

Ryde Regeneration working group – terms of reference

Purpose of group

The Ryde Regeneration Working Group is born out of a need to communicate and co-ordinate the efforts of the public, private and community sectors in Ryde to improve the economic, social and environmental condition of the town.

The launch of an Island regeneration programme with an emphasis on “area regeneration”, the formation of a new Island planning strategy, the publication of a town “position statement” and the increased business and community engagement this has stimulated demands a forum within which priorities can be discussed and determined, collective skills and resources can mobilised and above all, agreed Methods of communication with the businesses and community of the town can be developed and serviced with common messaging agreed by members of the working group.

Membership

Membership will keep under collective review to ensure the group is representative of the interests of a cross section of the business and resident community and civil society in the town.

Initial membership will be drawn from the following

Ryde Business association – 2 seats

Ryde Town council – 2 seats

Isle of Wight council – 2 seats

Ryde Society – 2 seats

Objectives

The groups objectives relate to its main purpose to co-ordinate and communicate progress towards improving economic, social and environmental wellbeing in Ryde.

Visioning – development of shared vision for the town as a whole and specific areas within it contributing to the overall vision. This would involve a critique of any existing or previous vision documentation followed by a work strand to review and update if agreed that work was required

Action plan – development of a shared action plan containing regeneration projects linked to the vision, addressing evidenced needs from qualitative and quantitative data and ideally attracting practical and/or financial support from the member organisations

Project board- Acting as project board for Ryde regeneration projects where requested to do by project sponsors

Funding bid development and support – provide advice and support to member organisations and local groups in developing bids for funding

Communication plan and resourcing – develop and collectively resource a shared communications plan to ensure all registered stakeholders and the wider population are informed and have an opportunity to become involved in the Ryde regeneration action plan

Review and monitoring- to provide a review and monitoring function for projects and the overall plan

Governance

Main working group to meet bi monthly and consider regeneration project development , progress, proposals, resourcing – agreed projects attract group sponsorship and lead organisations commit to update the group in return for attracting support

Members to update on individual organisations responses to requests for support and resources for project implementation

Project groups with defined project management leads to be sponsored by the RRWG and receive bi monthly reports

RRWG retain the right to withdraw sponsorship status should projects not maintain agreed timelines and direction

Chair rotates between member organisations every 12 months and the secretariat support alternates every 6 months between IOWC and Ryde Town council