

ARUN DISTRICT COUNCIL

REPORT TO AND DECISION OF FULL COUNCIL ON 17 MARCH 2021

SUBJECT: Feedback on Presentations Relating to Bognor Regis Regeneration

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DATE: 5 February 2021
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PORTFOLIO AREA: Regeneration

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY:

To receive a report on the eleven presentations given to Members on Bognor Regis Regeneration and identify what steps the Council wishes to take to advance this project.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

Officers are asked to prepare a report for a future meeting of Full Council based on the debate tonight regarding what type of regeneration activity the Council might want to pursue in Bognor Regis, and any relevant procurement requirements and associated funding issues.

1. BACKGROUND:

1.1 On 16 September 2020 Full Council considered a motion regarding regeneration in Bognor Regis and agreed the following resolution:

“This Council recognises the impact Covid-19 continues to have across the District, and in particular the economic uncertainty it has presented. Council notes the continuing opportunity for Bognor Regis to play a major part in the economic growth of the District and the necessary regeneration required to support such growth.

Council believes that the prospects of regeneration of Bognor Regis will be strengthened if proposals are developed through an open and meaningful consultation, and that all prospective developers are given the opportunity to make presentations to the viability of regeneration schemes.

This Council wishes to extend an invitation to any forthcoming, or previous stakeholder, be it a developer, architect, development partner, the Council or community group, to present the merits of their scheme in a presentation, face to face, or virtual, at their earliest convenience. This Council will be open to requests to make such presentations up until and including 13 November 2020. Group Leaders will meet separately to discuss and agree the process in detail.

Officers are instructed to facilitate such arrangements.”

- 1.2** A number of subsequent discussions took place with Group Leaders to agree the parameters within which the invitation to make presentations would be made.
- 1.3** Prior to the deadline of 13 November a total of twelve requests to make presentations were received by parties which met the parameters set by Full Council.
- 1.4** The presentations themselves took place on 1, 2, 9 and 10 February 2021. In the end only 10 presentations took place. Each party was invited to provide a maximum of a four-page summary of their presentation and those which we received are appended as Appendix 1-10 to this report in the order that the presentations were made.
- 1.5** Also attached as Appendix 11 is a copy of a letter received from the Bognor Regis Regeneration Board regarding the Board's view of how Members might want to evaluate the presentations.

2. PROPOSAL(S):

- 2.1** From the wording of the September resolution officers are not able to discern what Full Council would wish to happen next so Full Council is invited to give officers instructions regarding what next steps should be taken.
- 2.2** One option would be to ask officers to prepare a detailed report regarding matters of what regeneration activity the Council might want to pursue, procurement requirements and funding issues.

3. OPTIONS:

Full Council is invited to set out what option the Council wishes to pursue.

4. CONSULTATION: None in writing this report.

Has consultation been undertaken with:	YES	NO
Relevant Town/Parish Council		X
Relevant District Ward Councillors		X
Other groups/persons (please specify)		
5. ARE THERE ANY IMPLICATIONS IN RELATION TO THE FOLLOWING COUNCIL POLICIES: (Explain in more detail at 6 below)	YES	NO
Financial		X
Legal		X
Human Rights/Equality Impact Assessment		X
Community Safety including Section 17 of Crime & Disorder Act		X
Sustainability		X
Asset Management/Property/Land		X

Technology		X
Other (please explain)		X

6. IMPLICATIONS:

Since this report is not asking Full Council to make a specific decision on what form any regeneration scheme might take there are no implications for the above matters directly arising from the recommendation.

7. REASON FOR THE DECISION:

To provide Full Council with a report on the presentations made to Members in February regarding regeneration possibilities in Bognor Regis pursuant to a resolution of Full Council in September 2020 and to seek instructions from Full Council on what steps should be taken next.

8. BACKGROUND PAPERS:

Remember to list background papers and insert required links

Equality Impact Assessment : Not Required

Appendix 1 – Big Blake Project Summary

Appendix 2 – 4BR Summary

Appendix 3 – Shooting Match Ltd Summary

Appendix 4 – Plaza Cinema Ltd Summary

Appendix 5 – One Bognor Society Summary

Appendix 6 – Juice Architects Summary

Appendix 7 – Project Sunrise Summary

Appendix 8 – Coffee Cup Summary

Appendix 9 – Beachway Mgt Ltd Summary

Appendix 10 – BR Reinvigotation Summary

Appendix 11 – BBRB The Build Back Better Principle