

WORK PROGRAMME PROJECTS UPDATE

1. INTRODUCTION

- 1.1 This report has been prepared to inform the Policy and Project Advisory Board on the current position on the Vision for Aldershot and Farnborough 2030, Civic Quarter Masterplan, Aldershot Town Centre Strategy, Leisure Contracts and the Conservation Area Review.

2. CURRENT POSITION WITH PROJECTS

a) Vision for Aldershot and Farnborough 2030

- 2.1 Following the Board meeting on 5th June the comments received were incorporate in the final “Your Future, Your Place - A Vision for Aldershot and Farnborough 2030” which was recommended by the Cabinet to Council on 25th July to be approved.

b) Civic Quarter Masterplan

- 2.2 LDA, the masterplanner for London Olympic Park, has been appointed by the Rushmoor Development Partnership to prepare a masterplan for the Farnborough Civic Quarter site. Currently the team is gathering information with a view to preparing an initial draft after the summer break.

c) Aldershot Town Centre Strategy

- 2.3 The Aldershot Town Centre Strategy is progressing with a number of pieces of work underway including:

- an initial stock take,
- a car parking study,
- developing a brief for work to assess the impact of the proposed development on the retail and leisure prospects of the town,
- continuing work with the LEP on the development of 5G and digital

- 2.4 The Aldershot Taskforce has now had its first two meetings and will be looking at issues of branding and signage at its next meeting in September. The Aldershot Civic Society with the support of the Council and Taskforce is undertaking a “progressive conversation” with residents to help form their vision for the Town and inform the Council’s strategy. This is due to conclude in September/October and it is hoped their will be a presentation to the Aldershot Taskforce at their meeting in October 2019. It is considered important that the voice of residents informs the Aldershot Town Centre Strategy and therefore the timetable for the work has now taken account of this engagement. The next report to PPAB is anticipated in November with a further report in January to take account of the outcomes of the progressive conversation.

d) Leisure Contracts

- 2.5 A meeting of the Leisure Facilities and Contracts Task and Finish Group is being held on 23rd July. At the meeting the Group will be given an update on the project background, progress to date and member input required moving forward. A presentation will be given by GT3 Architects and Strategic Leisure on the emerging design brief for a potential new leisure centre in Farnborough. A workshop with the group has also been arranged for 15th August to look at the specification which will form a key part of the leisure operating contract.

e) Conservation Area Reviews

- 2.6 A workshop was held on 4th July to provide an opportunity for all Members to give feedback on how the Conservation Area Review should proceed. The Strategic Housing and Local Plan Group will be taking the Conservation Area Review work forward and the next meeting has been arranged for 28th August
- 2.7 A report is being considered by the Cabinet on 23 July to confirm a proposed area of search for a Heritage Action Zone as part of the Conservation Area Appraisal of the Aldershot West Conservation Area Review. This enables a bid for funding to be submitted to Historic England through the High Streets Heritage Action Zones scheme.

3. CONCLUSION

- 3.1 The Board are asked to note the update,

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