

24<sup>th</sup> November 2022



## To Members of the Regeneration Working Group

You are invited to a virtual meeting of the Working Group to be held on **Thursday, 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022** at **10am** to conduct the following business and make recommendations to the Town Clerk.



Helen Bojaniwska  
Town Clerk

The meeting will be held via the Zoom meeting platform.

To attend the meeting please follow this [meeting link](#) or use ID **829 4176 2826** – password **263303**.

For more information about attending Council meeting via Zoom please refer to the [guidance on our website](#).

### 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 note the minutes of the meeting of the Regeneration Committee on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2022, previously circulated (minutes will be formally approved by the Committee when meetings resume)
6. To receive a presentation on setting up Community Land Trusts
7. To receive a budget report to end October 2022
8. To receive the Project Officer's report (for information only)
9. To receive a progress report on the Neighbourhood Development Plan review
10. To consider a draft budget for 2023-24

*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 October 2022

## Expenditure

Regeneration	Budget	Spent	Committed	Balance
Equipment Maintenance	649	-	-	649
Christmas lights erect	7,210	-50	7,967	-707
Town Centre Project/cleanliness	4,500	-		4,500
NDP projects	-	280	800	-1,080
NDP Review	10,000	3,500		6,500
Regeneration (SDC)	12,984	-	-	12,984
Sub Rooms Forecourt Project	50,000	5,025	6,070	38,905
Street Spaces	12,000	-		12,000
Golden Valley Project	16	17		-1
Pollution Monitoring	1,161	179	567	415
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,520</b>	<b>8,951</b>	<b>15,404</b>	<b>74,165</b>

## Income

Regeneration	Budget	Received	Balance
Community Infrastructure Levy	1,000	33,415	-32,415
Grants - NDP Review	10,000		10,000
Use of reserves	35,000		35,000
Precept	22,520	22,520	-
Grants - Forecourt	30,000		30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>98,520</b>	<b>55,935</b>	<b>42,585</b>

# Project Officer's report for Regeneration Working Group 1/12/2022

## Stroud Town Council Parking Survey Update

Following further liaison with Network Rail (NR) and London Continental Railways (LCR), Stroud District Council (SDC) has decided to take forward its own parking study and concentrate on the station area. The study will focus on demand for car parking and appraise the opportunity to reduce the number of car parking spaces within the existing Cheapside and Network Rail car parks. The study will consider whether better use of the existing town centre car parks could be made. Work will be funded by NR, LCR, SDC and Great Western Railway (GWR) and not require a contribution from the Town Council. SDC have said information from the study will be shared with, and can be used by, the Town Council.

As a result of this the Clerk and Project Officer will continue to work with partners, including Gloucestershire County Council, to explore further parking survey options for the town centre.

## Market Towns Tourism Brief Update

After interviewing five consultants the participating market towns appointed Tourism Angles to undertake the copywriting work. The contract started on 14<sup>th</sup> November and will run until 31<sup>st</sup> March. Tourism Angles are currently undertaking desktop research and intend to spend the week of 12<sup>th</sup> December visiting each town. Workshops with stakeholders will begin in January 2023. Members should contact the Project Officer with any suggested events/activities/ideas, accommodation and tourist attractions in Stroud for the New Year and Spring periods which will then be forwarded to the consultant.

## Stroud District Council Walking and Cycling Event

On 19<sup>th</sup> November the Project Officer attended this event at the District Council Offices. The event focused on ways to improve active travel and included a presentation from The Bike Drop. Gloucestershire County Council representatives spoke about the Cycling and Walking Strategy, and the Public Rights of Way Network. The District Council reported on projects which had successfully bid for funding from their Walking and Cycling budget. It was still possible to bid for this funding and the Project Officer will explore ideas with partners.

