

## **MINUTES OF THE STRATEGIC WORKING GROUP**

TUESDAY 19<sup>TH</sup> AUGUST 2025 2:30PM

VIA TEAMS

Present: Cllr C Martin, Cllr Rowlands, Cllr Saunders

In attendance: Town Clerk

### **1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

An apology for absence was received from Cllr Eyre.

### **2) DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **3) MINUTES FROM THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr Saunders, and on being put to the meeting it was ***RECOMMENDED to accept the Minutes of the Strategic Working Group dated 3<sup>rd</sup> July 2025.***

The Town Clerk confirmed she had written to Cllr Gibson, Leader of SBC and Larissa Reed CEO, regarding the LGR motion. An acknowledgment had been received.

### **4) LOCAL GOVERNMENT REORGANISATION UPDATE**

The latest updates from KCC and Medway Council were discussed.

### **5) SHAPE THE FUTURE 2**

It was noted that 420 survey responses had been received.

Cllr C Martin reported on a consultation meeting the library was due to hold in September regarding the garden space. Cllr C Martin advised she would circulate details.

### **6) BUDGET QUESTIONNAIRE**

It was agreed to proceed with the Budget Questionnaire to be circulated in the December 2025 Newsletter. It was also agreed that an item on CCTV would be included.

It was agreed to draw up a list of all the potential assets that the Council would like to see transferred from SBC, for inclusion on the Policy and Resources Committee agenda in September.

### **7) OARE GUNPOWDER WORKS**

The Town Clerk reported that SBC had £60,000 SPF funding set aside that must be spent by March 2026. SBC would like to see FTC carry out a feasibility study using some of this funding.

It was proposed by Cllr Rowlands, seconded by Cllr C Martin, it was ***RECOMMENDED to submit the Report to the Policy & Resources Committee in September.***

**8) FACILITIES TEAM**

It was agreed to put the report to Policy and Resources Committee.

**9) PARISH MEETING**

The Town Clerk provided an update on feedback from Parishes regarding meeting with the Town Council.

**10) ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

None.

**11) DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the next meeting would take place on 8<sup>th</sup> September 2025 at 2:30pm NOTED: To be rescheduled.

The meeting finished at 4:05pm.