

Meeting Next Steps



Title: Economic Development Engagement Group

Date: 20.02.18

Present:

Cllr. Patel (Chair)	Keith McGroary	
Cllr. Barnard	Cllr. Rybinski	
Cllr. Francis	Mike Ramlakhan - (SBF)	
Cllr. Capes		

Apologies:

Heather Morgan	Cllr. Barratt	Alex Doisneau
Cllr Harvey	Sevinc Burt	Andy Willmott - Surrey Chambers of Commerce

At the start of the meeting Cllr Sabine Capes was voted the Deputy Chair of the Economic Development Engagement Group.

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No.	Action from previous meeting	😊	🕒
3	Invitation to be given at a future date on a one-off basis, to a business to make a presentation to the EDEG. Group to consider potential candidates. KM and Tracey Carter to consider additional attendees to come and tell the group about their experiences, needs and barriers to business.	KM	Report back at next meeting
4	Broadband speeds is an area highlighted by the EDEG that we need to work towards improving. KM brought in documents containing broadband speeds in Spelthorne compared with the rest of Surrey. Spelthorne performance was one of the best overall in Surrey, although as in all other Borough's there were small pockets where broadband speed was really slow. The group were not entirely convinced with the data and asked KM if it could be verified.	KM	next meeting
5	To receive updates with regards to work to improve traffic congestion in Staines (traffic lights system). Local committee had awarded £30k towards work to bring the lights up to the	HM/ KM	

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	standard they were designed to meet and consider potential improvements. Updates to continue for the information of the group.		
6	MF raised the subject of drones and it was agreed that early summer next year that we should commission footage of the length of the river Thames and at strategic points, obtain views of Staines and any other commercial properties / towns. KM contacted a company that does drone footage with regards to covering the river Thames from Sunbury to Staines with a view of completing in late spring / early summer.	KMcG	Update for next meeting
7	The Spelthorne Means Business Awards competition has been booked at Shepperton Studios Orangery on 11 October. The event promotion will be launched at 6pm at Café Gusto (Thameside Brewery) on 6 th February 2018. Successful launch took place on 6th February which resulted in a half page spread in the Surrey Advertiser as well as the SBC Bulletin.	Cllr. Barratt / KMcG	Report next meeting
	Actions from meeting 20th February 2018		
	Under the business rate retention scheme there will be about £750k ring-fenced for economic development opportunities. A masterplan for Staines-upon-Thames is being submitted for consideration (£200k) and there is a commitment from the Council to support the creation of an incubator for the Borough. Members of the EDEG are asked to submit ideas. KM to forward the list of those ideas identified by his team.	All	
	KM and MR presented a list of up and coming events taking place in the Borough. D.P asked or a list to be provided to the group post meeting. MR mentioned that these were captured on the sbf calendar of events. K.M to provide link to calendar	KM	
	KM provided a flyer for the Photographic Competition. This closes on 31 May. The group asked to be kept informed how that was developing.	KM	
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	Diary date and time of next meeting: Date: 24.4.18 Time: 19:00 – 21:00 Place: Goddard Room		