



STROUD DISTRICT COUNCIL

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ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

MEMBER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Stroud Regeneration Committee
DATE OF LAST MEETING ATTENDED	26 May 2022
BRIEF REPORT	
<p>Notes: Stella PARKES is now Mayor of Stroud. Kevin CRANSTON is now Chair of Stroud Regeneration Committee.</p> <p>Received budget report to end April 2022</p> <p>Ally Rood presented the Project Officer's report (for information only) Market Towns Tourism promotional literature – there have been Issues with the procurement process and not all applicants had received the full details of the brief. SDC have advised to re-run the procurement process. This means that it is unlikely to be able to deliver in time for the Summer Holidays. The brief is now being adjusted to focus on Autumn half term and Christmas 2022.</p> <p>STC are still assessing the benefits of the place experience app. Tony Davey offered to share content from Visit Stroud in order to help populate it more quickly with useful information and routes.</p> <p>Train Station User Survey Observational surveys for car park usage & ask survey for people who are passing through the station.</p> <p>Subscription Rooms Forecourt Update Green spaces manager is to report to the extraordinary Full Council meeting on 30 May 2022.</p> <p>Car Parking Revenue update SDC have provided a table showing how car park revenue is spent. Most of the allocation goes to Street Cleansing, with a significant proportion allocated to Stratford park, amenity areas, and Commons and Woodlands. STC would like further clarification of the proportion of revenue spend allocated to the town.</p> <p>We discussed drafting a protocol for dealing with demonstrations within the town centre. Stella Parkes asked to include street stall in this. There have been concerns raised over the taking over of street space by some stalls interfering with pedestrians and shoppers.</p>	

Levelling Up Fund application

Stroud Town Council is having an Extraordinary General Meeting to discuss the LUF. A lot of work has gone into this on many different projects. Stroud District Council has provided a list of projects. The LUF application is a real endorsement of the Neighbourhood Plan for Stroud Town Centre. Three major projects: Gateway spaces (Wallbridge, Sub rooms forecourt); Cultural landmarks (Sub Rooms, Goods Shed); Highways and connections: linking in to NCR 45 from Rodborough, Wallbridge gateway access for walkers and cyclists, pedestrian crossings and cycle routes into the town centre, supporting the proposals from the Street Spaces Report.

A lot of information is going out over the next few weeks. Stroud LCWIP has now been published.

Proposed Car Parking Review for Stroud

Consultation seeking to build up a body of evidence to confirm that the right parking is in the right places. Tony Davey raised the case of ebike parking, particularly for holidaymakers / shoppers / tourists who come with additional storage on their bikes that they wish to keep secure. Call for bike lockers to be made available in Stroud car parks.

Possible issue with ownership of Cheapside carpark and the application of Crichel Down rules to give descendants of families originally moved off the site first refusal on site disposal.

Lengthy discussion around bike access into the town. Brunel mall has lockable storage in the basement. Fawkes place might also be a suitable location.

AOB

Stroud Town Council would like to recognise listing and renaming of the Imperial Hotel – now to be called the Stroud, one of only a handful of British buildings being listed as part of the Platinum Jubilee.

There was a lengthy discussion about the failure of bus services across the district and the clear need for substantial improvements as well as better links to neighbouring towns and villages.

REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Cllr Robin Layfield
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