

Civic Campus Regeneration Working Group

Minutes

03 November 2020 – 11:00

Virtual Teams Call

Attendees

Cllr Richard Quarterman
 Cllr Chris Dorn
 Cllr Wendy Makepeace-Browne
 Cllr David Neighbour
 Cllr James Radley
 Patricia Hughes
 Mark Jaggard
 Glyn Lloyd
 Celia Wood (notes)

Cllr Bob Schofield	Fleet Town Council
Samantha Whiting	HCC
Chris Jelliffe	HCC
Olivia Paine	HLM Architects
Simon Hope	Montagu Evans
David Milner	Create Streets
<i>Nicholas Boys-Smith</i>	Create Streets

Apologies: Cllr Anne Crampton

1	The meeting opened with an introduction to Chris Jelliffe from Hampshire County Council working alongside Samantha Whiting on the Estates side.	
2	<p>Update following Overview & Scrutiny meeting on Tues 20th Oct 2020</p> <p>The update to the Overview and Scrutiny Committee of the work being carried out by the Working Group (WG) was well received:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WG tasked by the Chairman of O & S to deliver a further update in the January O&S meeting – either a further update or final recommendation for the next stages (to be discussed today and December WG meeting). • A question was asked why we are focusing on the Civic Site and not on the High Street. It was explained that our remit was 	GL

	originally set out to focus on the Civic Site in terms of what assets the Council currently holds to understand all potentially viable options before expanding the search area further (if required).	
3	Update following meeting with HCC on Fri 23rd Oct 2020	GL
	<p>Cllr Quarterman and GL met with Samantha and Chris and representatives from HCC to discuss the Library.</p> <p>HCC have a similar approval process in terms of the library. HCC recognize it is probably a little too big for their current requirements and the building is of a certain age, it will require some long term maintenance - we have asked Chris to join this meeting today. HCC very much want to work with us to potentially deliver an agreeable solution for all parties.</p>	
4	Updated communications plan for WG discussion	DM
	One potential option is the use of an interactive map with a questionnaire attached based on Place to get constructive comments and get fast feedback that would help to reach a wider part of the community.	
	Members discussed the key points:	
	Advice is to include reference to the Neighbourhood Plan to avoid unreasonable requests, set boundaries on what we can reasonably deliver.	
	Create Streets confirmed they are able to collate and analyse the data (HDC may not have the resources).	
	Hopefully any engagement process will avoid potential negativity on social media and we need to ensure the process encourages the silent majority to have their say.	
	Ensure that we capture the responses from a good cross section of people - some have strongly held views - draw them in and try to work with them – engage the comments but not limit the debate.	
5	Updated opportunities discussion from project team	OP/SH
	<p>Where are we now and by December – scoring is a preferred option for the various directions of travel to be considered.</p> <p>Sustainability – options/concepts - this is where public consultation would be useful.</p> <p>While public consultation is going on, look at office requirements/design analysis for spatial requirement to keep wheels turning within the project.</p>	

	<p>Harlington Centre – look what is affordable to deliver more for the town and consider is it sustainable for the area. Public consultation may help to frame and provide direction.</p> <p>Advisory team to come back with what the listening exercise looks like with a draft set of questions and how the interface looks if done by URL for recommendation to O&S and Cabinet in January.</p>	
	<p>Working Group to discuss size of consultation. This is a Council asset and so should be District wide</p>	
	<p>HCC stated as the Library is their asset, they will also need to conduct some form of consultation at County level but subject to agreement.</p>	
6	Observations on potential feasibility issues	SH
	<p>No added benefit to bringing in additional 3rd party land which may prove costly and potentially leads to delay. Would not result in better outcome to the masterplan.</p>	
	<p>Victoria road car park – a medium term decision and not an important starting point – it is not being used to full capacity so car parking provision should be viewed as a whole across Fleet and not on a per car park basis.</p>	
	<p>Recommend looking at further business case for the theatre and bringing in specialist consultants to look at the overall revenue and funding for the theatre which has a community value factor and community social value to understand and accept at this point – WG should assess affordability versus value to the town as a whole. Use as a starting point of a masterplan where we are with the overall business case and feed those into the options as well.</p> <p>Review and come back in a month's time.</p> <p>Meeting for further discussion to be organized with SH, OP and GL.</p>	GL
7	AOB	
	<p>Thank you for time and continued hard work. In summary, advisors are tasked with continuing the work on the business cases and then deliver a summary to the WG early December including potential options for the draft engagement/listening exercise may look like.</p>	
	Meeting ended 12.35pm.	