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Project Officer  
23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

# Neighbourhood Development Plan Review Update

## AUTHOR

Project Officer

## CONSULTEES

Town Clerk

## FOR MEETING

Regeneration Working Group 1<sup>st</sup> December 2022

## RECOMMENDATION

For information only

## REPORT

On 11<sup>th</sup> November the consultation platform for the [Neighbourhood Development Plan \(NDP\) review](#) went live. The first stage of consultation focuses on the vision and priorities for the plan. Respondents are encouraged to complete the survey, leave comments, and upload photos to the map provided of locations within the NDP area they like or wish to see improved. This stage of the consultation is open until 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022. Paper copies of the survey can be made available upon request. Also included on the site are details of what a NDP is and what 'Shaping the Heart of Stroud' has achieved so far. As the consultation progresses additional information will be put on the site.

The review of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) was launched with a stall at Stroud Farmers' Market on 12<sup>th</sup> November. The Mayor and Deputy Mayor, Councillor Oldman and the Project Officer and Project Assistant were all in attendance. The aim was to highlight the NDP review and encourage people to have their say. Details of the consultation platform were available, and some people also provided written comments at the stall. On the day councillors and officers spoke with approximately 100 people and handed out details of how to engage to other market attendees. The Project Officer has also contacted Five Valleys to explore the possibility of having a similar stall in the shopping centre.

Further work to highlight the review has continued. This includes updates to the Town Council website, a press release and contact with partners to help promote the review. The next steps include contact with stakeholders in the revised NDP boundary areas and continued liaison with the District Council. Members are also encouraged to highlight the review and the consultation platform to ensure a good response rate.

## **LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

The Council has the General Power of Competence which is “the power to do anything that individuals generally may do” as long as they do not break other laws. This power enables the council both promote and fund initiatives relating to town centre improvements.

Adherence to the Localism Act of 2011 which details Neighbourhood Planning procedures.

## **FINANCIAL AND STAFFING IMPLICATIONS**

Considerable staff time is being dedicated to consultation processes and management of consultants. This is likely to continue for up to a year, depending on the procedures required.

A grant of £10k will be sought from Locality for consultation costs and a further £8,000 may be for Technical Support which could be used to update or add to the existing evidence base.

## **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. There will be a need to consider how any changes to the public realm in the area impact on people with disabilities and seek opportunities to make enhancements to improve accessibility.

## **CO2 IMPLICATIONS**

New or amended policies introduced as a result of this process may contribute to a reduction in CO2 emissions.

## REGENERATION COMMITTEE BUDGET 2023-24 DRAFT

Town Centre/Regeneration Centre 108	Code	Actual 2021-22	Approved budget 2022-23	Actual at end Sept 2022	Projected year end	Draft budget 2023-24	%change	Notes
Defibrillator maintenance	4042	144	649	-	649	700	7.86%	
Christmas lights	4115	5,678	5,848	-50	5,848	6,000	2.59%	
Town Centre Projects/cleanliness	4128	12,399	4,500	-	4,500	3,000	-33.33%	2021 expenditure to be reclaimed from Welcome Back fund
Wallbridge project	4129	-	-	-	32,841	-	-	Included in NDP projects
Regeneration (SDC)	4148	7,865		-	-	-	-	2021 expenditure reclaimed from Welcome Back fund
Match funding for new projects	4216	22,987	25,000	280	280	5,000	-80.00%	See projects breakdown below
NDP Review	4217	2,000	10,000	-	11,486	-	-100.00%	
Sub Rooms forecourt LUF Contribution	4219	2,799	50,000	5,025	20,000	508,509	917.02%	22-23 includes LUF prep work
Street Spaces works LUF Contribution	4222		12,000	-	12,000		-100.00%	
Golden Valley project	4223		16	17	17	20	25.00%	
Pollution monitoring	4225	-	1,161	179	698	750	-35.40%	Nox tube analysis and reporting
RTPI LUF Contribution	new				16,028	10,000	-	23-24 for additional installations in addition to LUF work
Brunel Mall opening up LUF Contribution	new		-	-	6,525	-	-	See projects breakdown below (Funded from CIL)
Brunel Goods Shed LUF Contribution	new		-	-	2,000	-	-	See projects breakdown below
<b>TOTALS</b>		<b>53,872</b>	<b>109,174</b>	<b>5,451</b>	<b>112,872</b>	<b>533,979</b>	<b>389.11%</b>	

