

Sittingbourne Area Committee meeting: 8 September 2020 – Matters arising

Item	Who initiated?	Action
Brown tourism signs	Cabinet Member for Planning	<p>To commence an audit of existing local brown signs. Progress to be reported at next meeting on 8 December 2020.</p> <p>Background: Cabinet adopted a Visitor Economy Framework Action Plan on 28 October 2020. This includes a medium term action to undertake a wayfinding audit of signage and identify any gaps. The delivery partners identified for this action are: SBC; town and parish councils; Visit Swale; Kent Highways; and local businesses.</p>
Heritage issues	Cabinet Member for Planning	<p>Background: Cabinet adopted a Heritage Strategy and Action Plan on 18 March 2020. The Action Plan contains a programme of CA reviews. It has been suggested by the Cabinet Member that the Area Committee may want to fund CA reviews for areas which are outside of the planned programme of reviews in the Action Plan. No such proposals were put forward at the meeting held on 8 September 2020.</p>
Conservation issues, including ponds	Cabinet Member for Planning	<p>Policy and Performance Officer to explore with officers and other organisations what information currently exists on the areas ponds. Progress to be reported at next meeting on 1 December 2020.</p> <p>Background: SBC only has details of the ponds which it manages directly. There is a strategic and heritage, conservation and tourism need for information, including ownership, condition and management of the ponds in the area.</p>
Primary, secondary and further education	Committee member	<p>Background: SBC are due to meet Kent County Council to discuss secondary school provision in Swale shortly. It is suggested that the Committee hold off any consideration of this issue until matters become clearer in the new year.</p>
Exploration of issues facing ward members in Sittingbourne area	Committee chairman	<p>Background: Area Committee Chairman to explore issues arising in wards across the Sittingbourne area.</p>

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Sittingbourne town centre regeneration scheme	Member of public	Background: Implementation of this scheme has been regularly reviewed by the Council's Scrutiny Committee for many years. Propose that the Committee receive the same written report that the Scrutiny Committee receive [nb. Dean Radmore updating written report provided to Scrutiny Committee on 21 October]
Entrance to skate park and Dolphin Barge Museum	Committee member	Background: The skate park has now been handed over to Brogdale CIC to operate.
Bomb shelter at Trotts Hall Gardens	Committee member	Background: After discussion with officers, it has been decided not pursue this any further given competing priorities.