

To receive an update from the Shared Prosperity Working Group and consider any actions and associated expenditure.

Since November 2022, six expressions of interest (EOI's) have been submitted to the Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Good Growth Team (CIOS), three on 29/11/22 and three on 22/12/22. Out of these six submissions, one received a response as suitable for Community Levelling Up Funding, this EOI was *Saltash Town & Waterside Connectivity*. Members of the working group attended a virtual meeting with CIOS to discuss as to why only one application was deemed suitable, also discussing other available funding pots part of the CIOS Shared Prosperity fund. During this meeting a previously submitted EOI was found to be suitable for Community Levelling Up Funding by CIOS from the submissions submitted 22/12/22 this EOI was *Saltash Water Transport Ferry Project*.

Both submissions that have been deemed suitable for Community Levelling Up Funding are attached to this report.

The Community Levelling Up Programme is being managed by Cornwall Council. Funded projects will have until the end of March 2024 to complete their projects. Time has been a factor involved with each process for the Community Levelling Up Funding element of CIOS Shared Prosperity funding, opening for formal applications 13/12/2022 and closing 31/01/2023.

With these two EOI being deemed suitable for Community Levelling Up Funding under minute no 222/22/23 from Full Town Council 06/10/22, with a resolution *To provide delegated authority to the Town Clerk working with the Shared Prosperity Working Group for the expenditure up to a maximum of £10,000 for professional fees to help develop funding bids*. Three quotes from consultants were requested to be received. After received quotes, Mel Richardson Consultancy was appointed, to move these EOI into the formal application phase at a cost of £1,500, with a closing date for submissions of 31/01/2023. The consultant's role would be to complete applications; for funding a consultant to action a feasibility study linked to the EOI's.

Mel met with the working group on Monday 23/01/23 to discuss the two suitable for funding EOI's and the concept of completing as one combined bid due to EOI's being deemed to have similarity, linking to connectivity, and the time frames involved with formal application submission. By combining as one it was deemed this would benefit each expression.

A suggestion as part of this call was for Saltash Town Council to match fund the £79,500 being requested as Community Levelling Up Funding with £5,000 from general reserves. If the funding application is successful, the Town Council would need to fund the project upfront and the funds would be released from Community Levelling Up upon completion of the project.

Submitted to CIOS 29/11/22

- Project Name – Saltash Town/Waterside connectivity
- Project Location – Saltash Town Centre/Waterside
- Please outline how you intend to spend any funding granted and explain your need for funding:

Saltash Town Council wish to submit a bid to appoint a Consultant. The purpose of the Consultant would be to generate feasible options for improving the connectivity from the Waterside to the Town Centre:

- Identifying who will benefit economically and socially
- Identify how much economic benefit might be achieved
- Identifying possible solutions and 5 year running costs
- Identifying operating models for delivering the chosen solution

Saltash Town Centre is located on a steep hill which leads down to the residential area of the Waterside and the River Tamar. Due to the lie of the land, connectivity from the Waterside to the Town Centre has always been an issue. People visiting the Waterside will often overlook visiting the Town Centre because they must walk up a very steep hill. Older residents of the Waterside that cannot drive feel isolated, having to rely on taxi's or friends and family to drive them up the hill to the Town Centre.

Saltash Neighbourhood Plan was adopted in the referendum in March 2022. Part of the objectives of the Neighbourhood Plan include:

- Revitalise the Waterside
- Encourage improved and sustainable connectivity
- Regenerate the Town Centre, especially Fore Street

Better connectivity from the Waterside to the Town Centre would help work towards these objectives.

There are also ongoing projects within the Town, such as the Coastal Community Team and the Town Vitality project, this idea aims to better link both these key projects.

Cornwall has seen an increase in tourism over the last few years, this also applies to Saltash. In the future we hope that a regular ferry service will also visit Saltash, connecting Saltash to other parts of South East Cornwall and Plymouth by water.

Improving connectivity to the Town Centre would increase footfall in the Town Centre and benefit the economy of the Town. It would also help to encourage town visitors to visit the Waterside helping to revitalise Waterside and businesses there too. A novel or interesting option might also generate an increase in tourist visits and therefore further economic benefit.

Total project cost - £20,000

Saltash Town Council - Shared Prosperity Expression of Interest Form

Submitted To CIOS 22/12/22

PROJECT NAME

Saltash Water Transport/Ferry project

PROJECT LOCATION

Saltash – Saltash Town Council

PLEASE OUTLINE HOW YOU INTEND TO SPEND ANY FUNDING GRANTED AND EXPLAIN YOUR NEED FOR FUNDING

Saltash Town Council wish to put in a bid to employ a consultant, reporting to the Town Clerk who would report to the Full Council. The purpose of the consultant would be to generate feasible options for improving the connectivity along the extensive Saltash Waterfrontage, along the River Tamar and River Lynher.

Identifying who will benefit economically and socially

Try to identify how much economic benefit might be achieved

Identifying possible solutions and 5 year running costs

Identifying available landing points and future possible sites.

Identifying operating models for delivering the chosen solution

Saltash is extremely lucky to be surrounded by the beautiful Rivers, Tamar and Lynher. Whilst providing a stunning backdrop to much of the town, the rivers pose a significant challenge to connectivity and leave some areas more isolated.

Saltash has a Neighborhood Plan, which was adopted in the referendum in March 2022. Part of the objectives of the Neighborhood Plan include:

Introduce and improve river links.

