

Bridport LAP Report to WDP	14/01/19		
	Priority 1	Priority 2	Priority 3
Your organisation's priority/ priorities	Rough Sleepers/Homelessness	Health and Wellbeing	Parish Liaison
Objective/s (what are we seeking to improve?)	To work towards, and to raise awareness of the need for appropriate provision of facilities for homeless people in Bridport and the surrounding area.	To monitor changes in local Health and Social care services, and to develop responses and/or appropriate action with regard to issues and public consultations which may affect the Health and Wellbeing of the Bridport area community.	To assist in the co-ordination of town and parish council engagement in the process of Local Government Reorganisation in Dorset, and to act as an ongoing information-sharing and networking opportunity for participating town and parish councils.
Evidence of Need	Taken from West Dorset and Bridport Area Neighbourhood Plan housing needs assessments, housing waiting list, rough sleepers count, and local evidence provided by CAB, Cupboard Love and other local support groups.	Dorset Joint Strategic Needs Assessment , Clinical Services Review , and local intelligence from public and community organisations, e.g. Dorset CCG, Bridport Medical Centre, CAB.	Established at the request of BLAP member town and parish councils.
Action (how will we achieve this?)	Partnership work with Cupboard Love to extend its remit to cover the services required, and with DCC and Tricuro to provide appropriate premises for delivery.	Engagement in the procurement process for a Bridport Community Front Room, and with the CCG Locality Group, CAB, Medical Centre and others to develop a social prescribing model for Bridport.	Provision of a regular forum for information and opportunities to engage with the principal councils, the Shadow Dorset Council and others as appropriate.
Led by	BLAP Rough Sleepers/Homeless Working Group	BLAP Health and Wellbeing Working Group	BLAP Parish Liaison Working Group
Timescale	Dependent on DCC/Dorset Council for provision of premises but aim is to achieve by 2020.	Social prescribing arrangements to be in place during 2020-21. Delivery of Community Front Room be determined by completion of procurement process.	Ongoing

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<p>Key outcomes (how will we measure success?)</p>	<p>Provision available for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A safe space for homeless people during the day • A place to shower, wash and dry clothes • A place to cook a hot meal • A secure address to use • A place for gaining skills eg: literacy, access to a computer, cookery • An opportunity to socialise and receive peer support • Signposting to other agencies • Mental and physical healthcare 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social prescribing model in place. • Community Front Room delivered. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Achievement of a means for town and parish council input into Dorset Council decision-making. • Provision of an ongoing information-sharing forum for BLAP member town and parish councils.
<p>Progress Update (what has been achieved as at the date of review, how are you progressing against your planned outcomes)</p>	<p>Progress delayed by difficulties in identifying suitable premises. Space at St Andrews Road Community Hub had been intended, but this will not provide for all requirements. Now liaising with DCC, Tricuro and others to establish an alternative.</p>	<p>Constructive discussions have taken place with Bridport Medical Centre to engage GPs in social prescribing, and a more formal meeting of stakeholders is now planned. Also wider engagement. e.g. with Lyme Forward to consider areas of common interest.</p> <p>Supported Harmony in their successful partnership bid to operate a Community Front Room in Bridport. Now supporting them in the search for premises</p>	<p>Parish Liaison Group met with Cllr Rebecca Knox, Leader for the Shadow Dorset Council, in Nov 2018 to put our case for direct involvement in the new Council's decision-making process. Shadow Council has now published its outline committee structure, including Area Forums as requested by the PL Group.</p> <p>PL Group has also successfully lobbied Shadow Dorset Council for withdrawal of proposals to cut funding for LAPs and other discretionary grants.</p> <p>PL Group continues to meet quarterly for information sharing.</p>
<p>RAG (red/amber/green)*</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Amber</p>	<p>Green</p>
<p>In addition to the above priorities, BLAP has continued to support the development of a Neighbourhood Plan for the Bridport area (a project initiated by BLAP), has engaged with the CAB in early work on a Poverty Action Group, and has responded to a range of consultations, including Dorset AONB Management Plan, Regeneration of Seaside Towns, the Health of the Bus Market, review of Landscapes, Asker Meadows Management Plan, and Dorset Libraries. BLAP has also supported a group developing collaborative working among local organisations. BLAP has also provided representation for a range of local initiatives, including Bridport Town Centre WG, the One Planet Living WG, Coastal Communities Team, Community Bus WG, Community Shed meetings, Caring Bridport and others.</p>			

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