

Matters Arising

Eastern Area Committee Meeting 28 February 2023 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Update on actions
1.	Bus consultation project	<p>At the December 2021 meeting, Eastern Area Committee Members agreed to award £10,000.00 to undertake a public consultation on local bus services.</p> <p>The Economic Development Support Officer has drafted a specification for the commissioning of a consultant to design and manage a public consultation to find out what residents would like to see from local bus services and to produce a summary report on the findings of the consultation. The specification has been devised in consultation with Councillors Gould, Saunders and Whiting, and officers from Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council. The specification has also been sent to the local bus providers in case they have any comments to help inform the proposed work.</p> <p>The specification will be sent by the Economic Development Support Officer to consultants in December to identify a price for the work. Once a suitable price has been identified and agreed, the work will be commissioned with the consultation aiming to commence in January 2023.</p>	<p>Since the last meeting, the Economic Development Support Officer has sent the specification for the bus consultation to a number of organisations who have responded with proposals for the bus consultation.</p> <p>There was a slight delay in commissioning as it took longer than expected to receive the proposals and for them to then be assessed. Project Centre Ltd has been commissioned to carry out the consultation and has started to prepare the consultation, and set up the survey.</p> <p>The intention is to start the consultation as soon as possible. Once the survey is live, the details will be circulated by email to the Eastern Area Committee.</p>
2.	Flooding in the Whitstable Road area	<p>At the December 2022 meeting, Cllr Julian Saunders provided a written update which included a response from Sue Cobb, Southern Water, about concerns</p>	<p>Kent County Council have advised investigations were successfully completed, with deeper soils 3 to 4</p>

	and other parts of Faversham	<p>raised by the Area Committee about CSO discharges and the local sewage network.</p> <p>The Head of Environment & Leisure advised that ground investigations works commenced on 5 December for proposed additional works. The goal of this was to see whether it will be viable to install additional soakaways at the edge of the recreation ground to reduce the amount of run-off which comes from Park Road in particular. It will also help with detailing any works within the park that could reduce the run-off from the pathways and car park.</p>	metres below the ground offering some permeability. They have subsequently drafted a catchment assessment and are working on designs and costs which would be capable of absorbing at least part, but not all of the run-off.
3.	Fresh-water leaks	Councillor Carole Jackson advised there had been a number of fresh-water leaks which had not been repaired and asked how they could be reported as they would become dangerous in the winter during freezing conditions. The Vice-Chair agreed to write to South-East Water to report the issue.	Awaiting response from South-East Water.
4.	Active Travel update	At the December 2022 meeting, the Active Travel Co-ordinator gave an update on the Faversham Active Travel Fund Tranche 4 proposals.	Please see Appendix 1 for an update.