

Area West Committee – 18th August 2010

7. Chard Regeneration Scheme Workshop

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Purpose of the Report

To provide members with information about a recent Chard Regeneration Scheme workshop.

Public Interest

South Somerset District Council is working in partnership with Chard Town Council, Somerset County Council and SWRDA to lead and coordinate the Chard Regeneration Scheme. This exciting and ambitious project is being designed to shape the growth, development and prosperity of Chard over the next 20 years.

Recommendation

To note the report.

Members' Workshop

A workshop to confirm the continued support by local Councillors from all three local authorities serving Chard for the proposed Masterplans for the Chard Regeneration Scheme (CRS) was held on Monday, 5th July 2010 at Holyrood Lace Mill, Chard.

This workshop was organised as a follow-up to previous sessions in November where Chard Town Council and SSDC elected members gave their approval to the broad scope, content and direction of the CRS Masterplans drawn up by our consultants LDA design. Since then SCC, SSDC and CTC Officers have again gone through the Chard Regeneration Scheme Implementation Plan and supporting documents to ensure that, as far as possible, the vision outlined in the Masterplans can be delivered. LDA Design are now working through the required final amendments to the Regeneration Framework prior to a public exhibition.

The session provided members with the opportunity;

- 1) to raise any issues about the Masterplan proposals that we were unable to cover in sufficient detail previously;
- 2) to see how the Chard Masterplans can be included in the Local Development Framework (Core Strategy); and
- 3) to discuss arrangements for the public exhibition of the work scheduled for Saturday September 11th 2010.

Brief Summary

Elected members offered their continued support for the CRS approach.

It was recognised that the Regeneration Framework will give Chard the growth plan it desperately needs. It does not determine every detail but is flexible enough to enable better solutions to be included where practicable.

There is a close relationship between the CRS and the LDF Core Strategy.

Participants

District, Town and County Councillors:

Ric Pallister, Jenny Kenton, Andrew Kenton, Ros Roderigo, Dave Hill, Andrew Turpin, Nigel Mermagen, Dave Bulmer, Tony Prior.

LDA Design:

Frazer Osment, David Bell

SSDC and CTC Officers:

Andrew Gillespie, Robert Murray, Nicky Doble, Andrew Blackburn, John Furze, Andy Foyne, Jo Wilkins

Apologies: Kim Turner, Martin Wale, Dan Shortland, Jill Shortland, Garry Shortland, Martin Woods.

Financial Implications

None directly.

Corporate Priority Implications

None directly.

Carbon Emissions & Adapting to Climate Change Implications (NI188)

None directly.

Equality and Diversity Implications

None directly.

Background Papers: *CRS proposals on file.*
