

4th February 2021



To Members of the Regeneration Committee

You are hereby summoned to a virtual meeting of the Committee to be held on **Thursday, 11th February 2021** at **10am** to conduct the following business.

Helen Bojaniwska
Town Clerk

The meeting will be held via the Zoom meeting platform.

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AGENDA

1. To receive apologies for absence
2. To receive declarations of interest
3. To consider requests for dispensations
4. To receive questions from the public
5. To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration Committee on 5th November, previously circulated
6. To receive a budget report to end December 2020
7. To receive the Project Officer's report (for information only)
8. To review temporary closure of London Road to support social distancing at the Farmers' Market
9. To receive a verbal report from Stroud District on One Public Estate funding bid
10. To receive a verbal report on Stroud District Council's COVID-19 – Recovery Strategy
11. To receive a verbal report from the Tourism Forum
12. To review the Committee's Action Plan for 2021-22

Members are reminded that the Council has a general duty to consider the following matters in the exercise of any of its functions: Equal Opportunities (age, race, gender, sexual orientation, faith, marital status and disability); Crime and Disorder (Section 17); Health and Safety; and Human Rights.

Regeneration Committee

Budget report to December 2020

Expenditure	Budget	Spent	Balance
Christmas lights erect	8,000	1,594	6,406
Town Centre Project/cleanliness (1)	4,500	6,048	-1,548
NDP projects (3)	89,500	17,987	71,513
Equipment Maintenance	630	60	570
Road safety/Wallbridge Project		331	-331
Site Materials	1,200		1,200
Regeneration Committee Total	103,830	26,020	77,810

Notes

(1) includes traffic management for London Road closure to be invoiced to SDC

(2) contributions from other parishes

(3) funded from reserves

Income	Budget	Received	Balance
Community Infrastructure Levy	500		500
Grants	17,000	750	16,250
Use of reserves	72,000		72,000
Precept	14,330	14,330	-
Grant -Cycling project (2)		300	-300
Total	103,830	15,380	88,450

Project Officer's report for Regeneration Committee 11/2/2021

NDP Review Update

A number of projects which form part of the review are in progress;

Development sites

At the last committee members agreed to engage consultants to support SDC produce vision statements for development sites identified in the NDP most expected to be developed. It was agreed that Beeches Green (ZP5), the Police Station (ZP6), Cheapside car park (ZP3) and the Canal Basin site (ZP2b) should be taken forward for discussion with SDC.

A meeting between officers from STC and SDC took place on 27th January 2021. The identified sites aligned closely with those included in the One Public Estate bid submitted by SDC (outcome of the bid currently unknown). Of the sites Beeches Green and the Canal Basin were considered to have the most potential. Officers noted that the NDP and draft Local Plan development boundaries at Beeches Green differed. It was agreed officers should work together to agree a development boundary capable of inclusion in the SDC Local Plan and which considered the complex land ownership issues.

In March 2021 SDC will commence work on a canal strategy scheduled for completion by the end of the year. This high-level strategy will look at how the canal corridor is currently used and how it could be improved for multiple users. It is also likely to identify key development locations, one of which may be the Canal Basin site. There may be an opportunity for STC to contribute to funding for a hydrology survey at the site. SDC also anticipate that the strategy will be used in a variety of future funding bids. STC will be a consultee.

Commonplace consultation platform

The Commonplace platform was used successfully for the Stroud Active Travel consultation in September 2020. Further use of a digital platform for the NDP review was felt necessary given the restrictions in place due to the on-going pandemic. We have negotiated a price of £2000 (ex VAT) for a year-long licence. Alternative, non-digital approaches will also be made available to enable those unable to access or unfamiliar with on-line consultation to take part.

Stroud Street Spaces

At the last committee meeting it was agreed to engage consultants to identify opportunities to improve street spaces, especially for walking and cycling. A brief has been put out to tender and responses are required by 12th February 2021. The contract will run from 2nd March to 11th June 2021. Members were sent full details by email on 19th January 2021.

Signage Project – Phase 1 Welcome and arrival signage

We have received further feedback and continue to refine designs before progressing towards manufacture and installation.

Ally Rood
Project Officer
3rd February 2021

Review temporary closure of London Road

AUTHOR

Town Clerk

CONSULTEES

Farmers' Market

FOR MEETING

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RECOMMENDATION

Progress an application for a further temporary closure.

REPORT

London Road was initially closed all week as part of a scheme to support social distancing in the town centre, which also included removal of some on-street parking.

