



**Leiston Together**  
**An Economic Plan for Leiston-cum-Sizevell**  
**March 2017**



# Leiston Together: Leiston cum Sizewell Economic Plan

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## 1. Introduction

Since the original Coastal Community Team (CCT) application was submitted by the Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd (LDCP) the Leiston Together Partnership was formed. As Leiston Together includes the District Council, (Suffolk Coastal District Council); Leiston Town Council and Leiston and District Community Partnership, it was agreed that Leiston Together would be the ideal body to act as the CCT for Leiston cum Sizewell.

On 13 February 2017, Suffolk Coastal District Council received confirmation from the Department for Communities and Local Government that the application for Leiston and Sizewell CCT had received a grant of £10,000 revenue. The requirement is to maintain a dialogue with DCLG and by 31 March 2017 to submit an Economic Plan. This document has been approved by Leiston Together as the Economic Plan for Leiston.

The Coastal Community Team covers the Leiston cum Sizewell Parish (hereafter referred to as 'Leiston') falls within the IP16 postcode. The area published its Neighbourhood Plan in 2015 which formed part of the 2013 Suffolk Coastal Local Plan & Core Strategy.

A vision for the future of the parish has been published and approved via the electorate at referendum on 9 February 2017 by a majority vote of 570 in favour to 116. The exact figure for the turnout was 16.8% of the total electorate, according to the Declaration of Poll.

Leiston Together is an enabling partnership board which consists of democratically elected District and Town Councillors (including District Council Cabinet members) and representatives of the Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd, (LDCP). The Board is operating to an agreed terms of reference and is currently being chaired by the Leader of Suffolk Coastal District Council, Cllr Ray Herring.

A Change Manager, Mrs Elspeth Gibson, has been appointed with funding from Suffolk Coastal District Council and Leiston Town Council to bring additional capacity and to lead, on behalf of Leiston Town Council, Suffolk Coastal District Council and other local stakeholders, including Leiston and District Community Partnership, the delivery of a 'whole place' approach for Leiston. This approach actively involves the public, commercial and voluntary sectors and the local community.

On behalf of Leiston Together, the Leiston Change Manager has co-ordinated this economic plan for Leiston which is a requirement of the CCT revenue funding.

The Delivery Plan, (which is an appendix to this economic plan) outlines the current economic and community outcomes which form the basis of the Leiston Economic Plan. This Delivery Plan has been based on the Our Place Consultation and reflects the four identified priorities for Leiston which are outlined more fully in this Economic Plan.

The members of the Leiston Together partnership are currently the 'Coastal Community Team' for the town. Contributions have been invited towards the submission of the economic plan from all members of the partnership. Leiston

Together is the accountable body for the delivery of the outcomes contained within the Delivery Plan, (see appendix 1).

**Name of Coastal Communities Team:**

Leiston Together, (Logo and artwork currently in process for approval by Board members)

**2. Contact Details**

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### 3. Coastal Communities Team Leiston Together

<b>Cllr Ray Herring</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council	Leader and Chair of Leiston Together
<b>Cllr TJ Haworth-Culf</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council	Cabinet member
<b>Cllr Geoff Holdcroft</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council	Cabinet member
<b>Chris Betson</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Chair LDGP
<b>To be arranged</b>	LDGP Ltd	LDGP Board representative
<b>Cllr Lesley Hill</b>	Leiston Town Council	Chair, Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council
<b>Cllr John Last</b>	Leiston Town Council	Vice Chair, Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council
<b>John Rayner</b>	Leiston Town Council	Town Clerk
<b>Nicole Rickard</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council	Head of Communities
<b>Paul Wood</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council	Head of Economic Development and Regeneration
<b>Mrs Elspeth Gibson</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council	Leiston Change Manager
<b>Representative to be identified from Suffolk County Council</b>	Suffolk County Council	To be confirmed

<b>Representative to be identified from Community Action Suffolk</b>	Community Action Suffolk	To be confirmed
<b>Representative from Long Shop Museum</b>	Long Shop Museum Leiston	To be confirmed
<b>Independent Chair</b>	Leiston Together	To be confirmed

