

Civic Quarter Regeneration Meeting (Teams)
13 December 2021 – 09:00

Attendees: Cllr Mark Butcher; Cllr Anne Crampton; Cllr Katie Davies; Cllr David Neighbour; Cllr Richard Quarterman; Cllr James Radley (Chairman); Daryl Phillips; Amy Summers; Joanne Rayne; Lee Rome (Minutes)

Olivia Paine HLM Architects
 Cllr Bob Schofield Fleet Town Council
 Elizabeth Weighill Hampshire County Council (Library Service)

Apologies: None received

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| 1 | Welcome from the Chairman | |
| | The Chairman welcomed the attendees. | |
| 2 | Introductions | |
| | The group members were well acquainted, so further introductions were unnecessary. | |
| 3 | Review of Terms of Reference | |
| | <p>Members discussed the benefit of widening the participation of the working group to include more stakeholders to improve the knowledge base and increase 'buy-in' and potentially accelerate the regeneration process.</p> <p>Conflicts of interest were considered. It was felt that sensitive commercial areas would need to be kept confidential. It was recognised that the current working group membership included stakeholders from HCC and the Library.</p> <p>The working group was reminded that its role was to provide Cabinet with information to allow it to make decisions on the future use of its assets.</p> <p>The benefit of the faster dissemination of information to key stakeholders and this being 'first-hand' was noted.</p> <p>RECOMMENDATION FOR CABINET That the terms of reference of the Civic Quarter Regeneration Working Group be amended to permit all Hampshire County Councillors and Hart District Councillors elected to represent Fleet to attend the Working Group meetings as passive observers,</p> | |

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| | <p>except during meeting discussions where there is a conflict of interest.</p> <p>It was noted that this must be properly enforced at the meeting, especially in respect of potential commercial and financial conflicts.</p> | |
| 4 | HLM Proposal for Engagement | |
| | <p>Interviews are being held before Christmas with key stakeholders. Completed for Harlington & Library, session on Hart workspace & potential partners being held today. This will enable a clear initial vision to be set out.</p> <p>The Visual poster concept was shared. These are planned to be used during the public engagement, and formal versions of these will be drawn up and refined after the key stakeholder interviews.</p> <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicating the importance of the 'Why' of the project. • Themed posters for different aspects of the scheme. • Getting a representative view back, including options the public raise not on the posters and not over-raising expectations • How responses would be managed and communicating the need for public engagement, sparking those conversations, and setting out a plan that people can interact with. • The trade-off between what can be done in terms of space, cost and public priorities, and communicating that. • 'What does the community want' from the project is the first stage of engagement. • That 'Fleet Future' & the Fleet Neighbourhood Plan had asked for such feedback before, and the engagement should remind people what they asked for and that this information has been fed into this process. • The need to remind people of the opportunities presented and that taking current services away is not the intent. • The viability or not of locating the 'Market' in Gurkha Square. <p>It was agreed that the context and wording of the engagement was important and that the Working Group would be considering the final engagement plan before it went ahead.</p> <p>Engaging with the public on how they would wish to use the space, focusing on constructive conversations around how any redevelopment could be configured.</p> | |

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| | <p>If COVID delayed the ability to conduct face to face engagements with the public, it was agreed it should be delayed until a time when these could be held.</p> <p>Members discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need for consistency between the online and face to face information provided. • Methods for physical interaction with space configuration – models (FTC have one), software, paper, adjustable maps. • The importance of communicating the 'juggling act' when using the space. • The use of current architect plans/images as a starting point for space use discussions but not leading those. • How face to face discussions are important for dispelling any misconceptions. • How popular options are recorded. <p>It was agreed that the initial poster briefs and a first draft of the timeline would be circulated before Christmas, and potentially a place holder for the images of potential options.</p> <p>It was noted that timelines should consider the potential impact of purdah at the end of March, and that generally engagements tend to run for 6 weeks including two weekends of physical engagements.</p> | |
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| | Agenda item for next meeting – Engagement of 'Direct Interest' stakeholders & Previews | |
| 6 | Date of next meeting | |
| | The next meeting is to be on Monday 10 th January at 9am. | |
| | Meeting ended at 10.21am | |