

13th June 2024



To Members of the Regeneration Working Group

You are invited to a virtual meeting of the Working Group to be held on **Thursday, 20th June 2024** at **10am** to conduct the following business and make recommendations to the Town Clerk.

Helen Bojaniwska
CEO (Town Clerk)

The meeting will be held via the [Zoom meeting platform](#).

Meeting ID: 862 1362 4076
Passcode: 365783

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AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest
3. To consider requests for dispensations
4. To receive questions from the public
5. To note the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration Working Group on 25th April 2024, previously circulated
6. To receive a budget report to end May 2024
7. To receive an update on actions from previous meetings
8. To receive the CEO's report
9. To receive a report from the Stroud District Chamber of Trade
10. To receive a report from Stroud District Council on town centre cleanliness
11. To receive a report from Stroud District Council on town centre toilets
12. To receive a report from Stroud District Council on car park improvements
13. To receive a report from Stroud District Council on the installation of bike lockers at Brunel Mall car park
14. To receive a report from Stroud District Council on tourism activity
15. To receive an update on Stroud District Council regeneration projects in the station area
16. To receive an update on Stroud District Council on Wallbridge improvements
17. To review progress on Stroud District Council's Vitality Fund
18. To review the Regeneration Working Group's work programme and potential projects

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, race, gender, sexual orientation, faith, marital status and disability); Crime and Disorder (Section 17); Health and Safety; and Human Rights.

Annual Budget - By Committee (Actual YTD Month 2)

Note: Regeneration Budget Report 31 May 2024

		<u>2023/24</u>		<u>2024/25</u>				<u>2025/26</u>		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
Regeneration										
108	REGENERATION									
4028	MILLON HOURS PROJECT	0	188	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4042	EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE	700	0	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4115	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	6,000	5,611	6,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4128	TOWN CENTRE PROJECTS/CLEANLINE	3,000	282	5,000	0	0	1,000	0	0	0
4216	NDP Working group projects	5,000	215	30,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4217	NDP Review	0	512	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
4223	GOLDEN VALLEY PROJECT	20	17	18	0	0	13,844	0	0	0
4225	Pollution Monitoring	750	898	1,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4228	BUS SHELTERS	15,000	0	15,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4231	Real time passenger informatio	10,000	0	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4232	Walking and Cycling projects	0	4,000	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
4998	TF FROM OTHER FUNDS	0	-726	-64,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	40,470	10,998	14,018	0	0	14,844	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(40,470)	(10,998)	(14,018)	0	0		0		
	Regeneration - Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Expenditure	40,470	10,998	14,018	0	0	14,844	0	0	0
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UPDATE ON ACTIONS OUTSTANDING OR IN PROGRESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DATE OF MEETING	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS	NOTES
23/05/2023	Clerk to set up meeting with Simon Maher & James Jeffrey re London Road closures	Clerk	Not started	
20/07/2023	Inform group when Market Tavern planning application has been submitted	Project Officer	Not started	Updated designs to be discussed at Full Council in July.
12/10/2023	Deputy Clerk to discuss setting up SLA with SDTF with the Town Clerk	Deputy Clerk	Not started	On hold.
12/10/2023	Mike Towson to speak to colleagues re progress to improve untidiness of town first raised at 20/7 Regen	Mike Towson (SDC)	In progress	In progress
12/10/2023	Leonie Lockwood to report on plans for toilet improvements	Mike Towson (SDC)	In progress	On Agenda for this meeting
30/11/2023	Doors at Brunel Mall car park. All the door guards had been serviced and set to open. However, any loud noise e.g. fire alarm would cause them to close automatically. Parking attendants who were based in the building would take ownership and check regularly. Members requested attendants be informed the default should be 'open' Mike Towson to brief parking attendants	Mike Towson (SDC)	In progress	Outstanding
30/11/2023	Cleanliness of Bedford Street toilets. SDC regular inspections rate cleanliness as good, so Mike Towson wanted to understand the Town Council's concerns. If members could identify failings, this may unlock access to a SDC maintenance budget. Discussions concluded these concerns were mostly centred around the general disrepair of the toilets. It was suggested that the 'Out of Order' signage be improved and that a British Toilet Association assessment be undertaken to inform any repairs. Action: Mike Towson to improve signage and contact British Toilet Association to arrange an assessment.	Mike Towson (SDC)	In progress	See below MT to take this on, SDC are paying a consultant to undertake a review and assessment on improvements on Bedford St toilets. MT to report back. This item picked up from previous action.