#### 4. Sub-Groups Structure for Leiston Together

##### Business and Enterprise Special Interest Group

<b>Chris Betson</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Chair of LDCCP
<b>Fergus Little</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Owner, Cakes and Ales Caravan Park <a href="http://www.cakesandales.co.uk">www.cakesandales.co.uk</a>
<b>Rebecca Stephenson</b>	Member of Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer
<b>Selena Levermore</b>	Member of Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer
<b>Chris Newson</b>	Member of Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer
<b>Emma Mouser</b>	Member of Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer

##### Town Centre Regeneration Special Interest Group – Council Offices

<b>Cllr Lesley Hill</b>	Leiston Town Council	Chair
<b>Chris Betson</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Chair
<b>Cllr Terry Hodgson</b>	Leiston Town Council	Member
<b>To be arranged</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	
<b>John Rayner</b>	Leiston Town Council	Town Clerk

##### Town Centre Regeneration Special Interest Group – Phase 1, Housing

<b>Cllr Lesley Hill</b>	Leiston Town Council	Chair, and Lead of Sub-Group
<b>Cllr Sammy Betson</b>	Leiston Town Council	Elected Member
<b>Cllr Bill Howard</b>	Leiston Town Council	Elected Member
<b>Cllr Selena Levermore</b>	Leiston Town Council	Elected Member
<b>Cllr Tony Cooper</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council and Leiston Town Council	Elected member

**Town Centre Regeneration Special Interest Group – Phase 2, Town Square and associated retail and leisure (NB Long term output, to be led by Leiston Town Council)**

<b>To be arranged</b>	Leiston Town Council	Chair
<b>To be arranged</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Chair
<b>To be arranged</b>	Leiston Town Council	Elected Member
<b>To be arranged</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	
<b>To be arranged</b>	Orwell Housing Association	
<b>Other members as identified</b>		

**Health and Wellbeing Sub-group**

<b>Liz Jackman-Graham</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer, LDCP
<b>Sharon Cuthbert</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer, LDCP
<b>Selena Levermore</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer, LDCP
<b>Chris Betson</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer, LDCP
<b>Elsbeth Gibson</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council	Leiston Change Manager
<b>Holly Granville</b>	Suffolk County Council	Local Area Co-ordinator
<b>Kerry Overton</b>	Health Watch Suffolk	Community Development Officer
<b>Richard Best</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council	Active Communities Manager and link for Social Prescribing Pilot
<b>Julia Dalziel</b>	Suffolk County Council	Area Manager, Adult and Community Services, (TBC)
<b>Sarah McLennan</b>	Leiston Surgery	Leiston Surgery
<b>Kim Bilner</b>	Activ Lives	Activ Hub Leiston
<b>David Grimmer</b>	Suffolk Family Carers	Family Carers
<b>Susanne Wyard</b>	Suffolk VASP	Norfolk and Suffolk Mental Health Trust
<b>To be arranged</b>	Turning Point	Drug and Alcohol Recovery Provider

### Young Adults Special Interest Sub-Group

<b>Chris Betson</b>	Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd	Volunteer, LDGP
<b>Elsbeth Gibson</b>	Suffolk Coastal District Council and Waveney District Council	Leiston Change Manager
<b>Mike Wilson</b>	Alde Valley High School	Principal, Bright Tribe Academy Trust <a href="http://brighttribe.org.uk/">http://brighttribe.org.uk/</a>
<b>Representatives from Army Cadets Force; Air Cadets 1379; Scouts and Guides and Faith Groups; 1<sup>st</sup> Leiston Scout Group; CYDS Project</b>	Representatives of Youth Groups	<a href="https://armycadets.com/county/suffolk-acf/about-our-county/.../leiston-detachment">https://armycadets.com/county/suffolk-acf/about-our-county/.../leiston-detachment</a> <a href="http://www.leistonaircadets.com">www.leistonaircadets.com</a>
<b>Holly Granville</b>	Suffolk County Council	Local Area Co-ordinator
<b>To be confirmed</b>	Access Community Trust	<a href="http://www.accessct.org">www.accessct.org</a>
<b>To be confirmed</b>	Job Centre Plus and MyGo Centre	<a href="http://www.its-mygo.co.uk/about">www.its-mygo.co.uk/about</a>

### 5. Coastal Community Team Stakeholders

Leiston Together is an enabling board formed in 2017 which uses its influence and resources to assist the community to meet its objectives. Following an award of Department of Communities and Local Government (DCLG) funding known as 'Our Place' in 2014, Leiston Town Council retained Locality Matters Ltd to undertake a consultation with various community and voluntary sector representatives and public sector stakeholders on the needs and issues, (including economic needs) in the local area of Leiston. Leiston Together with its broader overarching membership of all local stakeholders forms the CCT for Leiston.

