

## **Lighthorne Parish Council – District Councillor’s Report**

### **New Council Plan**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is preparing a new Council Plan that will be in place for the next four years.

Stratford-on-Avon District residents, local businesses, parish and town councils, voluntary groups and partners are being given the chance to help create this new plan, as the District Council begins a consultation.

This is an opportunity for residents to have a say on a plan that will govern the actions taken by the District Council over the next four years which includes the following core areas of focus:

- Residents and Communities
- Delivery of Service
- Climate Change
- Health and Wellbeing
- Housing
- Local Economy

The draft Council Plan is now out for consultation and residents and businesses are invited to complete the questionnaire on the District Council's website: <https://online1.snapsurveys.com/councilplan>

Paper copies are available on request by email to [consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:consultation@stratford-dc.gov.uk), telephone 01789 267575 or in person at the District Council Offices in Stratford-upon-Avon.

### **The consultation runs until Tuesday 24 October 2023.**

The aim is to have the Strategy ready for formal approval by The Cabinet and Full Council by December 2023.

### **Statement of Community Involvement Consultation**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council is updating its Statement of Community Involvement (SCI), to reflect changes in national planning legislation and remove references to COVID restrictions.

Planning decisions affect land and buildings, so it is important that local communities, businesses and other interested parties have the opportunity to engage in the processes for plan-making and development management decision-making. A SCI identifies how and when they can be involved.

The SCI sets out how the District Council as the Local Planning Authority will engage stakeholders in the following planning documents and applications:

- Development Plan Documents
- Supplementary Planning Documents
- Neighbourhood Plans
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Planning Applications
- Permission in Principle

This SCI is a Local Development Document and once adopted will supersede the District Council's previously adopted SCI from October 2020 - [Statement of Community Involvement | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

**The consultation has started and runs until 5pm on Friday 3 November 2023 - [Statement of Community Involvement \(snapsurveys.com\)](#)**

You are encouraged to submit your comments electronically on the draft revised SCI. This can be done either by using the on-line form on the website at <https://www.stratford.gov.uk/planning-building/statement-of-community-involvement.cfm> or by attaching [a form](#) to an email and sending it to [planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk](mailto:planning.policy@stratford-dc.gov.uk).

### **Gateway Masterplan SPD Approve for Public Consultation**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet has approved the draft Stratford-upon-Avon Gateway Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document for public consultation.

The Gateway Masterplan site is situated to the northwest of the existing town centre, bounded by Birmingham Road, Windsor Street and Arden Street. This area currently acts as a gateway between the old historic town and the more peripheral commercial zone, and the District Council is seeking to encourage the regeneration of this area to form a new 'Gateway' into the town.

The draft SPD sets out guidance for the redevelopment of the site, which will include visitor attractions and accommodation, retail and other commercial uses, offices and small business uses, residential, leisure, community, and educational facilities, including the delivery of a high-quality World Shakespeare Centre.

This will bring a range of benefits for the community, boosting the town's tourist offer and supporting the long-term viability of local businesses and securing wider regeneration benefits for the town.

Public consultation on the Supplementary Planning Document will begin on 19 October 2023 and will run for six weeks, which will be available on the District Council's website: [Stratford-upon-Avon Gateway Masterplan | Stratford-on-Avon District Council](#)

Once the public consultation has been completed, any comments received will be assessed and presented to the Cabinet along with a final draft of the masterplan for approval. This is likely to be in early 2024.

Once adopted, the Gateway Masterplan Supplementary Planning Document, will provide a framework to guide the appropriate redevelopment within the Gateway site and achieve the overall vision for the site.

### **Shared Prosperity Fund and the Rural England Prosperity Fund**

Stratford-on-Avon District Council's Cabinet has today, Monday 2 October, agreed the final list of projects to be funded by the Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF) and the Rural England Prosperity Fund (REPF).

Local community groups and organisations were invited to bid for the SPF and REPF funding and 37 community projects across the District have been granted funding.

A total of 59 applications were received, with a combined project total of £2,151,250 against £1,251,617.76 of funding available. All applications went through a rigorous 5-stage assessment, to reach the final projects to be selected for approval.

This has included £5,200 awarded to the Stratford Time Bank in Upper Lighthorne to support the rapid growth of the community and promote community building.

### **Full Council**

The next Full Council will be held on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October and is to be preceded in the morning by an exhibition promoting the services offered by the district council in the Council Chamber. This event is geared towards Parish and Town Councillors and is particularly relevant for new councillors to gain a greater understanding of the services SDC offers across the district.

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