

Report to:	Overview and Scrutiny Committee (Regeneration and Skills)	Date of Meeting:	Tuesday 4 July 2017
Subject:	Town Centre Framework Action Plans		
Report of:	Head of Regeneration and Housing	Wards Affected:	Blundellsands; Cambridge; Derby; Dukes; Kew; Linacre; Manor; Norwood; Victoria;
Portfolio:	Regeneration & Skills		
Is this a Key Decision:	N	Included in Forward Plan:	No
Exempt / Confidential Report:	N		

Summary:

To update Members on the preparation of Action Plans for each of the published Town Centre Investment/Development Frameworks.

Recommendation(s):

(1) Members are asked to note the contents of this report.

Reasons for the Recommendation(s):

The Town Centre Investment/Development Frameworks will help to guide opportunities for potential investment and development in each of the borough's major Town Centres. The Action Plans drafted for Bootle, Crosby and Southport will help to facilitate delivery of this investment and regeneration.

Alternative Options Considered and Rejected: (including any Risk Implications)

N/A

What will it cost and how will it be financed?

(A) Revenue Costs

There are no direct revenue financial implications arising from this report. Emerging initiatives may require revenue resources. This will be addressed as part of the pre development process and a budget identified.

(B) Capital Costs

There are no direct capital cost implications arising from this report. Emerging initiatives may require capital resources. This will be addressed as part of the pre development process and a budget identified. It is inevitable that the vast majority of resources to deliver the framework will be generated through the private sector and the appropriate use of council owned assets.

Implications of the Proposals:

Resource Implications (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets):

Emerging initiatives may require resources (Financial, IT, Staffing and Assets). This will be addressed as part of the pre development process but will not necessarily be funded directly by the Council.

Legal Implications:

Emerging initiatives may require legal support. This will be addressed as part of the pre development process.

Equality Implications:

There are no equality implications.

Contribution to the Council's Core Purpose:

Protect the most vulnerable:

N/A

Facilitate confident and resilient communities:

Vibrant town centres are crucial to the economic prosperity of the borough and are a vital neighbourhood asset to the communities they serve.

Commission, broker and provide core services:

N/A

Place – leadership and influencer:

In order to achieve vibrant town centres all stakeholders must play their part. The Authority has a crucial role in facilitating and enabling what happens in our communities. It is inevitable that the vast majority of resources to deliver the Framework Action Plans will be generated through the private sector and the appropriate use of council owned assets.

Drivers of change and reform: N/A
Facilitate sustainable economic prosperity: Vibrant town centres are crucial to the economic prosperity of the borough, safeguarding and creating jobs and generating additional NNDR receipts.
Greater income for social investment: N/A
Cleaner Greener As opportunities emerge, low carbon 'greener' options will be explored.

What consultations have taken place on the proposals and when?

(A) Internal Consultations

The Head of Corporate Resources (FD4725/17) and Head of Regulation and Compliance (LD.4009/17....) have been consulted and any comments have been incorporated into the report.

(B) External Consultations

Extensive public consultation and engagement was undertaken in the development of the Framework Reports.

The Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills has been briefed on the development of the Framework Action Plans.

Implementation Date for the Decision

N/A

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Appendices:

The following documents are appended in Appendix 1:

- A1. Crosby Development Strategy - Action Plan
- A2. Bootle Town Centre Investment Framework - Action Plan
- A3. Southport Town Centre Development Framework - Action Plan

Background Papers:

There are no background papers available for inspection.

1. Introduction/Background

- 1.1 The Cabinet published the Bootle Town Centre Investment Framework and the Southport Development Framework in October 2016. Publication of the Crosby Development Strategy was approved by Cabinet in November 2015.
- 1.2 The Frameworks provide the high level vision for future investment in the borough's major Town Centres. They outline a direction of travel for each of the Town Centres and are not a prescriptive list of projects. In taking the Frameworks forward the Authority's role will be to stimulate, facilitate and enable the regeneration of each of the Town Centre with developers, other agencies and stakeholders providing the direct investment.
- 1.3 At the 8th November 2016 Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Regeneration & Skills meeting (following a 'call in' request by the Liberal Democrats) Regeneration officers agreed to submit an Action Plan for the Southport Development Framework, to the Committee 6 months later, the first available meeting after this point is 4th July 2017.
- 1.4 Action Plans have been prepared for Bootle, Crosby and Southport Town Centres – see Appendix 1. Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Skills requested that the Action Plans for Bootle and Crosby also be presented to Overview and Scrutiny Committee - Regeneration & Skills in addition to the requested Southport Framework Action Plan.
- 1.5 All of the Town Centre Action Plans are an illustration of the work streams/themes that will be progressed and link to initiatives highlighted in the published Framework reports. The Action Plans have a similar look and feel but it must be noted that each report was presented in a different style and the needs and wants of each Town Centre are bespoke. The activities and milestones listed are representative of the types of activity that may be undertaken in order to take the work streams forward. Each of the Action Plans is a living long-term document and will evolve as new opportunities emerge.