Leiston Together is an overarching partnership which, within its constituent membership, contains representatives from the Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd; local business leaders; Leiston Town Council; Suffolk Coastal District Council and other local stakeholders, including Suffolk County Council and Community Action Suffolk and the Long Shop Museum in the town.

The 'Our Place' consultation provided an opportunity to consider an overall approach in Leiston to build on its assets, specific cultural characteristics and strengths. The Leiston Case Study was produced by Giles Piercy, a consultant from Locality Matters, and published on 20 March 2015.

Three priorities emerged from the Our Place work which included:

- Town Centre Regeneration- 'the creation of a vibrant, income generating town centre with easy access to local services'.



- Provision for Young Adults (18-25) -‘improving local provision in order to minimise the need for young people to travel for education/training, employment and leisure’.
- Health and Wellbeing for older citizens in Leiston- this work plan is underway to identify local needs with other partners working in the town, including the public and voluntary sector and to create a preventative approach to help to co-ordinate local provision effectively. Specific actions include projects to address mental health issues including reducing the social isolation and loneliness, the setting up of a Men’s Shed at the Long Shop Museum and the plan for a new Social Prescribing Project in the town.

A further local theme of Business and Enterprise has been added to the three priorities above. Leiston and District Community Partnership Ltd have helped to co-ordinate the place based approach in the town and have involved other partners including Suffolk County Council Public Health Directorate who provided funding support of £10,000 to establish the Men’s Shed in Leiston.

This work locally has been complemented by a comprehensive ‘Neighbourhood plan’ 2015-2029 which was approved via a local referendum on Thursday 9 February 2017. A majority of the local electorate who voted, voted in favour of the Local Neighbourhood plan, 2015-2029 providing a clear and unequivocal mandate for local delivery of the plan.

The link below relates to the Consultation Statement and provides full details of the scope of the town centre regeneration plans.

<http://www.eastsuffolk.gov.uk/assets/Planning/Neighbourhood-Planning/Designated-Neighbourhood-Areas/Leiston-Submission-Documents/Consultation-Statement-Final-v2.pdf>

A full list of all current activity in Leiston, overseen by Leiston Together Partnership Board is in Appendix 1. This delivery plan forms part of the Economic Plan for the town.

## **6. The Accountable Body**

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## **7. Name of area covered by the Coastal Community team**

Leiston Ward of Suffolk Coastal District Council. Leiston cum Sizewell Town Council is the council area covered by the IP16 district.

## **8. Background to the Leiston Coastal Community Team**

A broad range of partners in Leiston are working to deliver four priorities for the town. The four priorities are business and enterprise; town centre regeneration; health and wellbeing improvement for Leiston residents and young adults aged 18-25 in the town.

These four objectives form the basis of the delivery plan for the CCT and its objectives to deliver both community and economic value and improvement to the town.

There are some notable achievements already underway. For example, action planning for young people in Leiston include plans for an 'Alde Valley Apprenticeship' and a comprehensive Duke of Edinburgh Award Scheme to help young people achieve their ambitions and career potential.

From September 2017, a new satellite of Suffolk New College will commence on the site of the Alde Valley Academy to broaden post 16 opportunities and provision in the town providing a broad range of study programmes, apprenticeships and potentially enhancing adult access to leisure and learning opportunities. This links to the Governments new Industrial Strategy:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/policies/industrial-strategy>

The town has a web site to encourage tourism <http://www.visit-leiston.co.uk/>

It is anticipated that the town centre regeneration project in Leiston has the potential for the community to own and operate a significant local asset for revenue generation and to fulfil the function of a community hub. It is planned that this community hub will be co-located with affordable housing, a library, support groups for the elderly residents and young people and improved transport provision, which is a critical need in the local area.

## **9. Local Area and Local Economy**

Leiston and Sizewell have a joint population of around 6,000. The local demography has slightly more females than males. The most predominant age band is those aged between 45 and 64 for males and females. The numbers of children aged 0-15 is just above the national average.

The average number of annual housing completions is 20, however over the past nine years this has ranged from 2 to 41. The total housing stock at 31st March 2010 was 2,561. This figure comes from council tax records returned by the local authority.

