



WORK IN PROGRESS

TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

REPORT 81/15

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The purpose of this paper is to record the work in progress list of developmental areas identified by the staff team during August planning sessions with the Mayor and to ask Members to consider an informal Seminar opportunity for more details discussion of them.

No. DETAIL

1) BACKGROUND

- a) The list does not include those areas within which services are already being delivered by the Town Council or assets already leased and controlled by them.
- b) Reflecting the Town Council's strategic approach of the last three years, including the first two years of the current Members since the elections of May 2013, these represent a very considerable expansion of the Town Council's work and, for the record, are listed in section 2 below.
- c) The remainder of the Report is essentially a list incorporating both those developments yet to be completed and the new ones that emerged during the August staff team forward planning sessions with the Mayor.

2) ESTABLISHED WORK

- a) *Services:*
The Town Council already has established services in place providing a paddling pool, putting green, beach safety, beach cleaning, youth opportunities, a community bus service, grounds maintenance and office services.
- b) *Assets:*
The Town Council is already responsible for a range of significant assets controlled under leases including Salisbury Gardens, the Putting Green, the Paddling Pool, First Aid Hut, Shore Road Public Toilet, 17 Grounds Maintenance sites including the Cascade Gardens, four Car Parks – Dudley Road, Market Street, Pound Lane and Shore Road – Ventnor Haven Noticeboard and Ventnor Central.

3) WORK IN PROGRESS

- a) The August planning sessions have focused on the 17 development areas as the basis of our work plans for the rest of this financial year (to 31 March 2016)
- b) They are listed below in alphabetical order from the planning Gantt Chart with brief details and the lead officer.
 - 1) *Activity Areas:* David Bartlett
This involves the children's Play Areas at Sea Breeze, North Street and Upper Ventnor and the Outfit Area in Ventnor Park. Apart from a 2009 commitment to pay the Isle of Wight Council £750 a year for maintenance of Sea Breeze and a maintenance agreement for Outfit there are no current agreements about ownership or maintenance.
 - 2) *Breaking New Group* Nicky Cox
Funded by the Our Place programme and described in the Operational Plan, this involves the development of an IT-based Forum for integrating the services provided to the town by the wide range of public sector partner agencies.
 - 3) *Car Parks:* David Bartlett
Development of the facilities available as a result of the Town Council's control of four of the town's car parks.
 - 4) *Family Voice:* Tony McCarthy
Another Our Place funded piece of work consisting of a Project with Ventnor Children's

Centre to extend the findings of the recent house-to-house survey by facilitating engagement with young families.

5) *Green Room Community Use:* Tony McCarthy

The ongoing development of community services delivered locally for Ventnor residents through the facilities available in our Green Room areas.

6) *Green Room Marketing:* David Bartlett

The Green Room's two meeting rooms and kitchen offer facilities attractive for businesses and public agencies with income generating potential

7) *IT Upgrade:* Nicky Cox

Another consequence of our involvement in the Our Place programme has been a very substantial upgrade of our IT Infrastructure that opens up all kinds of possibilities for enhancing the town council's work.

8) *Locality Working:* David Bartlett

The Town Council's commitment to securing the engagement of the 13 Town and Parish Council's in the My Life a Full Life South Locality area.

9) *Men's Shed:* Tony McCarthy

This emerging project, supported by Age UK, is currently meeting weekly in Ventnor Central and needs a permanent base and charitable structure.

10) *Our Place Projects:* Nicky Cox

Our Operational Plan contains a list of potential projects each of which needs to be re-assessed for viability and progressed accordingly.

11) *St Boniface School & Land:* David Bartlett

The Island Free School is due to move to its new site in Upper Ventnor in time for the 2016-17 school year and the Town Council's potential interest in both the school itself and the two areas of land opposite, all of which are in Isle of Wight Council ownership, needs to be explored.

12) *Strategic Plan:* Nicky Cox

The next stage following the Operational Plan developed through the Our Place project is agreement between all stakeholders on an overarching Strategic Plan for the town's future direction.

13) *Timebank:* Tony McCarthy

Ventnor Timebank has reached an interesting stage in its development when the potential for it to be floated off as an organisation independent of the Town Council needs to be explored.

14) *Upper Ventnor Land:* Nicky Cox

There are two areas of land in Upper Ventnor with development potential as community facilities, one alongside St Margaret's Hall and the other next to the Rayners building.

15) *Ventnor Central:* David Bartlett

Whether there is a future for the old Ventnor Youth Centre and where the funding would come from if there is needs to be determined.

16) *Ventnor Library:* David Bartlett

Everyone is agreed on the importance of maintaining the town's Library to the highest standards possible.

17) *Youth Offer:* Tony McCarthy

The Youth Offer programme has already demonstrated its ability to stimulate new

developments in the opportunities available to the town's young people and still has 18 months of existing funding available.

- c) This Work in Progress list would benefit from more detailed discussion with Members in the near future.

4) RECOMMENDATIONS

- Members are recommended to arrange an informal Seminar session with the Staff Team to discuss some of them in more detail and agree whether there are other developments that should be included what are the priorities within it.
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