

14th November 2024



To Members of the Regeneration Working Group

You are invited to a virtual meeting of the Working Group to be held on **Thursday, 21st November 2024** at **10am** to conduct the following business and make recommendations to the CEO (Town Clerk).

Helen Bojaniwska
CEO (Town Clerk)

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

Meeting ID: **862 4295 1841**

Passcode: **859142**

For more information about attending Council meeting via Zoom please refer to the [guidance on our website](#).

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 3rd October 2024, previously circulated
6. To receive an update on actions from previous meetings
7. To receive progress reports from Gloucestershire County Council on:
 - a. Merrywalks Transport Hub
 - b. King Street resurfacing
8. To receive progress reports from Stroud District Council on:
 - a. town centre cleanliness
 - b. town centre toilets
 - c. car park improvements
 - d. installation of bike lockers at Brunel Mall car park
 - e. Wallbridge improvements
 - f. Tourism
9. To discuss the potential closure of Stroud Post Office
10. To receive a budget report to end October 2024
11. To consider a draft budget for 2025-26 for recommendation to Council
12. To receive the CEO's verbal report for information only
13. To receive a verbal report from the Stroud District Chamber of Trade

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.

UPDATE ON ACTIONS OUTSTANDING OR IN PROGRESS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

DATE OF MEETING	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS	Priority	NOTES
20/07/2023	Inform group when Market Tavern planning application has been submitted	CEO: HB	In progress		Update: Soon to be presented to SDC for a pre-application consultation.
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		Update: starts in November – applications awaited.
15/2/2024	Bike lockers in Brunel Mall Car Park	SDC	In progress		See item 8
15/2/2024	New information boards for car parks (with “spaces remaining info)	SDC	In progress		See item 8
15/2/2024	Fire Door Holders in Brunel Mall Car Park, many still out of action	SDC	In progress		Work started
20/6/2024	Research replacement of missing History Board and seek funding from Five Valleys Shopping Centre – location to be decided	STC: HB	In progress		
20/6/2024	Investigate potential to extend History trail to include the St Laurence Church grounds.	STC: HB	In progress		
20/6/2024	Transfer ownership of notice boards opposite Sims Clock and at the top of the High Street to Stroud Town Council.	SDC	In progress		
20/6/2024	Refurbish and repurpose notice boards	STC: HB	In progress		Vitality Fund application approved for replacement with larger boards
20/6/2024	Collate a list of poster locations for sharing.	STC: HB	Complete		
20/6/2024	Share final report on public toilets with the CEO and Chamber Chair to review and agree priorities.	SDC: Mike Towson	In progress		Report in progress

DATE OF MEETING	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS	Priority	NOTES
20/6/2024	Discuss potential collaboration with other towns on the procurement of bike storage lockers to potentially secure bulk discounts.	SDC: Mike Towson STC: Cllr Davey	In progress		Berkeley interested
20/6/2024	Liaise with CEO on Wallbridge improvements	SDC: Leonie Lockwood	In progress		Site meeting held
20/6/2024	Creating a safe link between the schools on Cainscross Road and Stroud station.	All partners	Future work plan		
20/6/2024	Transfer responsibility for town centre benches and street furniture to Stroud Town Council	SDC	Future work plan		
18/7/2024	Bus shelter for King Street CEO to approach Lloyds Bank	STC: HB	In progress		Letter sent. Awaiting response
18/7/2024	Consider relocation of bus stop on King Street.	GCC	Outstanding		No response from GCC
18/7/2024	Investigate responsibility for roundabout weeding	SDC: Mike Towson GCC	In progress		SDC and GCC in discussion.
3/10/2024	Merrywalks consultation report to be circulated	GCC	New		See item 7a
3/10/2024	Stay in dialogue regarding CCTV, toilets, and planting at Merrywalks	GCC/STC/SDC	New		
3/10/2024	Check timescale for RTP1 installations and report back	GCC: Tom Main	New		
3/10/2024	Inform STC and SDC once Merrywalks cycle storage location is firmed up	GCC	New		
3/10/2024	Send through emerging programme for Merrywalks	GCC	New		
3/10/2024	Share bus shelter designs (including seating) before confirming the order for Merrywalks.	GCC	New		
3/10/2024	Discuss community toilets scheme.	STC, SDC and GCC	New		
3/10/2024	Report on door closers at Brunel Mall by email	SDC: MT	New		
3/10/2024	Consult working group members on the lockers design for Brunel Mall by email.	STC: MT	New		

