

Introduction

Dawlish Regeneration Group (DRG) presented its final report on the MCTA funded project to a public meeting at the end of June 2005. Following public acceptance of the proposals, the Dawlish Community Strategic Plan 2005 – 2015 was published and presented to stakeholders in November 2005. A synopsis of the Plan was delivered to every household within the area by Christmas 2005.

In the following two years significant progress has been made, and the plan priorities have been revised to reflect external influences and funding opportunities. This present edition identifies the progress made, work in hand, and new objectives.

This up-dated Community Strategic Plan for Dawlish is a further opportunity for the local community to have a say in the future of their town and area. The Plan *belongs to the community*, has been prepared by the community and is soundly based on the *issues that concern the community*, as identified in the extensive consultations undertaken since 2003. These were supported by the MCTi 'Healthcheck' and consultations with our public and private sector partners. It is the result of a great deal of hard work by unpaid volunteers who share a passion to ensure that the future of our town is secured, its economy enhanced, its environment and heritage protected and its facilities improved.

Although the Plan focuses on Dawlish, a chapter is devoted to issues in the surrounding villages identified during the consultations. Because of the importance of the tourist activity at Dawlish Warren, projects in the Warren have been included in the body of the Plan.

The Plan is based on a ten year 'Vision' for the Dawlish area. However, it is not a 'statutory' plan and can be reviewed at any time to react to new opportunities and changing events.

We hope that the projects in the Plan will help to achieve the vision; will bring new benefits to Dawlish; will support, but not duplicate, the efforts of others. We also hope that the Plan will help to influence and guide the strategies of our public and

private sector partners especially the Teignbridge Community Planning Alliance.

Experience has been gained from others ahead of us in the MCTA programme elsewhere in the southwest. This tells us that plans should concentrate on what is realistic rather than on 'pie in the sky' projects. We cannot hope to address every issue in the area and so we have made careful provision to be able to review and change the Plan as circumstances change.

We have grouped the projects under six headings:

- Improving the quality of life for residents and visitors
- Business and skills development
- Improving our local heritage
- Improving local transport, traffic and parking
- Developing tourism
- Contributing to the new Local Development Framework

Each project is categorised in one of three ways:

- '*DCT Action*' projects - where Dawlish Community Trust will deliver the project
- '*Influence*' projects - where we will seek to influence a project being delivered by another body
- '*Support*' projects – where we will give support to a project being delivered by another body

Details of project 'Champions', partners, potential funders and the strategic contribution that each project should make are given at the back of the plan. The Plan may be read in conjunction with:

- The *Consultation Scrapbook* which contains details of the consultations
- The '*Healthcheck*' which details the current situation in the area
- The *Strategic Review* of the Plans and strategies used in preparing the plan.

These documents are available on the "Dawlish tomorrow" web site or from the Dawlish Office. Addresses are shown on the back page.

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