



The purpose of this paper is to record the latest developments with the Our Place programme.

No. DETAIL

1) FINAL OPERATIONAL PLAN

- a) Locality offered an extension to the original deadline to 10 March in order to allow the final plan to benefit from the consultancy day our Economic Development Officer Nicky Cox had been funded to have with public data and Cost Benefit Analysis consultant Miguel Garcia-Sanchez.
 - b) That has now been completed and the plan submitted accordingly.
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2) LONDON EVENT

- a) Locality have organised what they are describing as a celebratory event for Our Place areas at the Local Government Association's Offices in Smith Square on Friday 20 March.
 - b) The all-day programme includes input from the Department of Communities and Local Government, examples of the programme's success, a session on working with funders and business and an opportunity to join two of four workshops.
 - c) The Mayor has agreed to attend to represent our place.
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3) COASTAL TOWNS CONSULTANCY

- a) Professor Steve Fothergill of Sheffield Hallam University spent the day in Ventnor on 5 February, meeting with our programme team in the morning and presenting at a lunchtime meeting with Agency partners and an evening session to 40 programme participants.
 - b) All sessions proved stimulating for participants with clear summaries of the findings of the latest research into the issues and opportunities facing Coastal Towns nationwide.
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4) CASE STUDY

- a) Ventnor was selected as one of twelve of the 118 areas in the programme for a Case Study the research for which was conducted on Wednesday 11 February by Kelly Walsh of the Community Development Foundation.
 - b) Her programme consisted of five 40-minute interviews with the Mayor, Public Health's Head of Strategy Anita Cameron-Smith, Neil Geddes, Janneke & Philip Oxley and Nicky Cox.
 - c) The initial draft is due soon.
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5) NEXT STEPS

- a) The Operational Plans for all areas are now with the Department for Communities and Local Government for sign off.
 - b) The purpose of the Plans has been to identify collaborative projects to be implemented following that sign off.
 - c) The next step is to consult with those who have contributed to the development of the one we have submitted about how the projects identified in it are to be progressed.
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