

SUTTON COLDFIELD TOWN CENTRE

REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Friday 6th October 2023

Online

DECISIONS AND ACTIONS

Present

Cllr Simon Ward (Chair) (SW)
Olive O’Sullivan (OOS)
Claire Edwards (CE)
Andrew Tucker (AT)
Keith Neil-Smith (KNS)
John Myatt (JM)
Phil Edwards (PE)
David Hemming (DH)
Chris Brewerton (CB)
Usamah Zahid (UZ)
Tina Swani (TS)
Liz Parry (LP)

Leader, Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council (RSCTC)
Chief Executive Officer (RSCTC)
Head of Project Delivery (RSCTC)
Consultant for Town Council (RSCTC)
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Birmingham City Council (BCC)
Sutton Coldfield Town Centre BID (BID)
Birmingham Chamber of Commerce (BCoC)
West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA)
Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust
FOLIO Sutton Coldfield Trustee (FOLIO)

Natalia Gorman

Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council

		Decision/Action	Owner
1	Welcome and Apologies	Apologies received from Sandeep Shingadia. The Chairman welcomed Claire Edwards to the p’ship. Claire recently joined the Town Council as Head of Project Delivery with a focus on the Town Centre.	SW
2	Decisions and Actions from last meeting	Agreed	SW
3	Matters Arising	None.	

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4	Sutton Gateway Update	PE advised that further to the submission of the Strategic Business Case (SBC) a meeting had been held with the Mayor of the West Midlands and Senior Officers. In terms of the overall regeneration PE confirmed it will be over a long period of time and communication with stakeholders and residents needs to be clear on that. PE amongst others are keen to see what concept the new owners of the Gracechurch Centre come up with and hopefully will evolve with residents views. LP asked if there would only be one option but forward for residents or will residents have a choice. SW stated that the SBC scheme must be inspirational and needs to include resident's views. PE confirmed that illustrations are being drawn up by the appointed consultants Jacobs and the wider BCC team. LP queried if other sources of funding have been explored. SW confirmed that new sources of funding is high on stakeholders' agenda and that he recently attended a positive meeting with Philip Nell, Director of Property & Investment at BCC and funding opportunities were discussed.	PE
5	Update on Key Planning Applications	AT reported that the ALDI application on Brassington remains outstanding and the Town Council have not formally been consulted on any further amendments. A meeting with Sarah Scannell, Assistant Director of Planning at BCC aiming to discuss a number of matters, including the potential for a Local Design Code, is due to take place in a few weeks.	AT
6	Feedback from Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council Town Centre Task Groups	CE advised that in terms of the Planning Property and Development (PPD) Task Group held recently, discussion had centred on considering the impact of the BCC S114 Notice on development and planning activity in the town, plus perspectives on key proposals such as Aldi's relocation and plans for Gracechurch, whilst the Transport Task Group had been superseded by a delivery partner workshop focusing on progressing the Gateway scheme more specifically. CE also acknowledged the Partnership's wider aspirations to establish an Economy and Enterprise Task Group which she would be picking up in due course.	CE
7	AOB	None	
8	Date and time of next meetings	Friday 17 November 2023, 8.30am, online.	

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Meeting closed 9.15am

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