

CALNE AREA BOARD

Date: 23rd May 2013

Subject: Porte Marsh Industrial Estate

Purpose of Report:

An update report from Service Director, Economy and Regeneration, following from further information being requested from the Leader of the Council

Background

The Minute of the last area board meeting reads: 'Plans to improve Porte Marsh Industrial Estate to make it more attractive to businesses – Wiltshire Council was working with the Town Council on the neighbourhood plan. This included improving several tired areas in the town. Wiltshire Council funding was limited to providing services and it had a role to play in sourcing funds and pulling them together. Further investment from the private sector was needed.'

Decision

Councillor Scott would look into plans for Porte Marsh Industrial Estate and provide further information through the area board.

The current situation

- Improvements to the Porte Marsh Industrial estate is a key actions arising from the Calne Vision and Scoping Report
 - The need for this was reinforced as part of the master plan workshops which took place earlier this year.
 - Discussions have take place with the town clerk regarding the development of a regeneration plan for the estate in partnership with local land owners, the chamber of commerce, town council and Wiltshire Council.
 - Meetings have been held with the town council planning committee regarding the outcome of master planning exercise and next steps
 - Meetings have been held with Deceuninck to see if they would be part of a working group to develop a regeneration plan.
 - The Economic Development team (under Tim Martienssen) will be taking this forward however they are currently engaged with other projects which has been explained to the town council. They will be able to work on this from mid July onwards.
 - The Calne Chamber has undertaken some survey work with occupiers which will help the process
 - Alistair Cunningham and team are meeting with the Town Council and Wiltshire Councillors to discuss this issue shortly.
 - A meeting has been arranged between Alistair Cunningham and Deceuninck's Managing Director, alongside Alder King, to discuss the future (change of) use of the site.
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