

Sheppey Area Committee meeting: September 2024 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Progress on actions
1.	Sheerness Revival Project	It was proposed that additional Ward Members from the Isle of Sheppey should sit on the Sheerness Revival Project Member Working Group. This request needed to be submitted to the Chair of the Economy and Property Committee for consideration.	Economy and Property Committee met on 23 July 2024 and supported the Area Committee's recommendation to include additional members from the Island on the Levelling Up Fund Member Working Group, (whilst staying politically balanced). The Committee agreed to include a second representative who represents an Island ward from both the Swale Independents Alliance and the Labour Group (to be nominated by the group leads). These members have been agreed as Cllrs Jayes and Wooster.
2.	Swale Local Bus Focus Group	Members requested that Chalkwell should be invited to a future Sheppey Area Committee meeting.	The Policy & Engagement Officer to liaise with Chalkwell to secure their attendance at a future meeting.
3.	Household Support Fund	A Member asked if the data that went to the Cost-of-Living Group could be brought to future Sheppey Area Committee meetings so that Members could see where the deficits were. The Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods said she would take that request back to the team.	The report that went to the Cost-of-Living Group on 4 September 2024 is attached to this report – Appendix I.
4.	Abbotts in Queenborough	Now that Abbots in Queenborough had closed, a question was asked about what enforcement would take place to ensure that the building would not deteriorate. The Director of Regeneration & Neighbourhoods said she	The relevant team have been advised and will keep a watching brief on this matter.

		would take the issue away and make enquiries.	
5.	Emergency Planning	Further to the fire at the recycling centre on Peel Ports land near Sheerness Docks, Members asked if a briefing could be given at a future Area Committee meeting on emergency planning.	The Community Services Manager will be providing a briefing for Members and has confirmed she will be happy to attend a future Sheppey Area Committee meeting, potentially the December 2024
6.	Dumping of spoil on the Eastchurch shoreline	Members asked if SBC could request that the Environment Agency took further action on the illegal tipping of spoil on the Eastchurch shoreline. They also requested that the EA were invited to a future Sheppey Area Committee meeting to give an update on this matter.	The Environment Agency continue to lead on this and have recently extended their restriction order. Whilst the order has been in place no further dumping has occurred and resources of the agencies have moved to other areas of dumping in the region. The situation continues to be monitored'