There are two industrial estates identified in the Leiston area, which will serve, but by no means serve all, of the employment needs of the market town.

In terms of employment, 13.6% of the Leiston population are self-employed (2011 Census), this is more than the Suffolk average figure of 9% and below the regional average of 13.9%. The Leiston Neighbourhood Plan states that although Leiston's levels of economic activity are broadly in line with district and county figures, Leiston has slightly higher levels of self-employed people without employees, suggesting a significant number of people working for themselves.

In March 2010, the percentage of the population claiming Job Seekers allowance was 2.3%, below the county figure of 3.2% and less than the regional figure of 3.5%. Disability claimants accounted for 4.1% of the population; more than the county average of 4% and above the regional average of 3.8%.

In 2001, 9.6% of the market town population travelled less than 2km to work; it is fair to assume that this proportion of the population largely worked within the market town area. At the other end of the scale, 5% travelled over 40km to work. There is a suggestion of congestion around the centre of Leiston and these concerns were reflected in the Leiston Town Council's response to the Stage 2 Consultation for Sizewell C which were recorded in the formal response as part of the consultation.

Skills and progression levels in Leiston are generally just below the county average, with 77.2% not entering higher education, more than the 65.9% county average.

The Index of Multiple Deprivation suggests that the area is comfortable to live in, with all areas in the average quintile of Lower Super Output Areas to live in nationally. There are environmental designations to the east of the market town area.

The area has low rates of unemployment and economic inactivity but the economic and employment needs are different in nature to the surrounding area of rural Suffolk.

Leiston has a heritage of engineering innovation around the use of steam and owes more to the industrial West Midlands than to coastal East Anglia. Average house prices are lower than the surrounding county. Employment data shows that there are far more skilled trades and elementary occupations than district or national averages, and fewer managers and professionals, so incomes are typically lower. Underemployment is a problem. Far fewer people have a Level 4 qualification.

There are estimated to be 7.4% of the 16-18 population in Leiston currently 'not in employment, education or training. (Figures for January 2017).

This would indicate that 16 out of 215 young people in the 16-18 age bracket are requiring focussed support and engagement into post 16 education and training opportunities or from 19 an opportunity to access apprenticeships.

<http://www.suffolkobservatory.info/IAS/dataviews/tabular?viewId=202&geold=8&subsetId>

(NEETS are defined as individuals not in employment, education and training)

Experian data identifies Leiston and surrounding area as being an 'Isolation Hotspot', both amongst the general population and in over 65's. Other key social and community factors identified through the Hidden Needs in Suffolk report and its constituent data (including the IMD and Experian Mosaic data) shows that there are high numbers of lone parent households, three or more child households and older people living alone, that part of Leiston is in the 20-40% most deprived nationally in terms of income deprivation affecting children, that a high number of people aged 65+ have no access to a car or van and a long standing disability and there are high numbers of Disability Living Allowance and/or Incapacity Benefit and /or Severe Disablement Allowance claimants in Leiston.

## 10. Ambition and Objectives of the Coastal Communities Team

Future ambitions include:

- Town Centre regeneration is based around affordable housing, retail space and a Community Hub (Locality model) based in a 21st century Library and Market Square.
- A Heritage Centre potentially based on the Long Shop Museum and the current Council Chambers to include artefacts from Sizewell 'A' and 'B' and Leiston Airfield has been bolstered by a successful Heritage Lottery bid which will transform the existing offer in the town.
- The town centre has seen no significant investment since the 1980s and the quality and diversity of the commercial offer is limited. However, given that other local towns in particular Aldeburgh, have a retail and housing base that serves tourists, Leiston has emerged with a specialisation in meeting the practical needs of its hinterland through other services or tradespeople.
- The vision for Leiston is reflected in the themes to be pursued by the place-based initiative and hopefully accelerated by Coastal Community Team status, (see above).
- Improved opportunities for young adults to learn and progress in the jobs market is an often quoted and passionate commitment to many in the town. An Alde Valley Apprenticeship programme focused on, and led by the needs of businesses within the Leiston travel to work area. A joined up approach to leisure is a further ambition, citing ways in which the Leiston 'offer' can support and complement the offer of the neighbouring town of Aldeburgh with golf, sailing, rugby and tennis and focusing on soccer and potential for more cycling opportunities offered in Leiston. It is also an ambition to maximise the potential new leisure facilities associated with the Sizewell C development if it goes ahead.
- Supporting Enterprise through a thriving Business Group built around the Alde Valley Apprenticeship programme and a partnership approach to the Sizewell 'B' and 'C' supply chains and the Sizewell 'A' decommissioning is at the core of the ambitions of the Business and Enterprise Sub group, together with supporting the town centre regeneration and revitalising the local retail offer.
- The community has identified a health and wellbeing priorities, reflecting the aspirations for improved health and wellbeing for the town's residents. The delivery plan sets out the actions to deliver a number of locally-owned sustainable health and wellbeing activities which will be developed in association with the local GP Practice and could potentially be based in the Community Hub. There is also funding to support a Social Prescribing Project in the town to reduce demand on the local GP practice and to ensure that the range of provider agencies who work across the county, have a co-ordinated response to the needs of individuals in the town, targeting support where it is most needed, and looking to prevent demand on health and social care services where possible.

