



The purpose of this report is to provide Members with the latest information on the progress of the Town Council's involvement with the Our Place! programme as the basis for comment and/or decision.

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**No. DETAIL**

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**1) BACKGROUND**

- a) As reported at the March meeting, the Town Council's application to join the Department of Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) Our Place! programme was submitted two weeks in advance of the 28 February deadline for applications and accepted on 25 February 2014.
  - b) The allied application for the related *Getting Started* grant of £3,000 was also successful and the funding has been received.
  - c) An additional resource was the appointment of a Relationship Manager, David Newton, to work with us in the development of the programme.
  - d) At national level, the programme is being managed on the DCLG's behalf by Locality, the leading nationwide network for community-led organisations, of which the Town Council is an Associate Member.
  - e) Locality announced on 4 April that a total of 123 areas had been accepted on to the programme. Access to the remainder of the programme and the related funding for it is dependent on the submission of a robust Development Strategy by 31 May 2014.
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**2) PROGRESS TO DATE**

- a) The prime purpose of the £3,000 *Getting Started* grant was to secure the engagement with the programme of private sector businesses, Agencies delivering services in the town and community members and residents.
  - b) The separate meetings with all three of these groups held on Monday 24 March were all very positive indeed, both in the level and range of attendance and the unanimous interest in and willingness to commit to contribution to the following stages of the programme leading up to the production of an Operational Plan for the town.
  - c) Our Economic Development Officer, Nicky Cox has drafted a detailed Journal of Record of the progress to date that will be available to Members and partners on our web site in the near future.
  - d) Meanwhile, lists of those who attended the meetings for private sector businesses and partner agencies are attached for Members' information.
  - e) Of the 75 residents and community representatives who attended the evening meeting 50 have signed up to join at least one of the seven Vision Groups that will work together to set priorities for future service delivery in discussion with the Agencies.
  - f) These were the initial meetings and others will be arranged to extend the engagement and opportunity to contribute to the programme to other businesses, Agencies and residents in due course.
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**3) DEVELOPMENT STRATEGY**

- a) A template for the production of the 12-page Development Strategy has now been provided by Locality that will be assessed on criteria including:
    - o Is there a tangible commitment to develop an Our Place Operational Plan?
    - o Is there evidence of how planned activities will progress one?
    - o What is the level of leadership by/engagement of the community?
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- Is the project realistic and achievable?
  - Are the project costs reasonable?
  - Level of ambition and/or complexity outlined in the application?
  - Nature of the proposed areas?
  - Existing capacity to progress the Plan.
- b) The document requires formal sign off by up to seven partner organisations.
  - c) The deadline for submission is 31 May but there are some advantages in earlier submission as Assessments will be completed and grants issued within two weeks of submission date for any Strategies submitted before 23 May compared with 21 June for those submitted on or after that date.
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#### 4) FURTHER GRANTS

- a) All groups whose Development Strategies are accepted will be allocated a *Getting Going* grant of £10,000 and details for spending that need to be included in the submission. There will also be an allocation of consultancy days.
  - b) An application can also be made for a additional funding of up to £7,500 as a *Going Further* grant, payable from September.
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BUSINESSES' MEETING

8.30AM 24 MARCH 2014

ATTENDANCE LIST

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<i>John Perrett</i>	<i>Hunnyhill Stores Group (Spar)</i>
<i>Ann Hutchins</i>	<i>Ventnor Business Association</i>
<i>Mark Randerson</i>	<i>Phileas Foggs Restaurant</i>
<i>Lindsay Randerson</i>	<i>Phileas Foggs Restaurant</i>
<i>Julia</i>	<i>General Manager, the Royal Hotel</i>
<i>Mark Rhodes</i>	<i>Hose Rhodes Dickson Estate Agents</i>
<i>Larry Allen</i>	<i>O1 Estate Agents</i>
<i>Lawrence Allen</i>	<i>O1 Estate Agents</i>
<i>Meg Gibbs</i>	<i>The Met</i>
<i>Jim Brown</i>	<i>Ale &amp; Oyster</i>
<i>John Curtis</i>	<i>Ventnor Botanic Gardens</i>
<i>Sean Strevens</i>	<i>Cheetah Marine</i>
<i>William Bailey</i>	<i>The Royal Hotel</i>
<i>Gert Bach</i>	<i>The Hillside Hotel</i>
<i>Jason Mack</i>	<i>Deputy Mayor</i>
<i>David Bartlett</i>	<i>Town Clerk</i>
<i>Alison Killick</i>	<i>Assistant Town Clerk</i>
<i>Nicky Cox</i>	<i>Economic Development Officer</i>
<i>David Newton</i>	<i>Our Place! Relationship Manager</i>



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PARTNERS' MEETING

12.30 24 MARCH 2014

ATTENDANCE LIST

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Sue Rumble	Job Centre Plus	Employer Advisor
Ashley Curzon	Isle of Wight Council	Strategic Manager, Econ. Dev.
Rob Jones	Library Service	Head of Service
Rob Brindley	Adult & Community Learning	Head of Service
Janet Stevens	Isle of Wight College	Business Development
Rachel Thomson	St Catherine's School	Head of Business & Charity
Steph Boyd	The Island Free School	Headmaster
Paul Cotton	Southern Housing Group	Regional Director
Anita Cameron-Smith	Public Health	Acting Director
Kathy Whitewood	Children's Centres	Head of Centres
Catherine Wright	Ventnor Medical Centre	Practice Manager
Dr Alison Caddy	Grove House Surgery	General Practitioner
David Grocock	Chamber of Commerce	President
Bill Pinnell	Hampshire Constabulary	Inspector
Mark O'Sullivan	Age UK IW	Good Neighbours Manager
Gary Dobson	Isle Help	Project Manager
Lee Hodgson	Citizens Advice Bureau	Chief Executive
Gill Kennett	Isle of Wight NHS	Associate Director
Steve Stubbings	Ventnor Town Council	Mayor
Jason Mack	Ventnor Town Council	Deputy Mayor
David Newtown	Our Place!	Relationship Manager
David Bartlett	Ventnor Town Council	Town Clerk
Alison Killick	Ventnor Town Council	Assistant Town Clerk
Julia Aratoon	Ventnor Town Council	Community Development Officer
Nicky Cox	Ventnor Town Council	Economic Development Officer

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