

TEIGNMOUTH TOWN COUNCIL
Finance & General Purposes Committee



DATE 16th January 2018
REPORT OF Cllr June Green
SUBJECT Neighbourhood Plan

Part I

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Finance & General Purposes Committee is recommended to resolve that Teignmouth Town Council:

- a) To resolve that Stuart Todd Associates are engaged as the consultant to lead the Town Council and community through the process of the development, submission and adoption of a Neighbourhood Plan for Teignmouth.
- b) To resolve that a sum of monies of £35k (2018/19) is allocated in earmarked reserves for the engagement of the consultant and a small sum for working capital.

1 Introduction

I revert to my report dated the 28th February 2017.

Over recent months a consultant brief (appendix a) has been draft, formalised with the help from the Neighbourhood Planning Officer at Teignbridge and sent in early December 2017 to a number of local planning consultancy firms who specialise in Neighbourhood Planning.

One firm, Stuart Todd Associates returned a quotation and submission (appendix b) another firm expressed an interest however workloads prevented them from being able to meet our timescale for the submission of quotations but have offered to submit a quote if so required and they have offered their services if needed when coming to the formal examination element of the process (cost not determined).

2 Financial

The quotation submitted is as presented in the submission and quotation. Costs are broken down as presented and it may well be that not all of the elements as quoted for are needed as the process moves forward. At this stage that is unknown.

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Grant monies of £9,000 towards costs has been applied for and another £6,000 applied for with regards to technical support. The outcome of the applications have yet to be determined.

A further 22.8 million has also been committed towards the development of Neighbourhood Plans so there is likely to be more grant monies made available plus other sources of grant funding for which advice is to be sought from Teignbridge District Council and 'Locality'.

I would also like to take this opportunity to remind everyone that the amount of the Neighbourhood Portion of the Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) varies depending on whether there is a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) in place that has been through a successful referendum and has been agreed as part of planning policy or 'made' by the local authority.

In areas where this has happened 25% of the levy collected from development within the Neighbourhood area is available and elsewhere it is 15%. Currently the town council is in receipt of 15% so 10% more of CIL monies will be made available for the benefit of the community once the plan has been adopted.

3 Timescale

Depending upon the acceptance of the resolution(s), the intention would be to immediately seek references and for the Neighbourhood Planning team as well as any other Councillors who wish to do so, meet with the consultants for an inaugural meeting to plan and map Teignmouth's Neighbourhood Plan and start of the process.

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5 Summary

Neighbourhood plans provide residents and community groups with the ability to shape the area in which they live, tailor development plans and be involved in decisions regarding community benefits. A neighbourhood plan provides a 'shared vision' over future planning policies and development – sustainability for our future and the future of generations to come – long term investment for the benefit of all.

Cllr June Green.

