

## Notes on the need for a plan

The tables voted unanimously in favour of the creation of a new Plan with some caveats:

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- A shared vision
- Ensure small, local issues are included
  - i.e. dog poo
- Youth Provision
- Tourism
- Infrastructure that supports all residents and visitors
- Keep High Street thriving
- Treat every person as a visitor
- Economic development with thought of the environment
- Include Wellbeing Measure/Index/Happiness
- Must include an Action Plan
- Quality of local infrastructure must be addressed

### How

- Inclusive
  - Grass roots up – all sections of society involved
  - Represent of all residents
  - Deprived communities (food bank)
  - Diverse community involvement
  - Input from all groups
- Not devised in isolation
  - must be community AND council working together
- Avoid duplicating other plans (DDC/KCC)
  - Co-ordinate with key partners including DDC, KCC, KHS
- Consider resources / budgets
- Updatable plan
- Community leaders cohesion
- What happened to the last plan? (2007)
  - [Project Officer: Many of the actions have been implemented but many of the issues are still relevant 13 years later]

## Dr Cheryl Mvula's post event notes

“So good to see so many people there representing a diversity of organisations and groups, along with the clear energy and willingness in the room to create positive change for Deal.”

“For me there were a few take away points:

1. How everyone agrees this needs to be a grass roots up driven process so it truly represents the needs and aspirations of the local community.
2. Starting with a blank sheet people found very encouraging as it showed DTC's commitment to a participatory approach to developing this plan (many thought it was already a done deal)
3. Everyone agreed that a plan is needed to focus everyone's efforts (each in their own way) on a shared vision on how to develop Deal even further as a great place to live, work and play
4. That the plan should cover how to make Deal a great place to live, work and play - to cover all these aspects
5. The plan to be owned and implemented by all - the local community, parish councils, DTC, DDC, KCC etc., each has its part to play in implementation
6. Someone, however, needs to co-ordinate this...and this is where DTC comes in I feel.”