



REGENERATION AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Minutes of a Meeting of the Regeneration & Strategic Development Committee
held at Meeching Hall, Fort Road, Newhaven
on **Tuesday 26th August 2025** at **7:15pm**.

PRESENT:

Councillors: Shaun Boniface (Chair)
James Harrison (Vice Chair)
Lesley Boniface
Krissy Taylor
Kim Bishop
Mark Wardle
Jan Woodling

ALSO ATTENDING:

Cllrs., Carr, Amy, Chapman and Young.
Ken Dry, Town Clerk
Stephen Honey, Executive Officer
Alison Campbell, RFO
Ian Fitzpatrick (Dep.CE LDC)
Mark Langridge-Kemp (Head of Property & Asset Mgt., LDC)

RSD010/25 The Chair stated that this meeting will be recorded and then made publicly available on the Newhaven Town Council Website for 28 days, followed by its removal and deletion.

RSD011/25 **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

RSD012/25 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None made.

RSD013/25 **TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE REGENERATION AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON TUESDAY 27TH MAY 2025 ARE AN ACCURATE RECORD OF THE MEETING.**

The Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 27th May 2025 were considered.

RESOLVED:

That the Minutes be signed by the Chair to be a true record of the proceedings.

RSD014/25 PETITIONS/PUBLIC QUESTIONS

None received

RSD015/25 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MR. IAN FITZPATRICK (DEP. CE LDC) REGARDING A COMMERCIAL ELECTRICITY PROJECT.

Discussion and councillor questions followed. The committee thanked Mr. Fitzpatrick for his presentation, after which he informed the committee that once there had been tangible progress on the project, he would return to provide further updates.

RSD016/25 TO RECEIVE A PRESENTATION FROM MR. MARK LANGRIDGE-KEMP (HEAD OF PROPERTY & ASSET MANAGEMENT, LDC) AND MS. KATE SLATTERY, (HEAD OF LEGAL SERVICES, LDC) REGARDING;

- a) UPDATE ON THE CURRENT CONTINUUM OF LAND SPACE ASSET DEVOLUTION TO NEWHAVEN TOWN COUNCIL
- b) DEVOLUTION OF LAND SPACE ASSETS AS PART OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT RE-ORGANISATION.

Mr. Langridge-Kemp apologised to the committee for the length of time the devolution of assets currently underway had taken and re-confirmed the timelines as per the documentation for this meeting, indicating that both Riverside Park and Lewes Road Rec., would be completed before the end of November 2025.

Mr. Langridge-Kemp then provided background information on the list of Land Space Assets currently owned by LDC and their potential devolution to Newhaven Town Council as part of the impending Local Government Re-org and requested that the council provide their list of preferred assets to LDC by September 30th 2025 to initiate further discussion on these and the way forward.

RSD017/25 NTC BUILDING ASSET STRATEGY – ORAL PROGRESS UPDATE. – TOWN CLERK.

The Town Clerk provided an oral progress report to the committee and this was noted.

RSD018/25 'WELCOME' FEATURES – DISCUSSION ITEM.

The Town Clerk informed the committee of his research to date, and that a commission of an artist/sculpture to produce a feature to a design brief from the council would be in the region of £25-30K with installation and multiple item reproduction being in addition to this. The committee were also informed that were the council to commission an artist/sculptor to produce a design (before physical production) there is no guarantee that ESCC Highways would permit their location next to a highway for reasons of traffic/driver safety in the event of a road traffic accident.

During further discussion, the existing roadside features marking the entry/exit to the SDNPA were considered, particularly as they were in various sizes and fabricated from 'Corton' steel at a cost of circa £10K per item.

It was then **RESOLVED** that the Town Clerk research the background, design, manufacture and installation of the SDNPA signs with the view of achieving similar at the various entry points to the Town.

RSD019/25 NEWHAVEN TOWN – TEMPORARY SEASONAL ICE-SKATING RINK – DISCUSSION ITEM.

The Town Clerk informed the committee of the estimated costs for the hire and running of a modest Ice-Rink as per below.

	14 days' hire - Quote, excluding VAT		28 days' hire - Quote, excluding VAT		
Simply the Best	£32,306	Includes: £16,500 rink hire £11,200 staffing £2,926 First Aid £1,680 staff accommodation	£54,112	Includes: £22,500 rink hire £22,400 staffing £5,852 First Aid £3,360 staff accommodation	Provides: Ice skate rink, skate distribution grinder, music and lighting, intallation and equipment to be secured overnight. Poss and equipment could not be secured over NTC required to provide PL insurance cov
Ice Magic	£26,466	Includes: £15,000 rink hire £6,860 staffing £2,926 First Aid £1,680 staff accommodation	£38,372	Includes: £16,000 rink hire £13,160 staffing £5,852 First Aid £3,360 staff accommodation	Provides 12m x 5m rink, and same equip
Ice Rink	tbc	tbc	£48,992	Includes: £22,000 rink hire £17,780 staffing (estimated) £5,852 First Aid £3,360 staff accommodation	Similar to above.

RESOLVED that budgetary provision (subject to potential impacts upon the 26/27 Council Tax Precept) be identified for this to take place in the winter of 2026.

The committee then considered the costs associated with providing and outdoor cinema event (£750 per day for an inflatable screen compared to a high fidelity screen on a trailer mount at £2800 per day).

RESOLVED that budgetary provision (subject to potential impacts upon the 26/27 Council Tax Precept) be identified for this to take place in 2026.

The Town Clerk reminded the committee that next year would see the initiation of a new Grounds Maintenance Contract which would also impact the 26/27 Council Tax Precept.

RSD020/25 INCOME & EXPENDITURE REPORT TO 20TH AUGUST 2025.

Noted.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 20:10Hrs.

Date:
Chair

Detailed Income & Expenditure by Budget Heading 18/11/2025

Month No: 8

Cost Centre Report

	Actual Last Year	Actual Year To Date	Current Annual Bud	Variance Annual Total	Committed Expenditure	Funds Available	% Spent	Transfer to/from EMR
<u>100 Regeneration & Strategic Dev</u>								
1013 Bar @ Bandstand Ticket Sales	0	120	0	(120)			0.0%	
Regeneration & Strategic Dev :- Income	<u>0</u>	<u>120</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>(120)</u>				<u>0</u>
4218 Partnership Cont/Event Support	5,609	7,671	35,000	27,329		27,329	21.9%	
4228 Bandstand	0	0	2,000	2,000		2,000	0.0%	
4500 Professional Fees	514	0	2,500	2,500		2,500	0.0%	
Regeneration & Strategic Dev :- Indirect Expenditure	<u>6,123</u>	<u>7,671</u>	<u>39,500</u>	<u>31,829</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>31,829</u>	<u>19.4%</u>	<u>0</u>
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(6,123)</u>	<u>(7,551)</u>	<u>(39,500)</u>	<u>(31,949)</u>				
Grand Totals:- Income	0	120	0	(120)			0.0%	
Expenditure	6,123	7,671	39,500	31,829	0	31,829	19.4%	
Net Income over Expenditure	<u>(6,123)</u>	<u>(7,551)</u>	<u>(39,500)</u>	<u>(31,949)</u>				
Movement to/(from) Gen Reserve	<u>(6,123)</u>	<u>(7,551)</u>	<u>(39,500)</u>	<u>(31,949)</u>				