



DRAFT OPERATIONAL PLAN

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 90/14

10 NOVEMBER 2014

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) As Members are aware, the Town Council's participation in the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) Our Place programme requires the submission of a draft Operational Plan by 21 November.
 - b) Guidance notes for the expected content of the Plan have been provided by Locality – the national third sector organisation the DCLG has commissioned to deliver the programme - in the form of a presentation, the content of which is attached to this Report.
 - c) Based on invaluable contributions from the residents who have been actively engaged in the programme's Vision Groups and from the major public agencies serving the town, the draft document is now ready for the next stage of its development.
-

2) DRAFT PLAN

- a) It has been circulated to Members and other stakeholders in the form of Agency Partners and Vision Group Co-ordinators for comment by Friday 14 November.
 - b) This will leave a week for responding to the feedback from this consultation stage and taking the document to its final draft for submission to Locality by the deadline.
 - c) It is important to note that the submitted document will still only be a draft for the town's Operational Plan with the final version being submitted three months later at the end of February 2015.
 - d) Although much will still need to be done in those three months to achieve a Plan that will provide firm foundations for its delivery, those involved are committed taking the planning as far as is possible in the limited timeframe available to date.
-

3) NEXT STEPS

- a) The Draft Plans submitted by 21 November by the 120 areas on the programme enter a Peer Review Process in which the Ventnor Plan is reviewed by two other areas – Scarborough Borough Council and Test Valley Borough Council – and Ventnor reviews those of Scarborough Borough Council and Communities for Kids, a project in Tameside, Greater Manchester.
 - b) Reviewers' comments are then shared in mid-January.
 - c) Ventnor's Our Place Team have also agreed that the Ventnor Plan can be used as one of the case studies at a Peer Review Seminar in London on 4 December that the Mayor and our Economic Development Officer Nicky Cox will attend.
 - d) Arrangements will also be made for Ventnor's Plan to benefit from visits by the four consultants the programme funds for a total of five days.
 - e) Advice, proposals visits and discussions will be available from:
 - o Professor Steve Fothergill of Sheffield Hallam University on Coastal Towns
 - o Professor Anuradha Joshi of Sussex University on Regeneration
 - o David Alcock of Anthony Collins Solicitors on Legal matters
 - o An expert on Cost Benefit Analysis
-

4) RECOMMENDATION

Members are recommended to:

- a) note the content of this Report and the Draft status of the circulated copy;
 - b) agree the process and next steps;
 - c) make comments in discussion with or in emails to the team responsible for the document: Jason Mack, Nicky Cox and David Bartlett, by Friday 14 November.
-

