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| STATUS REPORT |
| Neighbourhood Plan Task and Finish Group |
| **Project Start Date: August 2017** | **Project End Date: April 2019** |
| **Report Date: 30 March 2018****Report Period: 27 February 18 – 30th March 18****Project Stage: Community engagement, survey completion, data gathering.** | **Overall Project RAG Status: Green**Updated from Amber as Survey did get out and budget can be rolled over for grant purposes.  |
| **Reason for RAG Status Change: No change** |
| **Work Group****Manager** | Cllr. Jon Bodenham | **Team Composition** | Kate Pearse, Roger Brown, David Webb, Pete Blackburn, Kit Smith, Paran ToddCllrs.Gwilym Butler, Geoff Hainsworth, Paul French, Neil Tysall, Matt Sheehan (Town Clerk) |  |  |
| Project Objectives: |
| * Develop a Neighbourhood Plan for Cleobury Mortimer Town Parish that fully engages with the community to find out what residents and businesses of the town want for the period to 2026 and is approved by referendum.
* Ensure the plan is “adopted” and “made” by Shropshire County Council Planning Department so that it is written into Planning Law.
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| Critical Success Factors: |
| SHORT TERM (3 months)* Engage with the public via School Parents Evenings, Local Joint Councils (LJC) drop in session and the Annual Town Meeting.
* Collaboration with Shropshire Planning Department and surrounding parishes (LJC) to ensure that the plan runs along side the Local Plan Review and meets rules of Neighbourhood Plan Development.
* Developing data gathering from National and County stats.
* Start quantitative opinion and data gathering via The Big Cleobury Survey

LONG TERM (3-12 months)* Have analysed data and opinions of residents, businesses and surrounding councils using Cleobury Services in order to formulate a plan using verifiable data.
* Have a draft plan in place ready for consultation, structured to meet planning needs
* Consultation should provide amendments and a plan prepared for submission for examination by Shropshire planning and an independent assessor.
* Have a referendum planned and completed
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| **Activities Completed in March*** Developed survey and agreed with key stakeholders for widest possible distribution – 135 responses in first 5 days. Target 300-400 by end April.
* Completed and distributed first newsletter (Issue 1 Spring 2018)
* Pushed Shropshire Planning for update meeting – without success
* Stalls at Parents evenings at Lacon Childe Secondary School were **postponed or cancelled.**
* Attended LJC drop in session at Market Hall 17th March with literature and banners
* Produced Pull up Banners for stalls/presentations plus leaflets and prize draw
* Prepared approach to April 20th annual Town Meeting
* Met Tenbury Transport trust re plans for Community Bus and Car service – fruitful, with plan options established, from local service between two towns, to establishing full community transport service.
* Gain proposed plans for Youth Hub to incorporate in questionnaire and potential plans – **To Do**
* Review relevant planning laws with the guidance of the consultant to identify where our plan can add to Local Requirements in a relevant way in line with the vision established at the Town Meeting. – **Partially complete as input to Survey, more to be done – roll over consultancy days.**
* Interviewed Dinnie Jordan – Kudos , a leading company with international reputation, Amodil leading steel firm and Ashley Buck – St Mary’s Diocese.
* Started collecting benchmark data for Plastic recycling reduction as part of environmental brief
* Council Website and Facebook pages have promoted Neighbourhood Plan and The Big Cleobury Survey

**Activities Planned for April*** Continue to promote The Big Cleobury Survey to achieve 300-400 responses by end April.
* Attend 20th April Annual Town Meeting and Primary School Expo – gain responses and feedback
* Make contact with Shropshire Planning
* Re-apply for remaining grant not spent in last financial year
* Continue to collect data required to support plan from published sources, such as broadband and Mobile Phone coverage, electricity and sewerage capacity.
* Plan analysis of The Big Cleobury Survey
* Start identifying policy areas we want to address in the plan and potential solutions E.G.:
	+ Youth Hub, designed and run by Youth for whole community
	+ Community Transport options and approaches
	+ Recycling improvements
	+ Tree preservation and wildlife corridors
	+ Emerging concerns from the survey results
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| Issue Log of new and emerging issues |
| **Issues** | **Description:** | **Impact:** | **Action:** |
| Existing issues |  |  |  |
| Capturing input from those without a vote but key stake in Cleobury and the use of its facilities. | Those under 18 are the future of Cleobury but will not get the vote. Businesses provide services and some pay taxes but do not get to vote.Those on Caravan and Static home sites are a significant body of people who use the services but many do not get a vote.Surrounding Parishes use the School, Medical Centre, shops and facilities but do not contribute financially or get a vote | Planning is based around Cleobury being a Key Market Town. It has to provide the services to sustain itself and be capable of serving the broader community who use it. To accept further growth it needs to both understand the impact of growth in surrounding parishes. | Ensure consultation with these groups. Consider a planned parallel vote for these communities. This will be non-binding but informative and recognise them as stakeholders. |
| Strategic Land Allocation map errors | We have identified one definite error in the map issues as part of local plan. Clarvers land is incorrectly drawn showing some land not offered for development as well as not showing land that was offered. Catholic Church Land still showing as being offered for development. Planners have now confirmed this as withdrawn | Without amendment we could be using an incorrect map in our assumptions and survey which would damage credibility of the process. | Approaching Senior Planner to point out and obtain a corrected or at least clarified map for our use. |

**No New Issues this month**