

11<sup>th</sup> July 2024



## To Members of the Regeneration Working Group

You are invited to a virtual meeting of the Working Group to be held on **Thursday, 18<sup>th</sup> July 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: 820 9918 3409  
Passcode: 381518

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 20<sup>th</sup> June 2024, previously circulated
6. To receive a budget report to end June 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 the final Stroud-Thrupp Active Travel Feasibility Study
11. To receive progress reports from Gloucestershire County Council on:
  - a. Merrywalks Transport Hub
  - b. Bus shelter installation on King Street
12. 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
13. To review progress on Stroud District Council's Vitality Fund

*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 3)

Note: Regeneration WG Report 30 Jun 2024

		<u>2023/24</u>		<u>2024/25</u>				<u>2025/26</u>		
		Budget	Actual	Total	Actual YTD	Projected	Committed	Agreed	EMR	Carried Forward
<b>Regeneration</b>										
<b>108</b>	<b>REGENERATION</b>									
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	200	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	80	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
	<b>Overhead Expenditure</b>	<b>40,470</b>	<b>10,998</b>	<b>14,018</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,844</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve</b>	<b>(40,470)</b>	<b>(10,998)</b>	<b>(14,018)</b>	<b>(280)</b>	<b>0</b>		<b>0</b>		
	<b>Regeneration - Income</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
	<b>Expenditure</b>	<b>40,470</b>	<b>10,998</b>	<b>14,018</b>	<b>280</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>14,844</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
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## Item 7: To receive an update on actions 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	In progress		Updated designs to be discussed at a C&H meeting in July.
12/10/2023	Deputy Clerk to discuss setting up SLA with SDTF with the Town Clerk	Deputy Clerk	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)	Replaced		See below
12/10/2023	Leonie Lockwood to report on plans for toilet improvements	Mike Towson (SDC)	Replaced		See below
30/11/2023	Cleanliness of Bedford Street toilets.	Mike Towson (SDC)	Replaced		See below
15/2/2024	Update on Tourism Grant for Enjoy Stroud District leaflet campaign	Chamber of Trade	Replaced		Now submitted to Vitality Fund
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	Bike lockers in Brunel Mall Car Park	SDC	In progress		See item 11
15/2/2024	New information boards for car parks (with "spaces remaining info)	SDC	In progress		See item 11
15/2/2024	Fire Door Holders in Brunel Mall Car Park, many still out of action	SDC	In progress		See item 11
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 fly-posting. CEO to share previous emails about fly-posting.	SDC/Cllr Drew	In progress		See item 11
20/6/2024	Invite Gloucestershire County Council to report on the Merrywalks project at the next meeting.	CEO	In progress		See item 10

20/6/2024	Circulate the Wallbridge site and the cycle path plans	Leonie Lockwood (SDC)	Complete		
20/6/2024	Research replacement of missing History Board and seek funding from Five Valleys Shopping Centre – location to be decided	CEO	Not started		
20/6/2024	Investigate potential to extend History trail to include the St Laurence Church grounds.	CEO	Not started		
20/6/2024	Transfer ownership of notice boards opposite Sims Clock and at the top of the High Street to Stroud Town Council.	Stroud District Council	Not started		
20/6/2024	Refurbish and repurpose notice boards	CEO	In progress		Vitality Fund application submitted for replacement with larger boards
20/6/2024	Circulate footfall data for Stroud.	Chamber	Complete		
20/6/2024	investigate with Community Safety and Environmental Health and report back on SDC's timetable for progressing enforcement work on environmental crimes and have they written to the worst fly-posting offenders?	Brendan Cleere	Not known		
20/6/2024	Collate a list of poster locations for sharing.	STC Comms and Engagement Officer	In progress		
20/6/2024	Share final report on public toilets with the CEO and Chamber Chair to review and agree priorities.	Mike Towson	Not known		
20/6/2024	Include the reasons for toilet closures in posters.	Mike Towson	Not known		
20/6/2024	Discuss potential collaboration with other towns on the procurement of bike storage lockers to potentially secure bulk discounts.	Mike Towson and Cllr Davey	Not known		
20/6/2024	Send report on tourism activity.	Brendan Cleere	Incomplete		
20/6/2024	Find out what colour paints will be used on the station bridge refurbishment	Leonie Lockwood	In progress		
20/6/2024	Liaise with CEO on Wallbridge improvements	Leonie Lockwood	Not started		
20/6/2024	Submit Vitality Fund applications <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Town maps and noticeboards</li> <li>Support for the tourism leaflets proposal submitted by the Chamber</li> <li>A Shopfront improvements scheme (to be operated by Stroud District Council)</li> <li>Stroud Goodwill evening</li> </ul>	CEO Chamber	In progress		All done except for Goodwill

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		

## Item 7 - Actions about the station

Message from Leonie Lockwood who is unable to attend the meeting:

I have received the following positive information from Network Rail.

*“A construction contract has been awarded to Sisk for the full refurbishment of the footbridge plus a light refurbishment/re-paint of the canopies. Subject to GWR approval of the programme these works are due to start early September 2024 and will last approx. 9 months but will be weather dependant due to the large quantity of painting works to be undertaken. At present the colour scheme is still TBC, I believe discussions are ongoing between GWR and the Railway Heritage Trust”*

My contact there is trying to find out if the paint colour has now been settled and I will let you know.

I was also asked in the meeting if we were still in a competitive situation with regard to the Access for All programme (AfA). I have also now heard from Network Rail that though the statement on the government website says that the Access for All funding for step free access across the platforms is for initial feasibility work first and if that is successful, the project will be taken forward as part of the AfA programme, they have now heard that there is not sufficient capital funding to take forward all of the projects. I assume they are banking on not all of the stations producing a viable option. We are already working with Network Rail on the options as you know and so hopefully this puts us in a good position.

# CEO's REPORT TO REGENERATION WORKING GROUP 18/7/2024

## **Golden Valley Route**

The feasibility study has been completed but the final report has not yet been issued.

## **Town Centre Cleanliness**

Following the partnership meeting at Ebley Mill on 13<sup>th</sup> June, we have kicked off a project relating to flyposting. Owners and agents for empty shops in Stroud town centre have been asked to display a poster indicating that flyposting is not permitted on their property. Some have already agreed and we hope that more will follow.

## **Night Safe Officers**

A funding application to the Hotspots Fund which covers the town centre has been successful. Night Safe Officers will patrol on Friday and Saturday nights until the end of 2024 to help support the night time economy.

## **Paint Festival**

The recent community led Paint Festival has brightened up a number of walls in Stroud, which were in many cases chosen because they have been subject to tagging. We hope that the organisers will return to build on this work next year.