DATE OF MEETING	ACTION	OFFICER	STATUS	Priority	NOTES
3/10/2024	Share lockers design with other towns interested in purchasing lockers.	STC: TD	New		
3/10/2024	Invite SDC's tourism officer to future meetings	SDC: BC	New		
3/10/2024	Share USP report when received.	SDC: BC	New		
3/10/2024	Discuss a potential asset transfer of bus shelters currently in District and County Council ownership.	STC: HB SDC: MT GCC	New		
3/10/2024	Work with bus operators and Gloucestershire County Council to identify which bus stops attract the most passengers and where there is scope for new shelters, then run a public consultation to prioritise sites, with a view to developing a 3-year installation plan.	STC: HB GCC	New		
3/10/2024	Investigate whether any of the shelters being removed from Merrywalks could be reused at other locations.	STC: HB	New		
3/10/2024	Include surfacing of King Street on the next agenda.	STC: HB	New		See item 7b

7a Merrywalks Hub - Update from GCC

I'm pleased to share that we've completed and published the Merrywalks Engagement Report. This report offers a comprehensive analysis of all comments and suggestions, ensuring that every voice was heard and considered. You can access the report here: [Stroud Merrywalks Transport Hub Engagement](#)

I'll keep you updated on infrastructure developments at Merrywalks, and we'll also be posting updates on our website: [Interchange Hub Improvements](#)

King Street resurfacing – update from Local Highways Manager

4/10/2024

“The road surface on King Street will be a tarmac resurface with a buff coloured MDA topping (similar to the High Street). The existing slabbed/stone footways to the side of King Street will be retained but most of the stone between this extent will be removed and replaced with a single surface + improvements to the current drainage slot channels. Worth noting, this is town centre improvement pot – there’s not much in it but Stroud is being looked at favourably although Gloucester and Cheltenham also need similar improvements. This money cannot roll over, so the sooner we can secure partnership funding to support the scheme, the stronger our bid can be.

If you can take this to your Regeneration Working Group on the 21st November for consideration that would be appreciated. Hopefully we may have firmer news once we know if there is capacity for this scheme to be carried out in 24/25 in what is an already full programme of works.”

7/10/24

“Although it still early days, please see attached plans to provide an idea of the extent of both King Street and King Street Parade.

The photo below of Cambray Place, Cheltenham which generally will be the road surface being used and replicated for King Street. This Cheltenham scheme was carried out last year and was received well, and replaced an area which was previously slabbed with years of defect works reinstated with ugly tarmac patches. I have also provided a Google image for comparison which I think you’ll agree now looks a whole lot better and almost replicates the current situation in Stroud.





Our Streetlighting team have more recently introduced a new column and lantern o/s No.10 King Street following the removal of a bulkhead light on 5 Valleys by the site owners.”

Subsequently reported verbally that unlikely to proceed in 2024-25.

There is £9,000 in a Town Council earmarked reserve which could be offered as a contribution towards this scheme.

HB
14/11/2024





Title: Kings Street I

Printed By:
Guest Guest

Printed On:
20-06-2024



20 m
385020.14, 205244.91

Post office closures

It has been reported that Post Office Limited have plans to potentially close 115 branches.

[Post Office could close 115 branches with jobs at risk - BBC News](#)

Stroud Post Office in Russell Street is on the list of office at risk.

The Town Council has issued the following statement:

Stroud Town Council notes with significant concern the proposed closure of Stroud Post Office and its implications for our town's economic wellbeing.

The Post Office has long served as an essential component of Stroud's commercial infrastructure, supporting residents and businesses across the town and the surrounding towns and parishes. Its presence underpins the vitality of our historic town centre and provides crucial services to both businesses and residents.

Councillor Tony Davey Chair, Mayor and Chair of the Regeneration Working Group, stated: "Our Post Office represents a cornerstone of Stroud's economic ecosystem. We are deeply concerned about the implications of this proposed closure for our business community and residents alike."

Annual Budget - By Committee (Actual YTD Month 7)

Note: Regeneration Committee budget report to end October 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	675	0	0	0	0	0
4115	CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	6,000	5,611	6,000	310	0	1,525	0	0	0
4128	TOWN CENTRE PROJECTS/CLEANLINE	3,000	282	5,000	1,639	0	1,000	0	0	0
4216	NDP Working group projects	5,000	215	20,000	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	13,844	0	0	0	0	0
4225	Pollution Monitoring	750	898	1,000	320	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	14,000	0	0	0
4232	Walking and Cycling projects	0	4,000	10,000	0	0	1,200	0	0	0
4998	TF FROM OTHER FUNDS	0	-726	-64,000	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Overhead Expenditure	40,470	10,998	4,018	16,787	0	17,725	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(40,470)	(10,998)	(4,018)	(16,787)	0		0		
	Regeneration - Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Expenditure	40,470	10,998	4,018	16,787	0	17,725	0	0	0
	Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	(40,470)	(10,998)	(4,018)	(16,787)	0		0		

Continued on next page

Annual Budget - By Committee (Actual YTD Month 7)