Revitalize the Waterside

Encourage improved and sustainable connectivity

Regenerate the Town Centre, especially Fore Street

Better river connectivity would bring in visitors which would help work towards these objectives.

Possible landing sites that need to be assessed for permissions, suitability, accessibility, and investment required are:

China Fleet Club, Salt Mill Park, Jubilee Green, Saltash Waterside, Saltash Sailing Club, Wearde Quay, Churchtown Farm, Forder, Antony Passage which are all within Saltash town boundary, with possible links to Plymouth side of the river and Anthony on the south side of the Lynher. Other potential landing sites would also be investigated with the hope of a wide number of possible pickup/drop off points creating a large network.

There are also ongoing projects within the town, such as the Coastal Community Team and the Town Centre Vitality project, along with a plan to better link both these key projects.

Cornwall has seen an increase in tourism over the last few years, this also applies to Saltash.

In the future we hope that a ferry will not only increase connectivity for locals but attract visitors visiting the area not just for community purposes. An integrated solution that

signposts other public transport links, like bus and train may also help to reduce car reliance and encourage increased use of public transport.

A low carbon solution would be the preferred option with electric propulsion becoming a more proven solution for small boats carrying out this kind of work. We intend to work closely with other water transport projects being proposed for other sections of the Rivers.

PROJECT DESCRIPTION

To deliver a sustainable, viable, low carbon foot ferry service for water transport for Saltash, and build on the excellent public transport links that already exists in terms of trains and buses to better link our community and to provide tourist incentives to visit the area to the benefit of local businesses. Saltash has a lengthy water boundary of the Tamar and Lynher Rivers that, whilst providing a beautiful location, decreases connectivity options for large areas of our town. A public ferry service would fill a large void in our connectivity infrastructure, attract visitors and allow far more people to get access to our beautiful surroundings.

TOTAL PROJECT COST (£)
£30,000

FUNDING AMOUNT REQUIRED FROM SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (£)
£30,000

INVESTMENT PRIORITY

Community and Place / People and Skills / Supporting Local Business

Further funding suggestions are welcome the current opportunities are available below, these can be found on the following link <https://ciosgoodgrowth.com/funding-opportunities/> . With initiation documents available for each funding pot

STRATEGIC BUSINESS, ENTERPRISE AND RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT INFRASTRUCTURE (£18.7M)

The investment will unlock or accelerate the development or delivery of infrastructure for businesses, enterprises or organisations, to enable them to grow and fulfil their potential.
Total amount available: £18.7m

Project delivery timeframe: April 2022 – March 2025

Minimum grant award (capital): £500,000
Maximum grant award (capital): £5,000,000
Minimum grant award (revenue): £20,000
Maximum grant award (revenue): £100,000

Application deadlines:

Review point 1: 2nd September 2022 (closed)
Review point 2: 2nd December 2022 (closed)
Review point 3: 3rd April 2023
Review point 4 (final): 4th August 2023

The deadline for all applications is 5pm on the dates stated above.

CULTURE AND HERITAGE-LED REGENERATION AND SKILLS (£10.82M)

Investment in the creative economy, cultural institutions and development of heritage buildings and assets to regenerate our places and communities. This opportunity will drive pride in place and career opportunities, sustainability and social mobility and support the development, preservation and reimagining of our places and buildings and the cultural and creative economy.

Total amount available: £10.82m

Project delivery timeframe: April 2022 – March 2025
Minimum grant award: £150,000
Maximum grant award: £7,000,000

Application deadlines:

Review point 1: 2nd September 2022 (closed)
Review point 2: 2nd December 2022 (closed)
Review point 3: 3rd April 2023
Review point 4 (final): 4th August 2023

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TOWN, RURAL AND COASTAL HIGH STREET DEVELOPMENT AND SKILLS PROGRAMME **(£4.4M)**

This invitation to bid encourages applications from businesses, property owners (public/private/third sector), developers and skills providers across towns, rural and coastal areas in Cornwall and on the Isles of Scilly, with a particular focus on regenerating high streets and neighbourhood shopping areas.

Total amount available: £4.4m

Project delivery timeframe: April 2022 – March 2025

Minimum grant award: £30,000

Maximum grant award: £500,000

Application deadlines:

Review point 1: 2nd September 2022 (closed)

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CULTURAL EVENTS AND TALENT PROGRAMME (£4.4M)

Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly has an over reliance on tourism and this is concentrated in the summer months, putting a strain on both infrastructure and the environment. This seasonality also drives sectoral low productivity by curtailing year-round visitor spend. Primarily, activity in the Cultural Events and Talent Programme will seek to address this by creating sustainable jobs through generating more year-round, permanent, higher paid employment, and reducing the seasonal nature of the tourism sector and increasing visitor spend.

Total amount available: £4.4m

Project delivery timeframe: April 2022 – March 2025

Minimum grant award: £100,000

Maximum grant award: £1,000,000

Application deadlines:

Review point 1: 2nd September 2022 (closed)

Review point 2: 2nd December 2022 (closed)

Review point 3: 3rd April 2023

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The deadline for all applications is 5pm on the dates stated above.

COMMUNITY LEVELLING UP PROGRAMME (£1.885M)

This programme will support community level investment plans for Good Growth across Cornwall and the Isles of Scilly. *** Please note that this programme is managed by Cornwall Council. Full application guidance can be found on the Community Levelling Up Programme website

Total amount available: £1.885m

Minimum Award: £5,000

Maximum Award: £200,000

Application deadline:

Closing Date: 31/1/2023