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**DEVELOPMENT OF REGENERATION POLICY -  
ADVISORY BOARD ROLE**

**1.0 BACKGROUND**

- 1.1 Earlier this year the Policy and Projects Advisory Board (PPAB) set up a number of task and finish groups. Given the importance of the Council's regeneration programme, the Board established a Farnborough Town Centre Task and Finish Group (Cllrs Marina Munro, Martin Tennant, Liz Corps, Paul Taylor, Clive Grattan, and Barry Jones) and an Aldershot Town Centre Task and Finish Group (Cllrs Sophia Choudhary, Martin Tennant, Peter Crerar, Maurice Sheehan, Alex Crawford & Sue Dibble)
- 1.2 At that time, the PPAB was unclear as to how the regeneration programme was to be taken forward given the proposed establishment of the investment partnership and supporting governance arrangements. It was agreed that initially regeneration related matters would be considered first by the Progress Group/PPAB and passed on to the relevant Task and Finish Groups as required with further consideration on the respective PPAB's and Task and Finish Group roles taking place after the regeneration update seminar for all members held earlier in the autumn.
- 1.3 Since the seminar, the PPAB Progress Group has considered a paper that set out member involvement in regeneration including executive, programme governance and other oversight. These arrangements are set out in the following table.

<b>Group</b>	<b>Membership</b>	<b>Purpose</b>
Regeneration Steering Group	Cllrs David Clifford, Ken Muschamp & Martin Tennant Executive Leadership Team	Overseeing delivery and providing direction of the whole regeneration programme.
Cabinet	Cabinet	Decision making (or recommendation to Council) as required to enable the schemes to proceed eg land transfers, submission of planning applications, acquisitions.

		Performance/delivery of the whole programme as part of quarterly performance monitoring.
Overview and Scrutiny	Overview and Scrutiny	To hold Cabinet to account for performance.
Rushmoor Development Partnership LLP	Rushmoor Board Members: Cllrs Martin Tennant & David Clifford, Executive Director Karen Edwards	To bring forward specific development schemes (currently 4) in accordance with the RDP business plan as agreed by Council (annually).
Licensing, Audit and General Purposes	Licensing, Audit and General Purposes + Chief Executive	To receive the reports of the LLP to ensure delivery in accordance with the business plan
All Member seminars	All Members	Twice yearly
Consultation on major planning applications e.g. Galleries, Farnborough Town Centre	All Members would be invited	As required by applicants

- 1.4 The Progress Group then considered the key regeneration matters which they might wish to have a role either as a board, via a task and finish group or as individual members. As a result of that discussion the group requested that a paper be brought to this meeting setting out a recommended approach for PPAB member involvement in the key regeneration work expected to come forward over the next 12 months

## 2.0 KEY REGENERATION MATTERS FOR NEXT 12 MONTHS

- 2.1 Key regeneration related matters anticipated over the next 12 months considered of interest to the PPAB in its advisory role are as follows:

- Aldershot town centre strategy
- Farnborough Civic Quarter consultation and subsequent masterplan
- The Galleries scheme and other major planning applications by third parties
- Rushmoor Development Partnership (RDP) site proposals for the RDP business plan
  - Civic Quarter
  - Union Street East, Aldershot;
  - Parsons Barracks car park;
  - Farnborough Main car park
- Farnborough growth package (highways and transport)

- Strategies supporting or related to regeneration e.g. parking, housing electric vehicles, open spaces

### 3.0 PROPOSED APPROACH

- 3.1 **Aldershot Town Centre Strategy** - A report was considered by the PPAB on 19 September asking Members to provide their views on potential activities to include in the strategy.

A programme of consultation and engagement will be established to ensure retailers, town centre businesses, residents, and other key stakeholders have the opportunity to feed into the strategy.

Direct engagement concerning the content is proposed with the new Rushmoor Development Partnership, London & Cambridge (Wellington Centre), Shaviram (Galleries scheme) and Grainger plc (Wellesley).

Existing town centre businesses were briefed at the November 'Business & Retailer Forum', with a bespoke workshop event proposed for early in the New Year to generate ideas and buy-in.

Access to residents views will be sought in person at Aldershot Community Together and Aldershot Civic Society meetings alongside active social media forums, including 'Historic Aldershot Military Town' Facebook.

The strategy will sit as an ancillary item within the 'Regenerating Rushmoor' programme and progress on agreed projects managed through the regeneration programme mechanisms.

Given its cross cutting nature and wide level of engagement, it is proposed that the main Policy and Projects Advisory Board oversee the ongoing development of the strategy and its different projects.

- 3.2 **Farnborough Civic Quarter engagement and subsequent masterplan Engagement** - This work is being commissioned and led through the Rushmoor Development Partnership and facilitated by a planning consultancy, GT3. As part of an extensive programme of engagement, a workshop for all members of the Council is being arranged for late December/early January. It is suggested that PPAB members attend the workshop and that an item be included on the main PPAB agenda following the workshop. This item would provide an opportunity for the Board to reflect on the workshop and consider any matters it would wish to recommend to the RDP and/or the Cabinet.

It is also suggested that the PPAB ask to consider the feedback report on the whole engagement programme from GT3 at the appropriate time.

**Masterplan** – The masterplan for the site will emerge for consultation during the summer and it is suggested the PPAB schedule this for either a full meeting or a meeting of the Farnborough T&F Group at the first meeting following the masterplan becoming available.

- 3.3 **The Galleries scheme and other major planning applications by third parties** – Given the importance of major applications like the Galleries it is suggested that all PPAB members attend consultation activities. As soon as possible after that, through either the next main meeting or Progress Group, to consider if any further action is required by the PPAB in terms of providing feedback to the developer.
- 3.4 **Rushmoor Development Partnership (RDP) site proposals for the RDP business plan** – The RDP has indicated that the PPAB should be considered as a consultee on its proposals for the main sites at an early stage before they are considered by the Council as part of its role in agreeing the first and subsequently annual RDP business plan.
- 3.5 **Farnborough Growth Package** – Hampshire County Council are the lead authority for this group of highways projects and have been bringing schemes forward for consultation. To date the focus for this has been the relevant cabinet members and local ward members. It is suggested that in future schemes be brought to the attention of the progress group for consideration as to whether further engagement of the PPAB is required.
- 3.6 **Strategies supporting or related to regeneration e.g. parking, housing electric vehicles, open spaces** – It is proposed that new and substantial changes to strategies will be brought forward for consideration by the PPAB.

#### **4.0 RECOMMENDATION**

- 4.1 That the Policy and Projects Advisory Board consider the proposed approach for their involvement in regeneration policy over the next 12 months as set out in section 3 of this report.

#### **Background Documents**

Cabinet Report – Regenerating Rushmoor Programme, 29 May 2018

Regenerating Rushmoor – Quarter 2 Progress Report, 13 November 2018

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