- The town will benefit from the new Social Prescribing Pilot Project status which will bring together provider agencies together with the local GP practice with cost prevention targets anticipated of between £3,500 and £9,000 per annum for certain individual patients who receive a more personally tailored 'social prescription' to co-ordinate more appropriate support in conjunction with, for example healthy lifestyle services or debt advice.



### **East Suffolk Business Plan 2015- 2023**

*to 'maintain and sustainably improve the quality of life for everyone growing up in, living in, working in and visiting East Suffolk.*

<http://www.suffolkcoastal.gov.uk/yourcouncil/businessplan/vision/>

*'Build on economic prosperity, growth and infrastructure development*

*Ensure people have the skills to meet employment opportunities*

*Encourage a growing, ageing population to be healthy and live well*

*Build strong communities and reduce inequalities in health, housing, and crime*

*Improve lives through environmental action*

<http://www.eastsuffolkpartnership.org.uk/assets/Uploads/Documents/ESPBusinessPlan1516-final-version.pdf>

### **East Suffolk Growth Plan 2014-2025**

*The East Suffolk Growth Plan lays out proposals to build more prosperity in the area, including creating 900 new enterprises and 10,000 extra jobs in East Suffolk.*

*'We support the Government's national priority for long-term economic growth and improved productivity. Similarly, we believe that a strong local economy is essential*



*for vibrant local communities in East Suffolk. This is fundamental to the delivery of services that residents of East Suffolk want and need. We will continue to promote economic growth through our East Suffolk Growth Plan, building communities which enjoy more stable, high quality and high value jobs. We want to create increased opportunities for all, while providing more affordable homes for local people.'*

East Suffolk Growth Plan extract from Page 6

A specific action for Leiston is presented as:

*'Advocate on behalf of communities & local stakeholders to maximise the local economic, community and environmental benefits & opportunities from the Sizewell C development'*

East Suffolk Growth Plan extract from Page 15

## **11. The Local Economy, Heritage and Culture: Key Themes and Priorities**

It is important that Leiston is able to maximise its contribution as a major player in culture, arts and heritage. As part of an emerging Cultural Strategy for East Suffolk, Leiston is increasingly being recognised as having a valuable role to play given its Museum, Abbey, Music, Heritage and Film Theatre.

Existing venues in the town including the Long Shop Museum, Pro Corda at Leiston Abbey and Leiston Film Theatre who are all individually and in partnership already providing a diverse range of programmes and opportunities regarded highly by local residents and visitors. The venues are attracting audiences from further afield and artists of national and international acclaim. Visitors and tourists, community groups, businesses and investors recognise the vital civic role of culture and heritage and this is a strength in Leiston as part of the local economy.

### **Long Shop Museum**

The Long Shop museum in Leiston is embarking on an exciting major capital and activity project which will:

- Transform the Long Shop into a beacon industrial museum for the region, showcasing Leiston's outstanding engineering and social heritage by providing a lively and engaging resource for the community and a unique, high-quality attraction for visitors.
- Restore and improve access to, and interpretation of, the important listed Victorian factory buildings, including the Grade II\* Long Shop, the world's first purpose-built production-line assembly building, providing an enhanced setting, better protection for collections and improved facilities for visitors.
- Encourage participation from the local and wider community, including an enthusiastic and growing body of volunteers, in reshaping the displays to be accessible and appealing to all, telling inspiring stories of Garrett's Engineering and its workers, and providing an extensive range of events and activities to bring local heritage to life for everyone, from pre-school children to senior citizens.

