



REGENERATION STRATEGY RESPONSE

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 80/18

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The purpose of this paper is to ask Members if they wish to respond formally to the recently published Isle of Wight Council's Regeneration Strategy.

No. DETAILS

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The Isle of Wight Council published its draft Regeneration Strategy for consultation from 19 July to 12 October.
- b) Unlike other Strategy documents published recently by the Island's major providers, it includes a clear commitment to work with town and parish councils in both its development and delivery: *The key aspect of area regeneration is that is undertaken in partnership with town and parish councils, communities, businesses and the local voluntary and community organisations.* [page 52].
- c) The full 72-page document can be accessed [here](#).

2) REFERENCES TO VENTNOR

- a) The following paragraphs provide all the sections of the Strategy that include a reference to Ventnor.
- b) *Page 10 & 51:*
Populations of 30,000 provide sufficient critical mass to consider key issues. When considering the Isle of Wight, its existing population distribution and the specific geography and character five key areas identify themselves
 - o Ryde and its wider immediate area including villages such as Bembridge, St. Helens, Seaview and Brading
 - o The Bay Sandown, Shanklin and Lake but also the smaller settlement of Ventnor and adjacent villages
 - o West Wight mainly rural but with Yarmouth and Freshwater as hub settlements
 - o West Medina Cowes, Gurnard and Northwood and settlements in and to the West of Newport
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 - o East Cowes and settlements in and to the East of Newport
- c) *Page 37:*
Deliver small property improvements on council property portfolio, making best use of the assets, generating income and retaining community facilities where appropriate. In all cases, we will assess the net gain of intervention rather than disposal when assessing the financial case. This list includes, but is not limited to:
 - o Sandown Town Hall
 - o Ventnor Youth club and library
 - o Redundant school sites
 - o Pier Street toilets
- d) *Page 62*
Area Regeneration Plan: The Bay
The Bay
'The Bay' is located to the South East of the Island and is made up of the towns Ventnor, Shanklin and Sandown. The wards situated within The Bay include: Arreton and Newchurch; Chale, Niton and Whitwell; Lake North; Lake South; Sandown North; Sandown South; Shanklin Central; Shanklin South; Ventnor East and Ventnor West. The area has a population of 35 600, which is the highest out of all five regeneration areas.

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- e) *Page 53*
small, local regeneration interventions are often the catalyst for full scale change and can potentially bring more value to a local area than a large, 'shiny' intervention. It is these small scale projects that the programme will support and enable so regeneration is both a bottom-up and a top-down suite of activities.
 - f) *Pages 11 & 70*
Full page images.
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3) **RECOMMENDATION**

The Town Council is recommended to determine if it wishes to provide a formal response to the draft Regeneration Strategy and, if so, to establish a small group to work with the Clerk to draft it based on the discussion at this meeting.