DATE OF MEETING	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS	NOTES
30/11/2023	Brendan Cleere will investigate lack of cycle parking at the museum	Brendan Cleere (SDC)	In progress	Reported to be in progress at last meeting.
30/11/2023	The Clerk to follow up with the Deputy Clerk with regard to the on-site meeting regarding lifts at the railway station.	Clerk	In progress	Leonie Lockwood (SDC) to report – deferred until next meeting
15/2/2024	Accurate footfall data, SDC to get the supplier to revert back to the accurate standard of March 2023 and previously	SDC (officer to be identified)	Unknown	New data received.
15/2/2024	Update on Tourism Grant for Enjoy Stroud District leaflet campaign	Chamber of Trade	In progress	Application refused.
15/2/2024	Delivering the Windows of Opportunity pilot - to get the future high street champions a presence on in the town	Chamber of Trade	In progress	
15/2/2024	Missing history board – sign now confirmed as lost	Unknown	Unknown	Working group to decide on action
15/2/2024	Town info boards, top of High Street and opposite Sims Clock, Chamber offered to pay for the new boards in Spring 2023	SDC	In progress	SDC have agreed to transfer boards to STC.
15/2/2024	Bike lockers in Brunel Mall Car Park	SDC	Not started	Awaiting result of “Spaces” sign for car park
15/2/2024	New information boards for car parks (with “spaces remaining info)	SDC	In progress	In process of obtaining quotes, remaining money may be used for secure bike storage
15/2/2024	Fire Door Holders in Brunel Mall Car Park, many still out of action	SDC	In progress	Mike Towson will check if the replacement of the fire alarm system has included provision for this. Still outstanding
15/2/2024	Installation of tourism insert into upper tariff board in Church Street. Delivered to be inserted into the Tariff board in November 2023	SDC	In progress	Awaiting poster to be inserted into frame
25/4/2024	Chair and Cllr Drew to submit complaints about delay in completing Merrywalks bus shelters and RTPi	Chair and Cllr Drew	In progress	To be advised
25/4/2024	CEO to contact Rodborough Parish Council for more information about progress on Wallbridge subway and Rodborough cycle link.	STC	Complete	Included in CEOs report for next meeting

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25/4/2024	MT to report back on British Toilets Association findings and investigate concerns about the doors and water supply	SDC	In progress	On Agenda for this meeting
25/4/2024	SDC to organise an action day to search black bags and fly-tipped waste. Cllr Drew to enquire about the request for support with back-edging. SDC to confirm whether litter and recycling bins, and street furniture can be washed. SDC officers to investigate enforcement of flyposting. CEO to share previous emails about flyposting.	SDC/Cllr Drew	In progress	On Agenda for this meeting
25/4/2024	CEO to add cleaning of the bin store area to the Town Council's Ubico contract.	STC	Complete	SDC agreed to add to their contract.
25/4/2024	CEO to circulate SDC Strategy and Resources report [Vitality Fund] with the minutes	STC	Complete	

CEO's REPORT TO REGENERATION WORKING GROUP 20/6/2024

Bus shelters town centre and Merrywalks

GCC Highways and Integrated Transport have apologised for the delay, but they have arranged to meet up with a contractor who will supply a canopy at the King Street site and Bay K at Merrywalks.

The bigger project to redesign the passenger infrastructure at Merrywalks has been significantly delayed, partly due to the General Election meaning that the public consultation has had to be put back.

Golden Valley Route

The feasibility study has been progressing well. A progress meeting was held on 3rd June.

The initial research has identified a few pinch points, which limit the available space for segregated walking and cycling. The traffic volumes are high and there have been 16 collisions on the route, including 1 involving pedestrians and cyclists, and two serious accidents. The proximity to the Commons SSSI and TPOs along the route are being taken into account.

The designs included in the Golden Valley Vision study are no longer compliant with legal requirements, so three options are being explored:

- Shared used cycle track – cycle track usable by pedestrians
- Segregated two-way cycle track, plus pedestrian lane
- One-way cycle track on both sides

Further work will be completed, including looking at crossings, bus stops and parking, before the next meeting on 17th June 2024.

Wallbridge subway and Rodborough cycle link

Concept designs were drawn up for the cycle link as part of the levelling Up Fund bid, but the project is complicated by land ownership issues.

GCC's contractors AtkinsRealis have completed initial investigations into the Subway, and have advised that "there is a significant utilities presence again, which will likely stop us completing anything meaningful/physical here, outside of clearing and cleaning without significant costs."

Fawkes Place bin store

The bin store area was cleaned up on Tuesday 30th April. Businesses who use the area to store bins are now required to ensure that their bins are regularly emptied and properly labelled. There is a risk that if businesses do not comply future use of the area will be denied. Gloucestershire Highways have constructed an excellent wooded fence around the area and are planning to repaint the lines in the area to ensure that vehicles are parked correctly.

