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**LOOE BUSINESS AND LEARNING INITIATIVES**

**Report to Full Council 17 June 2024**

**Purposes of report**

1. To note progress of the planning application for a building at the Millpool.
2. To share with Full Council the report by Real Ideas Organisation on stage one of the Community and Stakeholder Engagement.
3. To report current activity and proposed next steps.
4. To propose the addition of Caleb Barron (Boundless Trust) as a member of the Working Group.

**1. Planning Application**

Council is reminded that no decision has yet been made that the case for a bespoke building has been demonstrated. It was agreed to prepare and submit this application to 'bank the opportunity' so as to be ready if Council did decide that the case was made and if funding streams became available at short notice.

There have been some comments from statutory consultees and one from a member of the public. The Working Group will consider these at its next meeting and recommend action accordingly.

**2.** The draft report on Stage One of the Community and Stakeholder Engagement was circulated to all Councillors for the last Full Council meeting on 25 March. The final report is circulated with the papers for this meeting.

**3.** As previously reported, at the meeting of the Business & Learning Working Group on 17 April it was agreed that the Group should research some small scale, low cost pilot projects and that initially four themes should be developed:

- Volunteer mentors for Looe businesses – matching volunteers having appropriate experience with people seeking to develop their business skills and learning.
- Training for young people focussed on technology.
- Arts and creative work – working with external partners .
- Hospitality and the visitor economy.

These have been further discussed and some useful contacts made with more to do on all the themes. Realistically it is proposed that the volunteer mentoring programme for people aged 18+ will be the most straightforward to pilot in September. The Working Group is therefore planning to focus on this while continuing to develop the other themes in parallel

**4.** Council is invited to endorse the addition of Caleb Barron of Boundless Trust to the Working Group. Caleb brings a fresh perspective, including the needs and opportunities for younger people and the best ways to reach them.

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