

Appendix A10 Q3 – STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

Key Activities
<p>Roll out the "Wight we Want" public engagement programme to underpin area based social regeneration activities covering the whole Island</p> <p><i>Area project groups continue to progress along with proactive liaison on regeneration issues with local town and parish councils.</i></p> <p><i>East Medina - East Cowes Esplanade scoping</i></p> <p><i>West Medina - Northwood business survey</i></p> <p><i>Bay - Eastern Bay Vision document produced</i></p> <p><i>Newport - Place plan projects including transport infrastructure improvements</i></p> <p><i>Ryde - Theatre, Western Gardens, Upper High Street</i></p> <p><i>West Wight - pastoral HE offer, cycle link, GP appointments</i></p>
<p>Work with partners and key stakeholders to organise and deliver an annual digital conference to promote the island's connectivity and showcase the opportunities available to business on the island</p> <p><i>Programme support for implementation of the Digital Island framework has been commissioned and specific activity around health and social care data sharing and digital skills are progressing. An Island Digital strategy will be published in March 2019 and funding commitments to improve full fibre connectivity in rural areas and developing a new Digital Innovation hub have been secured</i></p>
<p>Work with the Island's MP to continue to press the unique 'Island Case' with government and ensure its recognition in the outcomes of the 'fair funding review' of local authority services</p> <p><i>The government has specifically referred to the Island's unique circumstances in its technical consultation about the implementation of its fair funding review, which closes on 22 February. The final outcome of the review will not be known until December 2019.</i></p>
<p>Work with government and local partners to secure, where possible, the local control of central powers to the benefit of the Island and its community.</p> <p><i>The government has not yet indicated any further opportunities for the local control of central powers, although the council continues to be part of a business rate retention pilot scheme with the cities of Portsmouth and Southampton and is investigating with partners the potential benefits and risks associated with the government's housing deal programme.</i></p>
<p>Work with local partners and key stakeholders to develop a case for government for integrated working across all of the public services on the Isle of Wight enabling the delivery of 'One Island: One Public Service', sustainable services based on the needs of the community.</p> <p><i>The One Public Service (OPS) programme approach has begun to be developed, with the key chiefs across public services on the IW endorsing the initial approach and focuses on 4 key areas:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <i>1. Health and Care Sustainability plan for the IW</i> <i>2. One Public Estate (Blue Light Hub; Pyle Street locality; and Sandown Bay locality)</i> <i>3. ICT and Digitalisation approach</i> <i>4. Joint resourcing opportunities</i> <p><i>Work is ongoing to shape the feasibility, specific programme content and the deliverables over a period of time to enable the OPS programme to further evolve and inform the needs to be able to move towards implementation in the key areas referred to.</i></p>

Work with partners and key stakeholders to deliver a youth conference to increase the council's connections to young people and promote local wellbeing opportunities

The 2019 IOW Youth Conference is being planned for 20th March 2019 at Cowes Yacht Haven. The event is being co-ordinated by Children's Services (Island Futures) and Regeneration. This year's focus will be on Higher Education and Skills and will seek young people's direct input to shaping the future HE offer on the Isle of Wight.

Liaise with and represent the views and needs of the Island's rural community in informing the council's activities

A planned second meeting of businesses was replaced by an online survey of priorities due to unavailability of attendees. The outcomes of the survey will be discussed at the next meeting in March 2019

Undertake an annual seminar with town and parish councils to identify, review and revise plans for closer collaboration, and to specifically consider local needs in respect of, transport, infrastructure and housing

With cabinet having been taken on the road, the opportunity for discussions with the Town and Parish Councils in the host areas continues.