unified vision for Axminster
- The ongoing development of the regeneration strategy document once formalised by the Town Council (i.e. it is a 'living' document)
- Business Improvement Districts (BIDs)
- Town Centre Managers
- Past unsuccessful funding bids

1.2 The Regeneration Strategy has been updated to reflect these discussions.

Agenda Item 2: Quick Win Project proposals

It was agreed by the Forum that Quick Win funding will be provided for technical support to develop project 8.9: The provision of eco-transport solutions, including for e-bikes. The Quick Win funding is subject to Axminster Town Council securing CCIF from South Western Railway. Axminster Town Council to prepare a Terms of Reference for this process. Meeting to be arranged with Keir Duffin to scope out the immediate work that can be undertaken once confirmation of Railways funding is received.

It was noted that a comprehensive review of transport remains important to the future prosperity of the town and that a scoping exercise should be undertaken prior to seeking funding.

Agenda Item 3: Business Case project

1.3 It was agreed by the forum that the preferred project for which a business case will be developed is project 7.2: The mixed use development at Webster's Garage site.

Agenda item 4: AOB

None