



OUR PLACE! PROGRAMME

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 45/14

9 JUNE 2014

The purpose of this report is to provide Members with an update on progress with the Town Council's Our Place! programme.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The *Getting Going* phase of the programme was completed for us on 23 May with the submission of the completed Development Strategy and its extensive Appendices.
 - b) The deadline for all the 123 areas on the programme was 31 May and it will be interesting to hear how many of them have met that requirement.
 - c) We have also submitted, as required, the end of grant report for the £3,000 grant provided for this initial phase of the programme.
 - d) The Development Strategy documentation is available on the Town Council's Web site in the Our Place! tab within the main *Community* tab, or by clicking [this link](#).
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2) FURTHER FUNDING

- a) The Development Strategy is also effectively a funding application as those areas that have their Strategy documentation accepted will move on to the *Getting Started* phase of the programme with the right to claim funding of up to £10,000 to facilitate the preparation of the Operational Plan in draft form by 30 November this year and in final form by March next year.
 - b) The application form setting out how that grant would be deployed also provided the opportunity to apply for a *Going Further* grant of between £5,000 and £7,500 payable from September: we have completed that section of the form accordingly.
 - c) A further grant of £20,000 will be available to up to 20 areas that have shown in their Development Strategy that they will be *Breaking New Ground*.
 - d) A decision on the Town Council's Development Strategy and related funding proposals is expected by mid-June.
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3) AGENCY COMMITMENT

- a) All 16 of the Agencies delivering services in Ventnor that attended the introductory lunchtime event for them of 24 March have provided letters of support.
 - b) Copies of these have been included in the Appendices of the Development Strategy, evidencing the strongest possible commitment from them to the Our Place! Programme.
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4) VISION GROUPS

- a) The second meeting with the Vision Group Co-ordinators with us took place on 20 May as planned.
 - b) It was agreed that it would be sensible to await the decision on the Development Strategy before planning the future work of the Groups.
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