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STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Regeneration and Investment Board
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	3 November 2021
BRIEF REPORT:	
<p>The Regeneration and Investment Board (RIB) discussed the following main items at its last meeting, on 3 November 2021:</p> <p>Levelling up Fund (LUF). Work continues on the development of a Stroud Town Centre ‘package’ bid that will bring benefits to the whole district, creating stronger gateways to the Town Centre, boosting tourism, creating jobs and improving walking and cycling. The partners’ task force continues to meet on a monthly basis and includes representation from the Town Council, GFirst LEP, County Council, Stroud MP, Network Rail, Chamber of Commerce and others. Further details about the package of projects will be shared in the New Year and as the bid develops, for an anticipated submission in Spring 2022.</p> <p>One Public Estate (Zero Carbon Project). The board received an update on this SDC led multi-partner project, which had received £200k funding from the Government’s One Public Estate programme. The funding will enable the design and feasibility of regeneration schemes at Beeches Green and the Railway Station (Stroud) to be established. The funding will also be used to review identified public buildings in Stroud, such as Ebley Mill, the Old Town Hall and the Subscription Rooms, and make recommendations on their future usage. The drive towards a carbon neutral district will be a priority throughout the programme, alongside traditional OPE objectives of building new homes, generating savings and promoting the more efficient use of the public estate.</p> <p>Pipeline Schemes. The Council has established a pipeline of regeneration schemes and future meetings will prioritise five in particular, where the Council is the identified lead: Stonehouse Canalside, Brimscombe Port, May Lane (Dursley), Levelling Up Bid (see above) and Zero Carbon Public Estate.</p> <p>Strategy Development. There was an update on progress with the Economic Development and Canal Strategy, both of which would be coming through S&R Committee shortly.</p> <p>Tricorn House – The current situation with Tricorn House was discussed and the efforts that the Council and others are making to encourage the owners to bring forward their redevelopment plans.</p> <p>The next meeting of RIB will be in December 2021, where the main focus will be on the Canal Strategy and steering the development of the Levelling Up Fund bid.</p>	
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