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REGENERATION

Eastfield Regeneration – Pact Phase 3

Phase 3 of the Eastfield Pact Regeneration programme has begun and officers are in the process of developing individual project business cases that will be considered by Cabinet by the end of the financial year.

The vision outlined in the Scarborough South Masterplan is to create a vibrant sustainable high street of which local residents can be proud.

Ideas being considered with the community include:

- Setting up a regular market on the High Street
- Utilising space in the High Street to house low cost, low risk business starter units for those who want to trial a business idea to encourage local entrepreneurs
- Improvements to the Dell and other green spaces in the area.
- Installation of a number of gateway features at the various entrances to Eastfield to help promote a positive identity for the town.

Eastfield Regeneration – More for Eastfield

The MORE for Eastfield project, which aims to assist people into employment and training, has successfully delivered events including the MORE for Eastfield Summer Fayre at Westway Open Arms with approximately 500 attendees and a referrers breakfast - together they have resulted in lots of new referrals. As the project enters the final months of its current phase (to the end of 2022) the focus will be on supporting any new clients and planning for the next phase.

Filey Masterplan – ‘Filey Vision’

The master planning process is drawing to a close and we are currently working with Filey Town Council to finalise a document which is not only aspirational for the town but also reflects the needs of the local community. The masterplan is a visionary document which includes a 10 year plan for the town, proposing short term quick wins and more longer term work.

The 'Filey Vision' will be presented to Filey Town Council on 9 November for consideration for formal adoption and then will go to Scarborough Borough Council Cabinet also for formal approval.

Subject those approvals, the development of a Filey Community Partnership (FCP) will continue. Nomination forms will be provided to those who wish to engage in the FCP Executive Board which will be made up of 7 residents and 7 elected members. We will also be building on the three working groups and engaging public / private / voluntary sector representatives to be involved in moving forward proposals within the Vision.

The three play park upgrades (Country Park, Glen Gardens and Copse Hill) are the first projects currently underway. Tender for the works has been awarded and the new play park equipment has gone into production. We are awaiting a start date which should be confirmed in the next couple of weeks. Filey Town Council with the support of Scarborough Borough Council is currently considering how the remaining monies from the allocated Masterplan funding will be used. A decision in principle has been made by Filey Town Council in support of the replacement or refurbishment of two/three toilet blocks in Filey with exact sites and final details discussed at the next Investment group meeting.

Community Led Local Development – Advantage Coast

The programme is now in its last three months of delivery, with eleven projects continuing to deliver in Scarborough. To date, the programme has engaged with 1,424 individuals, helping 670 into jobs/training/job search. In addition, 309 existing enterprises and 53 new enterprises have been supported, and over 3,250 square metres of business premises have been developed/refurbished. We are developing an application to the Shared Prosperity Fund to continue the valuable work being undertaken through the CLLD programme.

Kickstart

The programme has now concluded, with 16 posts originally created and a total of 14 young people appointed. Ten Kickstart participants completed the full six-month placement and one left early to take up a permanent role at SBC. Other successful outcomes include two seasonal roles, two permanent roles and one apprenticeship at SBC, one going to University and one taking up a fast-track social work MBA placement.

UK Shared Prosperity Fund

In October Cabinet approved a shortlist of project ideas which will now be developed in anticipation of submitting funding applications to the North Yorkshire Shared Prosperity Fund allocation. It is anticipated that the application window for some of the North Yorkshire programmes will open in November, with others being phased in across the next 12 months.

Cyber Security Cluster Strategy

We are soon to commence delivery of a pilot programme of activity which will run until the end of March 2023. This programme, funded by £140,000 of council funds and £97,000 from the private sector, will deliver a range of cyber related qualifications and accreditation, business support and community activities and establish a base line of research necessary to inform future proposals for incorporation within the York and North Yorkshire devolution plan.

Town Deals Programme

Considerable progress has been made over the summer on Town Deal projects. Despite the inflationary pressures affecting the construction industry all current projects remain within budget and are being carefully managed and monitored to ensure delivery remains within programme.

The Town Deal programme team have been working with SBC's communications team to raise the profile of the programme. Informative videos have been commissioned about the projects, the website has been refreshed and new artwork is being put up around the town showing the improvements to come. The autumn will see more public engagement around the projects and news of major developments.

In Whitby the first project, Whitby Wayfinding and Gamification has been completed providing new signs and an app to encourage visitors to discover more about the town. Both phases of Eastside Community Hub will be complete by Christmas with the Boxing club getting the keys for their brand new home at the end of the month. The Old Town Hall and Market Place project carried out extensive community consultation which has helped shaped the final designs. The Whitby Maritime Training Hub project team and steering group have released invitations to tender for a facility operator and the next phase Design and Build contract is also being procured.

In Scarborough work continues on improvements to the cricket club with planning permission secured for the final phase which will see the West stand upgraded with

completion due in spring 2023. The Green Construction Skills Village is nearing completion and has already enrolled learners that have gained practical skills during the build. Contractors have been engaged to design improvements around the Station and Harbour and create sustainable transport links between the town centre and the cinder track. Yorkshire Wildlife Trust have employed a dedicated officer to drive the Wild eye project forward, helping people discover more about our natural heritage through art and experiences. Recruitment for Scarborough Fair and the procurement of the capital works has started.

Levelling up Fund

Government has now announced that the outcome of the second round of Levelling Up Fund bids will be revealed by the end of the year.