

Subject:	Rossendale Together Barnfield Joint Venture Partnership – Forward Programme	Status:	For Publication
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Report of:	Health, Housing and Regeneration Manager	Portfolio Holder:	Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure
Key Decision:	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Forward Plan <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	General Exception <input type="checkbox"/>	Special Urgency <input type="checkbox"/>
Community Impact Assessment:	Required:	No	Attached: No
Biodiversity Impact Assessment	Required:	No	Attached: No
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1.	RECOMMENDATION(S)
1.1	Members approve the outline Year 1 Work Programme for the Partnership.
1.2	All future minor amendments to strategy and programme be delegated to the Head of Health, Housing & Regeneration in consultation with the Portfolio Holder.

2. PURPOSE OF REPORT

- 2.1 To present to Members and seek approval for a Year 1 Programme of activity for the Rossendale Together Barnfield Partnership.

3. CORPORATE PRIORITIES

- 3.1 The matters discussed in this report impact directly on the following corporate priorities:
- Priority 1: Regenerating Rossendale:** This priority focuses on regeneration in its broadest sense, so it means supporting communities that get on well together, attracting investment, promoting Rossendale, as well as working as an enabler to promote the physical regeneration of Rossendale.
- Priority 2: Responsive Value for Money Services:** This priority is about the Council working collaboratively, being a provider, procurer and a commissioner of services that are efficient and that meet the needs of local people.
- Priority 3: Clean Green Rossendale:** This priority focuses on clean streets and town centres and well managed open spaces, whilst recognising that the Council has to work with communities and as a partner to deliver this ambition.

4. RISK ASSESSMENT IMPLICATIONS

- 4.1 There are no specific risk issues for members to consider arising from this report

5. BACKGROUND AND OPTIONS

- 5.1 At the meeting of Full Council on 26th September 2012, Members approved the selection of Barnfield and Together Housing as its Joint Venture Partnership following a detailed and thorough procurement process.
- 5.2 Since this time a Shadow Board has been established and meets on a monthly basis.
- 5.3 The Shadow Board has developed a 2013 / 2014 Work Programme which is detailed below and lists a range of projects which the RTB Partnership will focus upon during the next 12 months. It should be noted that this is very much a 'starting point' and additional projects

may be added through the year as new opportunities present themselves.

- 5.4 The outline RTB Work Programme for 2013 / 2014 will focus on the following, but is flexible enough to allow other opportunities that may present themselves;
- Development of a viable and feasible option for the site of the former Valley Centre. This is likely to include land assembly, financing and availability of external funding, potential occupiers, bus station proposals and conservation issues.
 - Support for the development of the draft Rawtenstall Supplementary Planning Document to ensure that the development of options for the site of the former Valley Centre compliment development in the wider town centre.
 - Work with the owners of the New Hall Hey site to find a solution for its redevelopment.
 - Work to support the development of the Bacup Townscape Heritage Initiative bid and the subsequent delivery of the programme.
 - Development of options for a scheme for residential housing on the site adjacent to Bacup Hub.
 - Development of options for a scheme for residential housing on land off Co-operation Street, Cloughfold.
 - Development of options for a scheme for residential housing on land at Pennine Road, Bacup.
 - Development of a list of priority sites and projects for years 2 & 3.
- 5.5 Progress will be monitored by Board Members which include the Leader of the Council, the Portfolio holder for Regeneration, Tourism and Leisure and the Chief Executive.
- 5.6 Much of the work during Year 1 will involve developing viable options for each of the projects. One of the issues for consideration will be how the Council uses its assets and land holdings to support projects and the intention is that where a viable project includes Council owned assets or landholdings a report detailing the individual project will be presented to Cabinet at the appropriate time.

COMMENTS FROM STATUTORY OFFICERS:

6. SECTION 151 OFFICER

- 6.1 Given the significant financial challenges Council is facing over the Medium term, the partnership work programme seeks to make a positive financial difference to the resources this Council.

7. MONITORING OFFICER

- 7.1 No further legal comments.

8. HEAD OF PEOPLE AND POLICY (ON BEHALF OF THE HEAD OF PAID SERVICE)

- 8.1 There are no human resource implications arising from this report at this stage.

9. CONSULTATION CARRIED OUT

- 9.1 RTB Board Members, RTB Operational Group.

10. CONCLUSION

- 10.1 The Rossendale Together Barnfield Partnership provides a high level of skills, expertise and resource to support the Council's Regeneration objectives for Rossendale. The first year programme sets out the focus for the Partnership and sets the baseline for delivery.

No background papers