

ITEM 10

Update on Romsey Future

Report of the Deputy Leader

Recommended:

That OSCOM endorse the progress made in the development of a delivery plan that underpins the Romsey Future vision document.

SUMMARY:

- This report outlines progress made on the development of a delivery plan for Romsey Future.

1 Introduction

- 1.1 At its meeting in September 2016 OSCOM endorsed the direction of travel of the Romsey Future process. The Committee also asked that the emerging delivery plan be brought back to its December meeting.

2 Background

- 2.1 Romsey Future is a process, established by the Council and its partners, to create a long term vision for the town. It is providing an ongoing process that brings people together to help influence and shape the town for many years to come.
- 2.2 The town has many groups and organisations that are active within the community. One of the aims of the Romsey Future process has been to provide a mechanism for these groups to together in order to agree on shared priorities. It was agreed at the outset that Romsey Future would be a partnership project made up of the voluntary, business and statutory sectors..

3. Progress

- 3.1 At the OSCOM meeting in September it was explained that the Council has now formally signed up to the Vision document along with a number of other key organisations working in the town.
- 3.2 Councillor Hatley, TVBC's lead on Romsey Future, established a Co-ordinating Group in 2014 to help build up the vision and main strategic aims. The Co-ordinating Group is made of representatives from organisations from across Romsey. Following the development of the vision document, the Co-ordinating Group has taken on the role of Programme Board. Its main role will be to co-ordinate the development of a delivery plan to underpin the vision document. It will then oversee progress against the plan.

- 3.3 The areas of the delivery plan, based on the large scale community involvement exercises within the town, have previously been agreed. The Co-ordinating Group has now appointed an individual as lead for each work stream of the emerging plan. The lead individuals come from across the Romsey Future partnership and represent a diverse range of organisations.
- 3.4 Each lead has been asked to develop an initial feasibility study on the projects identified by the public. Specifically they have been asked to use a ‘logic model’ technique developed by the Department of Local Government and Communities to undertake a rigorous assessment of the project ideas. The model helps identify whether or not the project ideas remain viable and/or whether they will deliver on Romsey Future’s ambitions. Project scoping documents, based on this work, are currently being completed and actions plans developed, to underpin them. In order to assist in this complex process, Romsey Future now has a project manager allocated to it from TVBC.
- 3.5 Due to the breadth of the delivery plan’s scope, the Co-ordinating Group has agreed that its component parts will develop at different rates. The emerging plan is attached at Annex 1. It is an organic document that will develop and change over time.

4.0 Conclusions

- 4.1 Romsey Future has made a significant impact in bringing together the various organisations and communities within Romsey and Romsey Extra to agree on a single vision for the town.
- 4.2 The work of Romsey Future has now moved onto its next phase and the attached delivery plan will now help create a develop framework to manage the Romsey Future programme. It must be remembered that the development of the delivery plan is somewhat more complex than a single organisational plan due to the extent of the partner and community involvement.

<u>Background Papers (Local Government Act 1972 Section 100D)</u>			
<u>Confidentiality</u>			
It is considered that this report does not contain exempt information within the meaning of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as amended, and can be made public.			
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