The Transformation Project is the outcome of several years successful work to reinvigorate its workforce of staff and volunteers, strengthen its organisation and governance, broaden its audience, and take forward its plans for a major redevelopment. In October 2016, the Long Shop Museum were granted Heritage Lottery Fund support for the Project. The successful project will see increased visitor numbers and a more sustainable venue with improved employment capacity.

### **Pro Corda at Leiston Abbey**

Pro Corda provides inspirational ensemble training for many gifted and talented young individuals. Julian Lloyd Webber, a Pro Corda Patron described the programme on offer at Pro Corda as 'ground breaking and nationally leading'. Pro Corda provides an exciting and vibrant arts charity in Leiston and occupies the site of the 1363 Leiston Abbey which is a heritage asset of national significance and importance.

Pro Corda is currently midway through an ambitious development plan to improve the site and its facilities. Additional accommodation and studio rehearsal space is planned, which will build on the current offer at Pro Corda which already provides a magical setting for music courses, performance venues and state of the art composition and recording studios.

### **Leiston Film Theatre**

Leiston Film Theatre is locally regarded as a local 'gem' in Leiston, the film theatre opened in 1914 after Frank Walker, an employee at the Richard Garrett Engineering Works had seen a touring picture show in the town's Valley Road and set out with a group of colleagues to establish the venue in the town. In 1976 the Film Theatre was purchased by the Leiston Town Council and has had a range of improvements and refurbishment over the years. The Leiston Film Theatre manager Wayne Burns and Film Theatre Support Club have development plans to build on the current state of the art 3D and 2D film facilities, which include an extension to the existing theatre and conference facilities which will provide a useful venue for a variety of community and commercial uses in future.

## **12. Sizewell C Second Stage Consultation Process 2017**

Current plans for a new nuclear power station at Sizewell, known as Sizewell C have been subject to a detailed public consultation process which concluded in February 2017. It is recognised in the 'Vision for Leiston' set out in the Neighbourhood Plan 2015-2029 that a unique combination of circumstances apply to the town given its proximity to the existing Sizewell facility and the proposed new development.

It is recognised that these circumstances will provide both challenges and opportunities to retain and improve the quality and range of facilities available to local residents and an improved physical environment.

The local objective is to retain, strengthen and expand employment opportunities and to ensure the impact of the proposed development are fully mitigated and compensated.

### **13. Consultation and local engagement**

The Department for Communities and Local Government Our Place programme in Leiston provided a range of opportunities for local consultation and engagement. This Our Place Programme formed the basis of the selection of the three initial priorities for the town and was more recently supplemented by the town centre regeneration which has now been subject to referendum in the town on 9 February 2017.

It is planned that Leiston Together will launch its partnership from April 2017 and use all opportunities in local press and via consultation events to raise the profile of the partnership and its collective work to achieve the priorities for Leiston. This will be via communication channels such as social media and website; press releases; key messages and monitoring processes such as google analytics, engagement events and collection of statistics/surveys and presentations to publicise the work of the partnership and the activities of the Coastal Community Team.

### **14. Delivery Plan**

In the appendix below please find our embryonic delivery plan for our Coastal Community Team Leiston Together. We have established a strong local partnership with commitment, experience and energy to meet the needs of the community of Leiston.

Opportunities have already been seized to build a network of volunteers and support capable of working in partnership to help deliver on the objectives set for the town and create a sustainable future for the many ideas and projects we are aiming to deliver.

Leiston Together Partnership – Community Development Plan – March 2017

Priority 1 – Town Centre Regeneration						
Objective	Activity	Lead	Resources Required	Timescale	Update	Performance Measure
Investigate acquisition of Council Offices by the Community. Initial conversion and operation as a revenue generating multi-occupancy facility which centralises civic and community services in one place. On relocation of the “Community Hub” to the Central Town development, the use of the building is earmarked for expansion of the cultural and historic offer that the Long Shop Museum provides, along with much needed Café for the tourist area.	Undertake feasibility study	LDCP/LTC	1. Info from SCDC 2. Funding for professional expertise	ASAP Approve Apr mtg	<£10k grants available from My Community	
	Establish purchase price Establish cost of conversion Identify funding package(s)	LDCP/LTC	1. SCDC officer time 2. Project Management	Approve June mtg	<£40k grants available from My Community	
	Undertake conversion	LDCP/LTC	Project management	Complete by end 2017		