Town Centre Cleanliness

The Mayor and I attended a productive partnership meeting at Ebley Mill on 13th June, which covered a wide range of issues relating to the town centre. A verbal report will be provided by attendees at the WG meeting.

REGENERATION WORKING GROUP WORK PLAN 2024-25

All meetings

- CEO's report
- Budget report
- Chamber report
- Tourism report
- SDC Regeneration report
- GCC Highways report

Date	Description
20 June 2024	Note budget for 2024-25 Report from Market Towns Forum meeting on Vitality Fund scheme (4/6/2024) (SDC) Report on Town Centre Partnership workshop 13/6/24 <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Update on town centre cleanliness (SDC) • Update on Fawkes Place (SDC and GCC) Progress report on town centre bus shelters (GCC) Progress report on Merrywalks bus shelters and RTPI (GCC) Report on Public Toilets (SDC)
18 Jul 2024	Update on town centre cleanliness (SDC) Update on Vitality Fund scheme (SDC) Update on NDP Review Progress report on Merrywalks bus shelters and RTPI (GCC) Report on Golden Valley feasibility study
3 Oct 2024	Update on town centre cleanliness (SDC) Update on Vitality Fund scheme Progress report on Merrywalks bus shelters and RTPI (GCC) Review draft budget 2024-25 Update on NDP Review
21 Nov 2024	Update on town centre cleanliness (SDC) Progress report on Merrywalks bus shelters and RTPI (GCC) Update on delivery of Vitality Fund projects Update on NDP Review
13 Feb 2025	Update on town centre cleanliness (SDC) Update on delivery of Vitality Fund projects Update on NDP Review
1 May 2025	Update on town centre cleanliness (SDC) Update on Vitality Fund scheme Note budget for 2025-26

Other updates to be included when progress made:

- Rodborough cycle link
- Wallbridge

REGENERATION COMMITTEE PROJECTS

ID no.	Actions	Lead organisation	Current status
1i	Bus shelters - adoption, refurbishment, installations	STC	In development
1j	Contribution to installation of RTP1	GCC	Contribution approved for Merrywalks.
2a	Provide match funding for infrastructure projects in the town centre. Priorities: Active travel, High Street/Regeneration, culture and heritage	SDC	Potential to contribute EMR Highways to resurfacing King Street
2b	Landscaping of Wallbridge gateway site	SDC	SDC reviewing plans
2c	Review of policies and projects in the NDP. Community engagement on potential changes.	STC	On hold
2d	Consider potential adoption of street furniture	STC	In development
3t	Include a Biodiversity policy in the NDP	STC	On hold
3y	Ongoing collection of samples from pollution monitoring sites around the town centre and commissioning a report on data collected to date.	STC	Ongoing
4j	Liaison with SDC and GCC and community partners on potential projects, e.g. Golden Valley route	GCC	Feasibility study in progress
4k	Liaison with SDC and GCC and community partners on potential projects: Rodborough Cycle link	GCC	Contribution approved for land purchase. Highways work on hold.
4l	Liaison with SDC and GCC and community partners on potential projects: Cainscross Road	GCC	Not started.
4m	Projects to promote and improve walking and cycling infrastructure - liaison with SDC and GCC and community partners on potential projects, town centre improvements	GCC	Ongoing
6a	Reporting of issues relating to street cleaning, graffiti, flyposting and flytipping - continued engagement with SDC, GCC and other stakeholders on town centre improvements.	STC	Ongoing
6e	Develop a protocol for town centre demonstrations	STC	Cancelled
6e	Continued engagement with GWR and Network Rail on delivery of proposals set out in 2018 Feasibility Study to improve movement around the station and create a more attractive gateway to the town.	SDC	In progress
6f	Annual Christmas lights displays and events	STC	
6g	Potential transfer of responsibility for benches	STC	
6h	Campaign to improve access between the platforms at Stroud station, by installing lifts on either end of the bridge	SDC	In progress - government funding for feasibility announced
6l	Supporting GCC with review on on-street parking in the town centre and residential areas	GCC	On hold
7a	Develop additional, imaginative navigation and interpretation for the town centre.	STC	On hold
7f	Create and promote new walking routes.	STC	On hold
7g	Landscaping of Sub Rooms forecourt to improve public realm, increase biodiversity through planting, enhance use for cultural events	STC	On hold
7h	Design and installation of new wayfinding in town centre	STC	On hold
7j	Lobby for improved public transport facilities to ensure rail or bus travel is a realistic and attractive choice, day and evening, <i>to attend cultural activities.</i>	STC	On hold

