

## Matters Arising

### Eastern Area Committee Meeting 15 December 2022 – 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. Due to SBC resource issues, there was a recommendation by the Head of Regeneration and Economic Development to explore an alternative delivery option such as project management by a town or parish council.</p> <p>At the Area Committee meeting on 22 March 2022, Members questioned if a parish or town council would have the resources to carry out this consultation and felt that it would be better for SBC to run this project, which was of huge importance to the residents of the Eastern Area.</p> <p>After investigating various options for delivery of this project, it was concluded there would be a limited officer resource available, through the Economic Development Support Officer.</p> <p>A specification for the work will need to be drawn-up with input from Councillors Gould, Saunders and Whiting and the work commissioned, potentially through an add-on to the existing contract with Project Centre, which is working on the pedestrianisation project and therefore already have experience of the</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>

		locality. This would expedite the speed with which it can be progressed.	
<b>2.</b>	Flooding in the Whitstable Road area and other parts of Faversham	<p>Members noted the update provided at the September 2022 meeting and commented that Southern Water's (SW) response to the capacity issues raised was not satisfactory. In particular, their commitment to significantly reduce the frequency of CSO (Combined Sewer Overflows) discharges by 2030 seemed a long way off. A Member said that they had a duty to ensure new houses had sufficient sewage capacity. A Member raised the issue of sewage discharges in the Faversham Creek area. Councillor Julian Saunders in his capacity of Vice-Chair said he was happy to respond to SW on behalf of Eastern Area Committee and include the comments made.</p> <p>A member of the public asked for an update on the water run-off issues at Faversham Recreation Ground. The Head of Environment and Leisure advised that Swale Borough Council and Kent County Council would be carrying out some trial digs with a view to installing larger soak-aways. They would also be looking at other mechanisms to slow water run-off in Park Road and Whitstable Road.</p>	Please see Appendix 1 for an update.
<b>3.</b>	ASB issues in new developments	A member of the public spoke about anti-social behaviour problems in new developments, in particular Breeze Meadow, Pugg Mill Close, Brick Earth Mews, Flattie Way and Bond Close. She had tried to set up a Neighbourhood Watch but had been unsuccessful. Councillor Ben J Martin referred her to	This matter has been reported to Steph Curtis. She advised that the number of incidents reported to the Police and CSU for that area were minimal but they will now keep an eye out for further reports so the team can

		<p>My Community Voice where Kent Police shared details for setting up Neighbourhood Watch schemes which could be found via this link: <a href="https://members.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F">https://members.mycommunityvoicekent.co.uk/Login?ReturnUrl=%2F</a>. The Chair advised that all incidents should be reported via 101 as it would trigger involvement of relevant agencies who would develop an action plan. Issues should also be raised with the Ward councillor/s for the area.</p>	determine what wider action can be taken.
4.	Fresh-water leaks	<p>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.</p>	The Vice-Chair has written to South-East Water.