## REGENERATION COMMITTEE PROJECTS BREAKDOWN 2022-23 PROJECTED EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

<u>NDP projects</u>					
	Code	Budget 2022-23	Year to end Sept 2022	<i>Committed to Levelling Up Fund 5</i>	Projected year end
Wallbridge Green Space LUF Contribution	4129	0	0	32,841	32,841
Match funding for new projects	4216	12,984	280	0	280
NDP Review Commonplace license renewal	4217	2,000	0	0	3,500
NDP Review Communications and engagement	4217	8,000	0	0	7,986
Sub Rooms forecourt LUF Contribution	4219	50,000	5,025	20,000	20,000
Street Spaces work LUF Contribution	4222	12,000	0	12,000	12,000
Golden valley project website	4223	16	17	0	17
Nox tube analysis	4225	661	179	0	693
Consultant report - update on new data <b>3</b>	4225	500	0	0	-
New - RTPI LUF Contribution	New	0	0	16,028	16,028
New - Brunel Mall opening up LUF Contribution	New	0	0	6,525	6,525
Brunel Goods Shed LUF Contribution	New	0	0	2,000	2,000
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>86,161</b>	<b>5,501</b>	<b>89,394</b>	<b>101,870</b>

Income				
	Code	Budget	Year to end Sept 2022	Projected year end
Use of reserves	4998	35,000	-	73,366
Grants - NDP	1077	10,000	-	10,000
Grants - forecourt	1077	30,000	-	-
precept	1176	10,161	5,081	10,161
CIL <b>4</b>	1009	1,000	16,028	33,415
<b>TOTAL</b>		<b>86,161</b>	<b>21,109</b>	<b>126,942</b>

Notes

**3** - not required - included in SDC report.

**4** - £16,028 committed to RTPI - balance to new CIL reserve

<b>Reserve movement year end 31/3/2023</b>	<u>NDP reserve</u>	<u>CIL reserve</u>	<u>Wallbridge reserve</u>	<b>Total</b>
Opening balance	81,065	0	4,994	86,059
use of reserve	- 68,371	-	- 4,994	- 73,365
transfer to reserve	7,585	17,387	0	24,972
Balance carried forward	<b>20,279</b>	<b>17,387</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>37,666</b>

## 2023-24 BUDGET EXPENDITURE AND INCOME

Expenditure	Code	Budget	Funded from
Match funding for new projects	4216	5,000	NDP reserve
Sub Rooms forecourt LUF	4219	508,509	LUF grant
More RTPI	New	10,000	CIL+CIL reserve
	<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>523,509</b>	

Income	Centre	Code	Budget
Use of NDP reserve	105	4998	5,000
LUF grant	105	1077	508,509
Use of CIL reserve	105	4998	5,000
CIL receipts	105	1009	5,000
<b>TOTAL</b>			<b>523,509</b>

Reserve use 2023-24 budget	NDP reserve	CIL reserve
Opening balance	20,279	17,387
use of reserve	5,000	5,000
<b>Reserves carried forward</b>	<b>15,279</b>	<b>12,387</b>

## LIST OF ALL REGENERATION COMMITTEE EARMARKED RESERVES

A/c	Ear-marked reserves	Actual at 31/3/2022	Projected at 31/3/2023
328	Wallbridge	4,994	-
332	Xmas lights	2,903	2,903
338	Canal	11,466	11,466
349	Town centre	9,000	9,000
351	NDP Projects	81,065	20,580
352	Defibrillators	2,295	2,295
new	CIL reserve	0	17,387