Regeneration of Central Town Area Phase 1 – Housing Phase 2 – Market Square	Identify development partners and agree suitable organisational structure	LDCP/LTC	Project management	ASAP Approve Jun17 mtg		
Phase 1 – Housing (see Neighbourhood Plan)	Secure use of SCDC land by the Community for social housing by Autumn 2017	LTC/LDCP	1.Info from SCDC re conditions for use 2.Funding for professional expertise	Approval Complete at Sep 17 mtg		
	Confirm Housing Association and availability of HCA funding	LTC	LTC Housing Working Group	13 Apr17		
	Produce Phase 1- Housing Project Plan	LTC	Professional input from potential Housing Development Partners	End Jun17		
Phase 2 – Market Square development with retail, leisure and office accommodation surrounding (see Neighbourhood Plan)	Contact landowners	LDCP/LTC		Ongoing	Re-confirm current landowners' and update on progress	
Continue negotiations with SCC for transfer of part of the Middle School to the Town Council. Consult on the management and future use of the facilities offered.	Draw up initial business case and invite ideas for use. Get costings for inclusion of public toilets to serve adjacent park.	LTC	Professional input from SCC for running costs.  Ideas from Youth and Community organisations for future use.	Nov 17	Await SCC elections in May	



**Priority 2 – Health & Wellbeing**

<b>Objective</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Resources Required</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
Establish H&WB Group to meet bi-monthly	Oversee current projects. Identify needs and resources, providing support and collaboration	EG	Involvement of volunteers and relevant organisations. Admin support.	2 months		n/a
Reduce social isolation and improve mental and physical health of men age 50+	1)The Leiston Shed - Long Shop (Engineering)	EG	Admin Support		Membership of 20 – regularly 12 in attendance at each weekly session. Referrals x 3 from NHS link Susanne Whyard.	Membership application includes 'reason for joining' box. Aim to add Health Questionnaire Review 6 monthly as a group.
	2)The Leiston Shed – Community Allotment and Garden (LCA)	LDCP	20ft Shipping Container plus Compost Toilet Cost approx. £5K	April 17	1.LTC confirmation of allocation of Community Allotment to LDCP 2.Full funding received or promised by LDCP	As above
	3)The Leiston Shed – Woodworking and Repair shop	EG	Premises. Council Offices outbuildings a possibility		Seek short term licence pending	Creation of a committee of Shedders

					Community Hub	
	4)The Leiston Shed – Bike restoration		Premises. Council Offices outbuildings a possibility		Seek short term licence pending Community Hub	As above
<b>Priority 3 – Young Adults</b>						
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Resources Required</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
18 – 25 provision	Young Adults Group	MW – Principal AVA	Co-ordination/admin support from Community Hub	3 monthly meetings	DofE Scheme. CYDS and Youth Club working together on Youth Forum. Also linking in with Events Group to promote inclusion of Youth Groups in town events. AVA has 'Clubs and Youth Groups' notice board, invite to present in assemblies	Increased collaboration Increased activity

					and invite to promote at school community events.	
	Duke of Edinburgh Scheme	TBA	Funding of approx. £10k to set up scheme and run it for year 1 – make sustainable by training volunteers to run it thereafter.	Apply funding by Mid March Appoint coordinator by 1/5/17	Application to be submitted to ECB Exemplar Fund – Suffolk DofE Co-ordinator interested in taking up position subject to funding.	Number of teenagers/Young adults taking up the scheme. 200 potential AVA + 10 CYDS + NEATS
<b>Priority 4 – Business &amp; Enterprise</b>						
<b>Objective</b>	<b>Activity</b>	<b>Lead</b>	<b>Resources Required</b>	<b>Timescale</b>	<b>Update</b>	<b>Performance Measure</b>
Replacement for dormant LBA	Establish 'Enterprise SIG'	LDCP	LDCP Staff time			
Community Events Group	Coordinate and develop significant community events	LDCP/LTC	Funding for individual events.		Successful Christmas 2016 in partnership with Long Shop. Leiston 'Big Weekend' 27/28 May 17	Generally positive feedback with suggestions for improvement in 2017.
Business Directory	Update LDCP Website	LDCP	Website expertise		Digitise 'Black Book'	