

In June 2020, the Town Deal Board invited Expressions of Interest for projects to be included in the St Ives Town Investment Plan. We were keen to draw together ideas and creative solutions from all our community so as well as a general invitation to respond we actively reached out to community and faith groups, local social enterprises and creative organisations to encourage them to put forward ideas that could help deliver the vision that has been agreed.

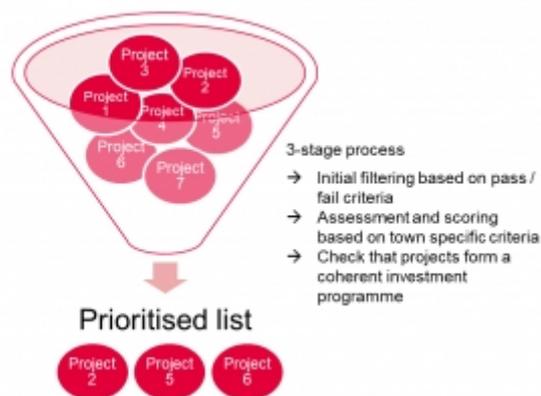
A total long list of 43 'Expressions of Interest' were received with some really brilliant project ideas. Thank you!

### The Shortlisting Process

Successful projects have to fit the Government's objectives and required outcomes as well as the St Ives Vision and Objectives which has been developed by the Board and shaped through community and stakeholder engagement.

All the projects were assessed on a consistent basis:

### View the Project Process Flowchart



### Stage 1

The initial long list was filtered with pass or fail criteria as set out by central government under the requirements for the Towns Fund. In the case of the Towns Fund, the pass or fail criteria considers whether the project is:

- a capital investment;
- located within the town boundary;
- related to the Towns Fund investment themes

### Stage 2

Projects were then assessed and scored using a transparent selection matrix. This includes economic, social and environmental indicators to fit with local strategy and Towns Fund objectives.

### Next steps – Stage 3

As a result of the scoring process 29 projects are still under consideration and require a more detailed assessment on the basis of being able to deliver against the government's requirements for the Towns Fund, strategic fit, cost ratio the evidence of need from social and economic data and the views gathered through the community engagement. This assessment will check that all investments shortlisted are able to form a coherent investment programme that can support the vision and objectives of St Ives.

Details of the [29 projects](#) can be here.

Assessment is ongoing as we develop the final Town Investment Plan for submission to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) at the end of Jan 2021