

Eastern Area Committee Meeting February 2025 – Matters arising

No.	Item	Background	Actions/updates
1.	Flooding in the Eastern Area	The Chair of the Eastern Area Committee contacted the Member of Parliament Helen Whately, to request that she arrange a meeting with Swale Borough Council, Kent County Council and Southern Water with the aim of resolving the flooding issues in Faversham.	The Chair of the Eastern Area Committee advised that Helen Whately MP has chased representatives of the organisations invited to attend a meeting to discuss ways of resolving the flooding issues in Faversham. No meeting is currently forthcoming, but the Chair will continue to chase.
2.	Conservation Area Reviews	The Conservation & Design Team report progress on Conservation Area Reviews to the Area Committees.	<p>Faversham - Preston Next Conservation Area The Conservation Area appraisal was presented to the Policy & Resources Committee on the 7 February 2024, where in it was unanimously agreed to adopt the proposed document along with the proposed boundary changes. The next step is to finalise the document with the proposed changes and send notifications to the properties within the conservation area and to London Gazette. It is envisaged that all updates and notification will be completed, and the appraisal document available on the SBC website, in Spring 2025.</p> <p>Faversham- Town Conservation Area The document is being graphically designed and updated. It is envisaged that the final adopted document will be available on the SBC website in spring 2025.</p>

			<p>Cellar Hill & Greenstreet Conservation Area The character appraisal, management strategy and suggested boundary changes for the Cellar Hill and Greenstreet Conservation Area review was presented to Policy and Resources Committee on 27 November 2024. The Committee supported the proposed extensions to the conservation area in principle, although considered that the boundary could be extended further westwards along London Road to include additional properties. The appraisal document is being updated on that basis and a further round of public consultation will be undertaken in spring 2025.</p>
3.	Heritage issues	<p>Area of Special Control of Advertisements (ASCA)</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>	<p>The draft consultation document is estimated to be ready by spring/early summer 2025.</p>

		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.	Animate Arts Company	Further to a presentation at the December 2024 meeting, it was agreed to request at Full Council a nomination be made to for a Member representative to sit on the Swale Cultural Education Partnership Steering Group.	Democratic Services are preparing a report to take to Full Council.
5.	Enforcement issues Love Lane	A Member requested that planning enforcement issues in Love Lane, Faversham, be chased up and added to the agenda for discussion. It was agreed that the Chair would write to the Chair of the Planning Committee requesting an update.	The Chair has written to the Chair of Planning Committee and is awaiting a response.
6.	TS Hazard Transfer	Faversham Town Council requested an update on the TS Hazard transfer. The Chair agreed to write to the Chair of the Economy & Property requesting an update.	The Chair has written to the Chair of the Economy & Property Committee and is awaiting a response.