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FARNBOROUGH CIVIC QUARTER PUBLIC ENGAGEMENT

SUMMARY

This report presents the draft findings from the public engagement carried out around the Civic Quarter site for consideration by the Policy and Projects Advisory Board. The draft report from the public engagement is attached as Exempt Appendix 1 and a supporting presentation will be provided at the meeting. Once agreed the final report will be published and shared with the architects appointed by the Rushmoor Development Partnership and used to inform the development of the Masterplan and subsequent planning applications.

RECOMMENDATIONS

That the Policy and Projects Advisory Board consider the report and note that once finalised it will be published on the Council's website, feedback will be provided to participants and the information used to help shape the future proposals for the regeneration of the Civic Quarter.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 The Civic Quarter is a significant regeneration site which forms part of the Regenerating Rushmoor Programme and also one of four initial sites being taken forward by the Rushmoor Development Partnership (RDP).
- 1.2 To inform the development of the Masterplan the Council commissioned some early public engagement around the site. GT3 were the architects selected by the Council with the support of the RDP to undertake this work .
- 1.3 The work was undertaken between November 2018 and the end of February 2019 and the draft report is attached for consideration by the Board.

2 Level of Engagement

- 2.1 Over 600 people provided responses to the public engagement and the separate consultation on the skate park. In addition to this there were later responses from the Farnborough Indoor Bowls club and a petition which are

currently being analysed. There were also over 70 people who participated in vision workshops.

- 2.2 In addition, as part of the engagement participants were invited to express an interest in joining a residents group to be more involved in the town. Over 70 people expressed an interest and an initial meeting of a 'Heart of Farnborough' residents group was held on 6 March 2019 with 34 attendees.

3. **Consideration of the Report**

- 3.1 In addition to consideration by the Policy and Projects Advisory Board officers from the Council and the RDP will be providing input. Once the report has been finalised there will be a need to feed back the results to participant and residents and the report will be publically available.

4. **Next Steps**

- 4.1 The next stage in the regeneration of the Civic Quarter site is the preparation of a Masterplan. This work will commence during April and progress will be reported back to Members via the consideration of the RDP's initial Business Plan later this year.
- 4.2 Whilst this engagement report is extensive and gives a good feel for participants views at this stage, it should be seen as the start of an ongoing dialogue between the residents, businesses and the key stakeholders of the site as the regeneration proposals develop

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