

### **Burnham-on-Sea & Highbridge Regeneration Partnership (sub-committee of the Town Improvements Committee)**

The Partnership will undertake works to plan for a single regeneration strategy for both towns in conjunction with principal councils and other professional bodies/advisors.

The Partnership will seek out and identify the specific needs in both towns and apply for funding to deliver those improvements. It will work alongside stakeholders to write and deliver a strategy to deliver the regeneration goals, the content of which will be recommended to the Council for approval via the Town Improvements Committee. As part of this the Partnership will identify priority areas broken down by a realistic project delivery time-frame categorised as short, medium and long term interventions.

The Partnership will lead on initiatives to work with others to undertake community engagement in relation to delivery of a regeneration plan that will promote economic development, improved public spaces and improved infrastructure. The Partnership recognises that close working with the principal councils, Government departments, and the Member of Parliament will be key to success.

The Partnership recognises that identification and inclusive, genuine engagement of stakeholders is vital to the success of goals, and will therefore maintain open communications and nurture all such links.

The Partnership will act as an overall steering group and recognises that, in order to focus on and progress specific projects and work streams in the two towns, it will be necessary and advisable to set up separate working ("task and finish") groups. Each group should have a very targeted remit to develop proposals for their particular project.

### **Membership**

Initial core councillor membership should include members active in both Burnham & Highbridge.

The Burnham councillor membership will be based on the existing Burnham Evolution Partnership, who are already active.

Core representation for Highbridge will be sought through expressions of interest resolved by the group prior to its first meeting.

Although the core councillor membership will be limited, all councillors will be free to attend Partnership meetings in the same way as non-committee members are able to attend sub-committee meetings.

The Partnership will avoid becoming councillor-heavy and regular or occasional membership from

non-councillors, as invited by the Partnership, will be included to fulfil identified skills & representation needs that might arise. This will be particularly true for the working groups.

Links will be forged with chambers of trade and non-member businesses to ensure inclusive representation across both town centres.

The Partnership will include regular town and principal council officer representation, nurturing a close working with the principal councils.

### **Scope of delegated business**

The Partnership has delegated authority to work with others and engage in community consultation exercises to explore and establish the infrastructure and service needs relating to joint regeneration for both towns in the parish. Delegation does not include the allocation of town council budgets unless already available under existing delegations or approved by the parent committee or town council.

Subject to approval of the town council (via the Town Improvements Committee), the Partnership will be granted authority to proceed from preliminary works to the commissioning and implementation of works. Regular reports to the Town Improvements Committee should be made.