



## **LOOE TOWN COUNCIL KONSEL TRE LOGH**

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### **LOOE BUSINESS AND LEARNING INITIATIVES**

#### **Report to Full Council 5 August 2024**

##### **Purposes of report**

1. To note progress of the planning application for a building at the Millpool.
2. To report current activity and proposed next steps.

##### **1. Planning Application**

Our architect has had a conversation with the planning case officer who undertook to revert after further discussions within the department. We have not yet received further feedback.

The key topics at issue at present are the trees on the bank behind the proposed building, mitigation against flood risk, surface water drainage, detailed aspects of the design and the continued validity of the Ecological Appraisal that we commissioned for the application.

##### **2. Proposed themes for pilot projects**

With further work, the themes are evolving and are now described as:

- Mentoring support for all types of local businesses  
*We know that there are many people in Looe with local, national and global business experience. We think that some of these will be happy to share their knowledge with local businesses on a voluntary basis. Our aim is to bring together 'mentors' and 'mentees' to help Looe businesses thrive.*
- Supplementary training for school leavers and young adults  
*With no post-16 education in Looe, young people wanting to continue their learning have to travel. This means that some people either miss out on the opportunity or it doesn't work out for them. We are looking at how we might support local training in key skills to plug this gap.*
- Business, creative and professional development through the arts  
*Many artists live in Looe and our area. We want to see how we can support opportunities for people to create viable arts and creative businesses, adding to the already vibrant culture of the town.*
- Training support for local hospitality businesses  
*Hospitality is central to the economy of Looe. We want to work with existing and new businesses to support training and development to sustain and further improve the great hospitality choices that our town already offers.*

We aim to work closely with the Looe Business Forum in developing these themes.

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