

Martyn Williams Report for LRA meeting on Monday 4th November 2019

Forward Planning Group

1)-The Local Plan-

Publication of the consultation report now delayed until early 2020. Consultation period likely to be 3rd February – 16th March 2020.

2)-Transform Leatherhead-

Public meeting-all “drop-in” meetings now taken place. There will be a virtual Q&A with Councillor Bridget Kendrick, viewable on www.transformleatherhead.com from 28th November. It will feature answers to questions posed at the “drop-in” meetings and those questions submitted to transformleatherhead@molevalley.gov.uk by 5th November.

The Swan Centre- the short-term refurbishment works (lifts and car park pay machines) continue.

- the Transform team is now looking for a development partner for the re-modelling of the centre and for the development of the Bull Hill site.

- Claire/James House-a development partner has been selected and legal negotiations are in progress.

- High Street-further consultations with businesses and other stakeholders are in progress. A recommendation will be drafted to include all responses and will be considered by the Local Committee in December.

4) Transport Study-work is on-going

Sustainable Transport-work on the Randalls Road scheme is ongoing

Martyn Williams was also asked to present the letter from MV asking residents which area of council tax usage they would find the most palatable if demands on the public purse continued to be too large to satisfy:

1. Cost cutting by reducing discretionary spending on such things as our environment, antisocial behaviour or community grants
2. Increasing commercial income by raising the level of fees and charges or
3. By increasing its share of council tax by up to 2% (the referendum threshold).

Matt Blake, Senior Communications & Marketing Officer for MVDC said: “We are seeking views from residents to determine which of the above should be a priority for balancing the budget, if there are further significant reductions in central government funding.

Complete the survey by visiting www.molevalley.gov.uk/budgetplanning. Comments must be submitted online by **Monday 11 November 2019**.

