



OUR PLACE PROGRAMME

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 62/14

11 AUGUST 2014

The purpose of this report is to brief Members on developments in the Town Council's involvement in the Department of Communities and Local Government's Our Place programme.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

Having successfully completed the *Getting Started* initial phase of the programme with the approval of our Development Strategy documentation, we are now in the *Getting Going* phase.

2) FUNDING

- a) Although confirmation of the Town Council's acceptance on this current phase of the programme reached us on 6 June, the funding linked to it only arrived in our Bank Account on 31 July.
 - b) The actually available grant for the work required in this phase is £10,000 but 10% has been retained by the Community Development Foundation – the organisation handling the funding – until the submission of the final Operational Plan and final Funding Claim in March next year.
 - c) The Town Council has been awarded a further grant of £7,000 for the *Going Further* stage of the work and the payment of 90% of that will be available in September.
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3) AGENCIES' DAY

- a) As Members are aware, the core of this programme is engagement between the Agencies delivering services in the town and residents.
 - b) The first steps in this engagement process took place on Thursday 31 July when 30 resident Members of the programme's Vision Groups attended a full day event at St Catherine's Church to learn about the work currently done by six Agencies, three in each of the two major themes of our programme: Economic Development and Health and Wellbeing.
 - c) The programme for the day is attached to this report, giving the details of the senior staff making presentations in response to a brief from us to tell us what their service currently provides in Ventnor, what challenges the town presents for their service and how the community could assist with improving their effectiveness.
 - d) The Isle of Wight Council, the Isle of Wight College and Job Centre Plus occupied the morning two hours with Public Health and My Life a Full Life the afternoon same length session.
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4) CO-ORDINATORS' MEETING

- a) The meeting of the Vision Group Co-ordinators with the Town Council's team – the Mayor, Clerks and Economic Development Officer – to assess the Agencies' Day and plan the next stages took place on Tuesday 5 August.
 - b) It was agreed that two further sessions with Agencies would be helpful in building up a reasonably full picture of current provision: one on Housing and one on Children's Services. These, subject to Agencies' agreement, will be two separate evening sessions from 6 – 8pm in the first two weeks of September.
 - c) It was also agreed to amalgamate two of the Vision Groups – Prosperity and Opportunity – while retaining both Co-ordinators. Councillor Ed Gouge has helpfully taken up the vacated role of Co-ordinator for the Older Persons Group.
 - d) The rest of the meeting was a discussion, led by Nicky Cox, on how the effective engagement of residents in the development of service design and delivery can be secured and within what
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project activity it might be tested.

- e) The Co-ordinators will now arrange a meeting of each of their groups independently before coming together again with the Town Council's team to assess progress on a date in early September to be arranged.

5) PROGRAMME REQUIREMENTS

- a) The next milestone set out in the original programme requirements is the submission of a draft of the Operational Plan for the town by 21 November this year.
- b) However, an email from Locality's Our Place Programme Manager last week informed us of another intermediate stage they have now introduced in the form of a Logic Model:
The Logic Model will present a picture of how your initiative is supposed to work declaring precisely what you're trying to accomplish and how. On submission an 'expert' panel will assess your submission (provisionally 4th September) and feedback to you week beginning 8th September the level of CBA we believe will be appropriate for your proposal. This will be ranked: 1=simple, 2=intermediate and 3=complex and provide a steer for your CBA requirements going forward. With this in mind I would suggest you hold back from 'buying-in' CBA support until we have completed this task maximising the opportunity for proportionate CBA support and mitigating the risk of unnecessary expenditure.
- c) This has been discussed by the Team and, fortunately for our ability to continue in the programme, Nicky Cox knows exactly what is needed for Logic Models and is clear about how the information required by 1 September can be developed.

6) SUPPORT & ADVICE

- a) Access to the *Getting Going* Stage also brings us sources of – free – support and advice in the form of 4 days of a Relationship Manager and 5 days of Consultancy time to be engaged as we determine is most useful for our ability to produce the best possible Operational Plan.
 - b) We have had an initial meeting on 1 August for this phase with our Relationship Manager, David Newton, whom Members will remember from his work with us in the earlier phase.
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AGENCIES' DAY: 31 JULY

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ST CATHERINE'S CHURCH

Time

9.30 – 10am REGISTRATION, TEAS, COFFEES & COLD DRINKS

10 – 12 noon **MORNING SESSION: ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

Ashley Curzon: Strategic Manager Economic Development,
Isle of Wight Council

Omar Lakhssassi: Employer Liaison Officer, Isle of Wight College

Kerrie Honey: Partnership Manager, Job Centre Plus

12 – 1pm LUNCH & NETWORKING

1 – 3pm **AFTERNOON SESSION: HEALTH & WELLBEING**

Anita Cameron-Smith: Head of Public Health Strategy

Gill Kennett: Integrated Localities, Workstream Lead

Suzanne Wixey: Programme Director, My Life a Full Life

3 – 4pm TEAS, COFFEES, COLD DRINKS & CHAT