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(completed priorities are denoted by 😊)

Project	Timescale	
<b>Art Trail Phases 2 &amp; 3</b> – to complete installations. Phase 2 an artist has been commissioned and the artworks will be installed once weather permits. Due to the works to West Walk WC's the installation will instead take place on the front wall of Marshlands courtyard. Phase 3 – to work on next phase with a local volunteer, who is curating the art trail – Andrew Gwynn Davies	Phase 2 – first week in September	😊
	Due to a lack of available sites, it has not been possible to progress this further during the year.	
<b>Marshlands Refurbishment</b> – in partnership with the Axe Valley Heritage Association, to begin the progress of investigating further the possibility of relocating the town museum. To arrange regular meetings of the working group, liaison with the Museum Officer at DCC, developing a project plan, start seeking quotations from structural engineers and, subsequently for construction works for repairs to roof, replacement of lift and general constructions works towards moving Museum  <b>NOTE</b> – as it was not possible to progress this, the Council revised its plans and is now working with other partners to ensure best use of Marshlands and increase income generation	Working Group Meetings	Curator declined to meet but, instead, intends to write a letter. Letter awaited.
	Project plan inc. budgets and options	😊
	DCC Museum Officer liaison	😊
	Structural engineers' quotations	😊
	Commissioning structural engineers' report	😊
	Construction quotations	😊
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<b>First Aid Station</b> – to deliver the first aid station in 2022	😊	
<b>Blue Flag</b> - working with EDDC to gain Blue Flag status. Achieved May 2022.	😊	

<p><b>Public conveniences</b> - to engage with EDDC and research and prepare a report into the possible acquisition, maintenance and ongoing cleaning costs of the existing public conveniences at Marsh Road and Thury Harcourt and whether, if the Town Council took either of these blocks on, there would be a possibility of them being repaired and updated by EDDC as part of their capital repairs programme before such a transfer</p>	 Placed on hold as EDDC have committed to retain the Thury Harcourt public toilets.	
<p><b>Tourist Information Centre</b> – to open and run the new TIC at Marshlands and to recruit new staff as appropriate</p>	Open and run TIC	
	Recruit new casual staff	Not possible to recruit
<p><b>Youth Genesis Project</b> - to build on the 'Seaton Streetbase' youth project and assess how it might be improved/progressed</p>	Contract terminated as YG were unable to deliver and a refund of most of their fee secured. Facilities & Projects Officer now gathering data on youth needs in the town with a view to preparing a report to council over Summer 2023.	
<p><b>Summer beach school pilot programme</b> – to work with the approved supplier to fund and deliver a summer beach school for local children, as a pilot for future schemes</p>	Achieved grant funding of £4,530	
	Deliver Summer Beach School	
<p><b>Jurassic Fibre</b> – to finalise the licence and secure the fee of £12,000</p>		
<p><b>Sensory Garden</b> – working with EDDC and other community stakeholders to complete sensory garden in Seafeld Gardens for all ages to enjoy.</p>		
<p><b>Income generation</b> - research into available grant funding for different projects. To follow up all opportunities for income generation from assets, including refreshment sales from Seaton Down Hill</p>	Grant opportunities: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Restore                      £ 1,350</li> <li>• National Lottery        £10,044</li> <li>• Locality Fund (DCC) £ 1,500</li> </ul>	Ongoing, as opportunities arise

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Quick Win (DCC) £ 9,900</li> </ul>	
	Hire of land and assets: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Jurassic Fibre £ 12,000</li> <li>Open Spaces £ 308</li> <li>Gazebo hire £ 680</li> <li>Marshlands £ 4,632</li> </ul>	Ongoing  
<b>Events:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Christmas Lights</b> – to look at best options for either entering into a further 3-year contract for Christmas lights or creating a set of columns for the Council to own. Work with community groups to deliver another successful event</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Outdoor Cinema</b> – to deliver an outdoor cinema event for 2022</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Platinum Jubilee Celebration</b> – to work with voluntary groups in the town to deliver community celebration in Cliff Field Gardens</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>Fireworks</b> - to investigate further the possibility of a firework display</li> </ul>		 <p>This was not deliverable for H&amp;S reasons raised by stakeholders in the town.</p>
<b>Community Grants</b> – to encourage engagement with the scheme to ensure maximum benefit to local eligible groups. The level of community grants awarded during 2021/22 stands at £7,920.	Ongoing - £7,250 	awarded in 2022-23 to 8

	organisations.			
<b>Community Engagement Strategy</b> – to prepare and implement a policy to improve communications with the community	This work is ongoing.			
<b>Volunteer programme</b> – to develop a volunteer policy to increase volunteer involvement in improving the town and increase community cohesion	Policy developed and publicised		Recruitment by councillors on specific projects	
<b>Disability access to beach</b> – to work with EDDC and help fund a pilot beach accessibility project to improve beach access for wheelchairs, with a view to a larger scheme being implemented depending on the results of the pilot				
<b>Improved disability access to West Walk Public Toilets</b> – to work with EDDC to improve accessibility	Summer 2023 – will be carried out by EDDC as part of the upgrade works to West Walk. No further progress can be made by STC.			
<b>Town Hall</b> – lease negotiations are ongoing to ensure the lease is fit for purpose for both landlord and tenant. In line with the Council's resolution of 7 February 2022, the lease variation has been placed on hold for the time being and will be revisited later in the municipal year. In the meantime, to work with the Gateway on seeking quotations for specialist advice and thereafter the cost of replacing central heating system	Quotations			
	Lease variation.		Postponed for the time being.	
	Commission of works. Contractor agreed. Liaison with Gateway over suitable dates ongoing. Booked for June 2023.			
<b>Rewilding/trees</b> – to identify further open spaces for rewilding and planting of trees.	Ongoing, as and when appropriate sites arise.			
<b>Litter picking/beach cleaning station</b> – provision of stations to improve the environment				
<b>Floral displays</b> – to increase floral displays and funding thereof by business sponsorship.	Sponsorship decreased, due to the general economic climate.			

<p><b>Climate change review &amp; improvements</b> – to carry out a review of what action the Council could realistically take to counter the effects of climate change and how it could assist in achieving ‘Plastic Free Seaton’. Dependant on outcome of review below, install additional recycling bins and a possible beach toy ‘library’ to reduce the purchase of new plastic toys and nets</p>	Review	By Spring 2023
<p><b>Comprehensive review of litter and bins in the town and investigate the cost of provision and emptying of more recycling bins and more bins generally, if considered appropriate. Report in June 2022</b></p>	Toy library	
<p><b>SW in Bloom</b> – to take necessary action during 2022/23 in readiness to submit an application in 2024</p>	Ongoing	
<p><b>Seafront enhancements</b> – Members will continue to lobby EDDC regarding the redevelopment of the Moridunum and wider redevelopment of the seafront and to make such smaller improvements to the seafront as are feasible within available budgets</p>	Ongoing by Members. Levelling Up bid submitted by EDDC. Decision awaited.	
<p><b>CCLA Investments</b> – to research and take advice as to whether the Council’s finance would be better served by investing in funds, rather than retaining monies purely in Treasurer’s Account</p>		
<p><b>Asset management schedules</b> – once quotations are available, the preparation of asset maintenance schedules and related budgets for the next 2 years</p>	Ongoing	