Note: Regeneration Committee budget report to end October 2024

	<u>2023/24</u>		<u>2024/25</u>				<u>2025/26</u>		
	Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
Total Budget Income	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Expenditure	40,470	10,998	4,018	16,787	0	17,725	0	0	0
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(40,470)</u>	<u>(10,998)</u>	<u>(4,018)</u>	<u>(16,787)</u>	<u>0</u>		<u>0</u>		

REGENERATION WORKING GROUP – DRAFT BUDGET FOR RECOMMENDATION TO COUNCIL

Town Centre/Regeneration	Centre	Code	Actual 2023-24	Approved budget 2024-25	Year to end Sept 2024-25	Projected year end	Draft budget 2025-26	%change	Notes
Million Hours project	108	4028	188	0	0	0	0	0.0%	Now Community Committee
Defibrillator maintenance	108	4042	0	1,000	0	1,000	1,000	0.0%	
Christmas lights	108	4115	5,611	6,000	200	6,000	7,000	16.7%	
Town Centre Projects/cleanliness	108	4128	282	5,000	1,545	5,000	6,000	20.0%	
NDP WG projects	108	4216	215	20,000	0	0	0	-100.0%	Projects now detailed below
NDP Review	108	4217	512	0	0	0	20,000	0.0%	Restart review in 2025
Golden Valley project	108	4223	17	18	13,844	13,844	0	-100.0%	
Pollution monitoring	108	4225	898	1,000	320	1,000	1,000	0.0%	Analysis and reporting
Bus shelters	108	4228	0	15,000	0	15,000	22,425	49.5%	New bus shelters
Real Time Passenger Information	108	4231	0	10,000	0	10,000	15,000	50.0%	Contribution to roll out of RTPi
Walking & Cycling projects	108	4232	4,000	10,000	0	13,844	20,000	100.0%	Evidence gathering to support promotion of projects
Street furniture	108	4311	0	0	0	0	25,000	0.0%	Adoption of and renovation of existing, and installation of new, street furniture
Signage and wayfinding	108	4312	0	0	0	13,000	12,000	0.0%	Improvements to signage and wayfinding in the town centre
Wallbridge project	108	4129	0	0	0	0	4,994	0.0%	Contribution to SDC landscaping project
Transfer from reserves	108	4998	-726	-64,000	0	-30,125	-97,754	52.7%	
Transfer to reserves	108	4999	0	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
TOTALS			10,997	4,018	15,909	53,728	36,665	812.5%	

REGENERATION PROJECTS

2024/25

Expenditure	Centre	Code	Budget	Year to end Sept 2024	Projected year end
Match funding for new projects	108	4216	20,000	0	0
Bus shelters (CIL)	108	4228	15,000	0	15,000
RTPI	108	4231	10,000	0	10,000
Walking and cycling projects	108	4232	10,000	13,844	13,844
TOTAL		TOTAL	55,000	13,844	38,844

Income	Centre	Code	Budget	Year to end Sept 2024	Projected year end
Use of NDP reserve	105	4998	50,000	-	10,000
Use of CIL reserve	105	4998	14,000	-	20,125
CIL receipts	105	1009	1,000	3,174	4,835
Grant funding	105	1077	-	13,884	13,884
TOTAL			65,000	17,058	48,844

Reserves carried forward	NDP reserve	CIL reserve 22-23	CIL reserve 23-24	CIL reserve 24-25	Total
Opening balance	82,079	33,415	2,635	-	118,129
Use of/addition to reserve	- 10,000	- 20,125	-	4,835	- 25,290
Balance carried forward	72,079	13,290	2,635	4,835	92,839
		Total CIL		20,760	

2025/26

Expenditure	Centre	Code	Budget	Funded by
NDP Review	108	4217	20,000	Precept
Bus shelters (CIL)	108	4228	22,425	CIL Reserves and precept
More RTPI	108	4231	15,000	NDP Reserve
Walking and cycling projects	108	4232	20,000	NDP reserve
Street furniture	108	4311	25,000	NDP reserve
Signage and wayfinding	108	4312	12,000	NDP reserve
Wallbridge project	108	4129	4,994	Wallbridge reserve
		TOTAL	119,419	

Income	Centre	Code	Budget
Use of NDP reserve	105	4998	72,000
Use of CIL reserves	105	4998	20,760
Use of Wallbridge reserve	105	4998	4,994
Precept	105	1176	21,665
TOTAL			119,419

Reserves carried forward	NDP reserve	CIL reserve 22-23	CIL reserve 23-24	CIL reserve 24-25	Wallbridge reserve
Opening balance	72,079	13,290	2,635	4,835	4,994
Use of/addition to reserve	- 72,000	- 13,290	- 2,635	- 4,835	- 4,994
Balance carried forward	79	-	-	-	-