

## Sheppey Area Committee meeting: February 2025 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Actions/updates
1.	Household Support Fund	It was agreed that the reports that go to the Cost-of-Living Group, come to Sheppey Area Committee.	The next report will come to the June 2025 Sheppey Area Committee meeting.
2.	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.	A briefing for Members will be provided on 21 January 2025 and input has also been provided to Parish/town councils through the Swale Local Councils Liaison Forum and KALC.
3.	Heritage issues	<p><b>Area of Special Control of Advertisements (ASCA)</b></p> <p>Swale Borough Council currently does not have an ASCA. Since the adoption of the Heritage Strategy in 2020 and subsequent Action Plans wherein a number of Conservation Areas have been reviewed, it has been proposed that in order to better manage and maintain Swale’s historic environment and heritage, a borough wide ASCA can prove beneficial.</p> <p>Any designation needs to be based on public consultation and must follow specific legal steps, including consideration of the order by the Secretary of State.</p>	The draft consultation document is estimated to be ready by spring of 2025.

		Following an all members briefing in May 2024, it was agreed that a draft consultation document be prepared for approval by the Planning Committee, before undertaking public consultation.	
4.	Sheerness- Marine Town & Mile Town Conservation Area Review	Updates reported to the Sheppey Area Committee when available.	Press notifications to London Gazette and one local newspaper are being organised. The final adopted version of the appraisal document is envisaged to be published on the SBC website by end of January 2025. The adopted map of redesignated Conservation areas with their changed boundaries are available on the SBC website.
5.	Local Heritage List	Updates reported to the Sheppey Area Committee when available.	<p>The Selection Panel met on 17 October 2024; 278 nominations were presented out of which 150 were shortlisted to be designated as Swale's Local Heritage.</p> <p>The proposed designation list was presented to the Policy &amp; Resources Committee on 27 November 2024, wherein it was unanimously agreed to designate the shortlisted assets with addition of one more asset- taking the total to 151 designated assets on Local Heritage List. The mapping work on SBC GIS system and associated data organisation that will include photo and brief description of each asset is ongoing.</p>

			<p>At the Selection Panel meeting there were several deferrals. Also, the team have identified a few geographical gaps in terms of current nominations and wish to include some recommendations emerging from Conservation Area appraisal work. As such, we are proposing an additional call for Local Heritage assets to be run early summer 2025, with the Selection Panel meeting again in the Autumn of 2025. Following that, it is anticipated the list would be updated every three years following a call for nominations and Selection Panel. The next one being scheduled for 2028.</p>
<b>6.</b>	Leysdown Parish Council	Progress on Leysdown Parish Council has been reported to the Area Committee at the September and December 2024 meetings.	A verbal update will be given at the meeting.