OTHER PROJECTS IN NDP not already listed above

Project reference and name	Project	Lead organisation	Progress
P3 a-h AP3	Progressively upgrade the quality of streets and spaces in the town centre and promote pedestrian priority by extension of shared surfaces or equivalent design measures.	GCC	Included in LUF bid. Now on hold
Pedestrian priority AP7	A. visually integrating Four Clocks and Subscription Rooms, Bedford Street into Subscription Rooms Square.	GCC	Included in LUF bid. Now on hold
AP9b	B. Along full length of Kendrick Street.	GCC	Not started
Appendix 6	C. At the junction of Station Road and Russell street.	GCC	Part of station project
ZP1c	D. At the junction of George Street and King Street.	GCC	Included in LUF bid. Now on hold
NP3	E. At the crossing of London Road from car parks to Union Street and the market areas.	GCC	Not started
NP6	F. Along the full length of Bath Street.	GCC	Not started
NP7	G. At the junction of Church street, Brick Row and Ryeleaze road.	GCC	Not started
NP8	H. At the junction of High Street and King Street.	GCC	Not started
AP3	Improve access by: a). Open door to Brunel Mall, improve access and opening hours.	SDC	In progress
Pedestrian Access and Cycle Access ZP3	Improve access by: Creating a new pedestrian crossing from Cainscross Road to Rowcroft.	GCC	Not started
Pedestrian Access and Cycle Access ZP3	c). New path by Homebase -develop permissive path to canal and new bridge	GCC	On hold. Agents for the Homebase landlords were approached but reported that landowners are reluctant to engage at present.
NP5	B. Extending the Merrywalks pedestrian bridge towards the shopping centre	GCC	Not started
NP4b	c. Negotiating a new pedestrian/cycle route through the Merrywalks green strip.	SDC	In progress
ZP2c	D. Making visual improvements to Rowcroft railway bridge	NR	Not started
ZP4c	e. Opening and improving access from Brunel multi-storey car park towards the station and Brunel Goods Shed	STC	In progress
ZP5	f. Creating a new bridge over the canal at Capel's Mill to join up the towpaths and link with the footpath from Rodborough and Butterow.	SVP	In progress. Included in NDP Review consultation.
NP6	g. Creating a new pedestrian crossing at the bottom of Bath Road and Wallbridge.	GCC	In progress
NP7	h. Create a new route, 'Stratford parkway', across Beeches Green, linking the town centre with the leisure centre, museum, college and Tesco.	STC	Not started
NP8	i. Make a new connection from the London road Car park avoiding the narrow main road pavement.	GCC	Not started

Project reference and name	Project	Lead organisation	Progress
AP1	Prepare Development Briefs for the following locations and promote them for development.	various	In progress. Included in NDP Review consultation.
AP4	A. Canal Basin	SDC	Included in Wallbridge consultation
AP3	B. Fromside Industrial Estate	Owner	Not started
ZP1b	C. Railway Zone including car parks on the south side of the railway	SDC	In progress
ZP2a	D. Railway arches	NR	Not started
ZP2c	E. Beeches Green/Stratford Parkway	SDC	In progress through PSDF project
ZP3	F. Police Station/Magistrates Court	PCC	Not started
ZP4a	G. Market tavern	Owner	Development plans at pre-application stage
ZP4c	H. Canal Frontage	SDC	Not started
AP9a	Develop more detailed guidance relevant to each zone, including guidance on sustainable buildings and the greening of the town centre.	STC	In progress. Included in NDP Review.
NP1	Promoting better directions to car parks, user friendly parking tariffs, and real-time information on car parking spaces	SDC	In progress
AP13	Provide plug-in charging facilities for low emission vehicles in public car parks.	SDC	In progress
AP7	Improve the appearance of the Gateways to the town:	STC	Not started
	a. Gloucester Street	STC	Not started
	b. Nelson/Parliament Streets	STC	Not started
	c. London Road/Cornhill	STC	Not started
NP6	Promote the progressive improvement of access into and around the Town centre by cyclists by seeking contra flows and well marked cycle lanes and the provision of additional open and covered cycle racks, all where practical.	GCC	In progress
	a. An attractive and less polluted environment for travellers	GCC	Not started
	b. More level access into the town centre	GCC	Not started
NP5	a. promote improvement to the appearance of land and existing buildings in Merrywalks	GCC	Not started
	b. Review of the configuration of the Merrywalks car park	Dransfield	Complete
	c. Review traffic management in Merrywalks	GCC	Not started