



COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT UPDATE

BUSINESS & COMMUNITY COMMITTEE

PAPER B

10 SEPTEMBER 2025

1) UPDATE ON RELATIONSHIP WITH THE CARNIVAL COMMITTEE

- a) The Town Clerk met with the Chair of the Carnival Committee in early August 2025 to discuss reviewing the current relationship, to understand and take key learning forward, and explore opportunities for improved collaboration.
- b) It was agreed that a follow-up meeting will take place in September 2025, involving the Town Clerk and the Business and Voluntary Sector Officer.
- c) The purpose of this meeting is to:
 - i. Reflect on ways of working to date and identify key learning points.
 - ii. Understand the Carnival Committee's future support needs.
 - iii. Explore how the Council can provide timely and appropriate assistance in line with its wider community engagement approach.
 - iv. This engagement is particularly timely ahead of the planned **Community Collaborative Forum in October 2025**, where the Carnival Committee will be a key stakeholder. Early dialogue will help ensure that any support the Council is able to offer can be ring-fenced in good time, supporting the Committee's desire for earlier preparedness and more structured planning.
 - v. This approach aligns with the Council's commitment to proactive, fair, and transparent support for community-led initiatives.

2) UPDATE ON RELATIONSHIP WITH THE VENTNOR TRADERS

- a) Reviewing of the current relationship to understand and take key learning forward and explore opportunities for improved collaboration to be integrated into Paper A and the consultation period of the Community Collaborative Forum.