As restrictions eased and shopping habits changed during 2020 the scheme was reduced to just a Saturday closure of London Road between the bottom of Union Street and John Street. This has enabled to Farmers' Market to spread out stalls to support social distancing and queuing.

The current order which expires on 3/4/2021 was enacted by Stroud District Council using the procedure for special events. The application process normally takes at least 6 weeks, so a decision needs to be made on whether or not to extend the scheme.

Looking to the future, consideration of how best to accommodate the market is certain to feature in the Stroud Street Spaces project, which will be looking at how to make best use of the spaces in the town centre. Any permanent changes to traffic orders arising from this are unlikely to be put in place quickly enough to support the current need for social distancing.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

None

FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS

Stroud Town Council contracted Sunbelt Rentals to install the necessary signage at a weekly cost of £335.39. Stroud District Council paid for the road closure application and are reimbursing traffic management costs to the Town Council, using the government Reopening the High Street Safely funding. It is

not known whether this funding is still available. The Town Council does not have a specific budget for this.

EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS

The Council is legally bound by the public sector equality duty to prevent and eliminate discrimination, establish and promote equality and equal opportunities, and foster good relations between people with different protected characteristics. Spreading out the market stalls will make it easier for people with reduced mobility to access the stalls, particularly those on London Road which is relatively flat.

CO2 IMPLICATIONS

It is difficult to gauge what impact this closure is having on overall traffic levels, which are already significantly reduced because of government lockdown restrictions. There may be a small increase in vehicle emissions arising from people having to use the alternative route around Doctor Newtons Way to access the town centre.

HB, 4/2/2021

STROUD TOWN COUNCIL ACTION PLAN 2021-2024

Notes

Does not include routine management and administrative tasks.

Budgets shown do not include staff and general administration costs - refer to budget report for complete budget.

Project Title	Status	Priority	Brief description	Delivery group	Reports to	Lead officer	Other officers involved	Start date	End date	Budget 2021-22	Budget 2022-23	Budget 2023-24	Total budget	notes
Defibrillator maintenance	Active	High	Maintenance of defibrillators	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Assistant Clerk		ongoing	ongoing	£630	£630	£630	£1,890	
NDP review - consultation	Active	Medium	Review of consultees/stakeholders and ongoing community consultation including a licence for a consultation platform (£2,500)	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		01/11/2020	31/07/2021	£20,000			£20,000	
NDP review - funding	Active	Medium	Application for Locality funding	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		01/11/2020	30/04/2021	-			£0	
NDP review - liaison with SDC	Active	Medium	Liaison with SDC re NP and Local Plan review (ongoing)	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		01/11/2020	31/07/2021	-			£0	
NDP review - policy work	Active	Medium	Policy development/research	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		01/11/2020	30/06/2021	-			£0	
NDP review - approval	Active	Medium	Approval of review by SDC and publication	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		01/08/2021	31/10/2021	-			£0	
NDP review - Street spaces review	Active	Medium	Consultancy to review and develop street spaces document/policies	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		04/01/2021	31/07/2021	£20,000			£20,000	
NDP review - Pollution reporting	Active	Medium	Environmental consultant to analyse and report on pollution data	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		04/01/2021	31/07/2021	£4,000			£4,000	
NDP review - development site briefs	Active	Medium	Consultancy to support SDC in the production of vision statements for development sites identified in NDP	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		04/01/2021	31/07/2021	£5,000			£5,000	
Town Centre Projects/cleanliness	Active	Medium	General budget for small projects to improve the town centre	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Town Clerk		ongoing	ongoing	£4,500	£4,500	£4,500	£13,500	
Walbridge project	On hold	Medium	Landscaping at Walbridge gateway (STC contribution only)	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Town Clerk	(SDC - property staff)	-	-				£0	Funds held in reserve until needed.
Christmas lights	Active	Medium	Annual lights installation	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Admin officer		ongoing	ongoing	£7,000	£7,000	£7,000	£21,000	
Commercial waste recycling	Active	Medium	In development - focus on bike collection	Informal working group with CSCIC and Stroud Chamber	Regeneration Committee	NR&CA Officer		04/01/2021	31/08/2021	£0			0	
NDP projects	Active	Low	Budget for developing new projects or match funding for grant opportunities, including further phases of signage project	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Project Officer		As required	As required	£21,000			£21,000	
Canal - projects	On hold	Low	Funding for projects to support canal regeneration	Officers	Regeneration Committee	Town Clerk		As required	As required				£0	Funds held in reserve until needed.