

COUNCIL 08 DECEMBER 2010

1 Town Plan

- 1.1 A final draft of the Town Plan is attached for consideration at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 There has been significant consultation over the content of the Plan with the community and feedback through the Town Survey and from the Town Assembly, individual contributions and those from partners have been incorporated.
- 1.3 Members are invited to consider the Plan and confirm the aims objectives and means of delivery for the benefit of the local community.

RECOMMENDED that the Town Council:

- (i) Adopt the Town Plan; and**
- (ii) Make the final version available electronically to the public.**

2 Quay Wall – Northumberland County Council Consultation

- 2.1 The Town Council agreed the proposals for regeneration of the Quay Wall area following extensive consultation by the county council earlier this year and it had been hoped that the scheme would be on site by now.
- 2.2 The contract works have been delayed owing to the submission of a petition to the county council's Area Committee requesting retention of the bandstand and the mosaics and the committee agreed to further consultation being carried out.
- 2.3 A report to the committee by the Regeneration Officer identifies the design principles and the overall impact aims to create a focal point and more open space which allows a greater range of event activities to be held, and re-connect the promenade / beach with the village centre. Removing unnecessary clutter will help this visually and also allow the buildings to define the space more clearly. Such principles accord with latest Government statements regarding 'street clutter' damaging the character of areas and Guidance such as Manual for Streets (Department for Transport, 2007) and Streets for All (English Heritage, 2005). The design is simply detailed, robust and complementary to the character and appearance of the conservation area. The revised layout aims to help reduce the extent of illegal vehicular use but still maintaining full servicing of the surrounding buildings.
- 2.4 Design layouts with and without the bandstand will be displayed at the meeting and the consultation will take place until January.

The Town Council is invited to confirm its views regarding the regeneration scheme for the Quay Wall area.