

LAP ANNUAL REPORT 2016-17

LAP	Bridport Local Area Partnership
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Performance Indicator	Please supply information to demonstrate the achievements for each indicator.
Number of partners engaged in the work of the local partnership	<p>The BLAP Steering Group has 25 members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Allington Parish Council • Bothenhampton & Walditch Parish Council • Bradpole Parish Council • Bridport & District Tourism Association • Bridport Area Fiftyplus Forum • Bridport Area Forum for People with Disabilities • Bridport Arts Centre • Bridport Chamber of Trade & Commerce • Bridport Environment Group • Bridport Leisure Centre • Bridport Town Council • Burton Bradstock Parish Council • Char Valley Parish Council • Charmouth Parish Council • Chideock Parish Council • Dorset Police • Federation of Small Businesses (Rural Dorset) • Loders Parish Council • Puncknowle & Swyre Parish Council • South West Dorset Multicultural Network • Symondsburry Parish Council • Transition Town Bridport (replacing DA21) • Upper Marshwood Vale Parish Council • West Dorset Western Area Transport Action Group (WATAG) • Organisation representing youth

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	<p>The BLAP Partnership has 122 "signed up" members, including 90 community organisations in and around the Bridport area, 21 individuals, eleven parish councils and one town council. BLAP also has an email contact list of 180 people, which includes most of the above members.</p>
<p>Number of consultations undertaken and consultees involved</p>	<p>Through the BLAP Bulletin, members were informed of 29 different consultations and invited to respond as individuals or on behalf of their group or parish:</p> <p>April 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset County Council's Mobile Library Service Consultation • A35 Stakeholders – Survey of Speed Limits • Jurassic Coast Management <p>June 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DCC Bus Services Review • The Draft Minerals Sites Plan Update • The Draft Waste Plan Update • DCC Births, Deaths and Marriages service review <p>July 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neighbourhood Policing Team review <p>August 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vision 2030 Neighbourhood Plan Summer 2016 Questionnaire <p>September 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Government Reorganisation (LGR) Consultation • How well is the Government upholding your Human Rights? • Clinical Services Review <p>October 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dementia Survey and Workshop – NHS Dorset CCG <p>November 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bay Coastal Defence Improvements • CLS Building Bridport's Entrepreneurial Economy • Parishes - Removal of Telephone Boxes

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	<p>December 2016:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Concessionary Bus Pass Scheme • Bridport area community bus project – bus user survey • Dementia Survey Beaminster and area <p>January 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Police – Council Tax • County Council Charges for Adult social care and support survey • West Dorset District Council PSPO Consultations <p>February 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • NHS Mental Health Review • Local Plan Review Consultation • Bridport area community bus project – non-user survey • Hayward & Co open community consultation regarding St Michael’s Trading Estate • The Dorset Rural Crime Project <p>March 2017:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • West Bay Flood Defences – next stage • Caring Bridport <p>Written response to the following consultations were submitted by the BLAP Chair, with the support and involvement of the partnership:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reshaping your council – October 2016. A meeting was held on 11 October with representatives from the parishes within and neighbouring the BLAP area to discuss the ‘Reshaping your council’ consultation and agree on a response. The response was duly submitted and was also circulated to 297 individuals both within the partnership and also within the county and district councils and other interested parties. • Clinical Services Review – February 2017. The Health and Wellbeing group of BLAP met on 17 January to discuss the CSR document, which raised many questions about the co-ordination of services in particular. A letter was agreed by the Health and Wellbeing group and sent on 8 February in response to the review on behalf of the BLAP partnership.
Number of local priorities identified and targets to address them	The BLAP Action Plan was reviewed and updated in December 2016. This identified three key areas of work:

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	<p>Priority 1: BLAP's role as a consultation facilitator Target: To be the conduit for local consultation on at least 4 key local projects, resulting in the sharing of information and collating and submitting local feedback.</p> <p>Achieved: BLAP co-ordinated responses to both the Clinical Services Review and the Reshaping your Council consultations.</p> <p>In addition, BLAP, in partnership with the local town and parish councils, has initiated a new priority to prepare for the impacts of the area moving to a unitary authority. This was instigated through a meeting with the parishes, the purpose of which was to enable local councils to share ideas and issues in the light of potential changes in local government structures and a possible new unitary authority. This work is ongoing.</p> <p>BLAP has also begun work on the issue of homelessness in the area, which was identified as a priority at the Annual Assembly. A new working group is being pulled together to identify and develop solutions to meet local needs. This is likely to become a priority in its own right in the next Action Plan.</p> <p>Priority 2: Coastal management and safety Target: A coastal group to be re-formed (potentially including rep from the new Fisheries Local Action Group) to identify at least one project that can be developed to meet an agreed local need that will support, protect, enhance and/or promote the safe use and enjoyment of the coast.</p> <p>Achieved: A response was given by the Project Manager to the draft Dorset and East Devon Fisheries Local Action Group Local Development Strategy in July 2016. Other project work has been considered, but not developed at this stage.</p> <p>Priority 3: Local organisation health-check Target: BLAP to take the lead on a review of existing voluntary and community groups in the area, identifying the parts of the community that are served in different ways (elderly, youth, disabled, carers etc.) and whether any gaps in support still exist and how these could be filled. The resulting document could support future funding applications, inform policy makers and will be a resource for local referrals. There would need to be agreement on the parameters of the review – such as health and social care groups, or all groups including heritage (for instance).</p> <p>Achieved: BLAP has been working with representatives of Dorset Community Action on its Caring Bridport project, which is seeking to quantify the current value of aspects of Bridport's</p>

