

28 January 2026

Traffic & Transport AGM

Meetings – Review and way forward – Report from Chair

The 2025 AGM agreed to change the way we worked, in the hope of minimising duplication, maximising capacity / performance.

We agreed to:

- Hold Forum meetings every six months – giving an opportunity to engage with our County Councillor who is the member of the Highways Authority; and
- Hold Steering Group meetings every three months, to oversee the direction of our work and establish Project Teams to pursue key priorities between meetings.

The new way of working was set out in the agreed Year Planner for 2025, on the basis that this would be the subject of Review at the 2026 AGM, hence this Report.

The idea of Project Teams has worked well in practice, engaging those who feel a particular affinity for a specific topic, and allowing each to work at a pace that responds to emerging opportunities, as well as team members' own personal capacities.

The quarterly Steering Group meetings have supported the Project Teams, and allowed the sharing of learning from experience.

The Project Teams were:

- ◆ 20's Plenty – now supported by DCC, negotiations continuing over the details.
- ◆ Vehicle Activated Signs – locations and proposed options developed, which will need to work with the new DCC Protocols.
- ◆ Bridge Feasibility – in discussion with DCC and will need to work with the new DCC Protocols.
- ◆ School Green Travel Plans – working contact now established, 3 Plans received and being developed.
- ◆ Strategic Road Network Investment – discontinued due to disbanding of Peninsula Transport and pending Local Government Reorganisation.
- ◆ Active Travel Routes – support has been given for routes from Totnes to Newton Abbot (including the Littlehempston bridge crossing), Totnes to Buckfastleigh (Dart Valley), and Totnes to Stoke Gabriel.

None of these were going to be 'quick wins'.

It is felt worthwhile to continue this more focused and collaborative way of working, with each project dictating its own pace.

In light of this experience, a new Year Planner for 2026 is proposed for adoption:

- This includes 5 of the above 6 topics (that is all but Strategic Road Network).
- Plus provision for High Street, where the focus would be on engaging with and supporting the business community, looking to maximise footfall, enhance the visitor experience, and ensure community safety.

ATTACHED to this report is the Year Planner for 2026.