

Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee

BRIEFING NOTE – No. 04/16

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Briefing paper to: All Members of the Regeneration, Culture and Environment
Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Purpose:

At a previous Regeneration, Culture and Environment Overview and Scrutiny Committee meeting, Members sought a briefing note on Medway's Growth Deal and this briefing note sets out the current position.

The Local Growth Fund is the 'single pot' funding that we have for projects supported through our Growth Deal with Government - £28.6m.

Headlines for each project are:

- A289 Four Elms Roundabout to Medway Tunnel scheme - £11.1m. The project will focus on delivering journey time and network improvements. Work on the scheme is progressing well; the project is currently in design review stage, circa £440K spent in 2015/16 with outputs being a refined outline design agreed and ecological surveys now underway.
- Medway City Estate - £2m. This project will deliver connectivity improvement measures and will be split into two phases. Phase 1 focuses on improving traffic flow to and from the estate and this phase is almost complete. Circa £427K has been spent in 2015/16. Phase 2 will look at improving pedestrian and cycle access to the estate.
- Chatham Town Centre Place Making - £4m. Placemaking, public realm and connectivity project is well underway. Circa £997K spent in 2015/16 on the first phase of improvement works. Works to rejuvenate and increase the use of Sun Pier and the River walk are almost complete and consultation on the proposed Chatham masterplan has been undertaken.
- Strood Town Centre - £9m. This project to improve journey times and provide accessibility enhancements is in the early design phases. Circa £200K has been spent in 2015/16. Consultants have been appointed and

are undertaking design and modelling work, which is due to be taken forward through to public consultation in Summer 2016.

- Medway's Cycling Action Plan - £2.5m. A package of measures including cycle hire, improvements to the cycle network and a cycle hub is being implemented. Good progress has been made agreeing the priorities for delivery of new routes on the ground. Circa £219K has been spent during 2015/16. The Cycling Action Plan has been signed off by the Cycling Project Group. The Beechings Way scheme is almost completed and a programme of construction for 2016/17 projects is now being worked on.

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