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	health and social care provision, and to weigh up the benefits to the town if parts of our health and care system were to become more localised. BLAP has been supporting this work through the sharing of relevant organisation contacts, supplying statistical data and publicising a local survey for the project.
Number of community plan targets delivered	<p>Work has been progressed on all three target areas:</p> <p>Priority 1 – 4 out of 4 achieved</p> <p>Priority 2 – This has not progressed as intended, due to the need to respond to other emerging issues. However, it is still the intention to develop work under this priority in the next year’s Action Plan.</p> <p>Priority 3 – Some work has been achieved, but there is more to do to build on the findings of the Caring Bridport work and survey</p>
Number of volunteer hours for partnership planning and project delivery	<p>BLAP Chair’s approximate hours for year 2016-2017: 500 hours This includes chairing meetings of 3 Working Groups and 4 BLAP Steering Group meetings Other meetings/events attended include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BLAP meetings with Project Manager • regular meetings with Town Clerk • 3 West Dorset Partnership meetings and AGM • 2 LAP Chairs Coordinators meetings • Dorset Coast Forum meetings • Jurassic Coast Communities Forum • Bridport & District Tourism Association meetings • Staffing BLAP stall at Melplash Show, Bridport Showground on August 2016 • Bridport Local Advice Network meetings • Communities Living Sustainably events • Caring Bridport event • Master planning meetings for proposed development at Vearse Farm <p>It is difficult to measure volunteer hours for BLAP as people’s views differ on what defines a “voluntary task”. Also people attending meetings may be there in a work capacity or a voluntary capacity.</p> <p>BLAP has 122 members, including 90 community organisations in and around the Bridport area, 21 individuals, ten parish councils and one town council.</p> <p>If required, BLAP can ask individual member organisations for their volunteer hours.</p>

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	<p>BLAP has previously provided the district council with an estimate of volunteer hours, this included volunteer hours for Working Group meetings, Steering Group meetings, Annual Assembly, consultation events and outreach events, totalling 477.5 hours. The estimate for 2016-2017 is similar, with around 500 volunteer hours.</p> <p>However, this figure excludes hours for preparation work for meetings, research, reading reports, writing reports, travel to meetings, communicating with the Bridport area community.</p>
Number of collaborative meetings and training attended with other local partnerships including attendance at WDP	<p>BLAP representatives have attended the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 20th June 2016 WDP meeting • 21st October 2016 WDP meeting • 10th February 2017 WDP Food Bank meeting • 20th February 2017 WDP meeting • 16th March 2017 LAP representatives - prep for the AGM meeting
Amount of external funding brought into the area	<p>BLAP has not directly brought additional funding into the area, but has been an active supporter (including support with funding bids themselves) of several local schemes, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dorset Community Action: Building Better Opportunities • Coastal Communities Fund – West bay Chapel • Bridport Community Bus Feasibility
Changes in circumstances	<p>Due to the reduction in funding from West Dorset Council, BLAP could no longer support a full-time Community Planning Officer and from July 2016 has had a part-share of a Project Manager, employed by Bridport Town Council. The Town Council also provides administrative support to the Partnership, office accommodation, meeting rooms and printing.</p>
Publicity and acknowledgement of support	<p>BLAP has a page on the Bridport and West Bay website, which acknowledges the support of its funder: http://bridportandwestbay.co.uk/community/bridport-local-area-partnership/</p> <p>In addition, the Action Plan also refers to the funding organisations and includes the logos on the front cover: http://bridportandwestbay.co.uk/wp-content/uploads/2016/08/BLAP-Action-Plan-2016-17.pdf</p>
Expenditure	<p>This would include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Manager's time • Administrative Support

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Office Accommodation• Meeting Rooms• Printing <p>It is estimated that in total this would be around £10,000 per annum, which is additional to the funding received from West Dorset District Council and is met by Bridport Town Council.</p>