

Cross Cutting Targets

8. Stade Regeneration

Project Brief: To co-ordinate all Council departments and partners to deliver a major cultural focus, including the Jerwood Gallery utilising physical improvement, culture programmes and support to the 2009/10 Target(s):

8.1 Seek planning permission for the new culture and performance area on the Stade and (subject to approval) commence work on the site in the autumn of 2009.

8.2 Lead work with partners in bringing forward a proposed cultural programme for the Stade and a structure for its sustainable delivery.

Qtr 1 Update:

8.1 Planning permission for both the Jerwood Gallery and the rest of the site (community education facilities, quality outdoor space, and café) was given unanimously by Planning Committee on May 20th, and detailed post-planning work is now under way by both teams of architects. Detailed community consultation is also underway.

8.2 Work is progressing with cultural development, with bids being prepared for external funding; a visit was paid to Margate and Folkestone at the end of June to look at how they are preparing for their cultural regeneration.

9. Public Realm & Town Centres

Project Brief: To co-ordinate improvements to the public realm chiefly in the town centres together with the Council's other contributions to support the economy, improve safety, and address the oncoming recession.

2009/10 Target(s):

9.1 Deliver the agreed programme of improvements to the Public Realm in the Town Centre and Queens Road, following consultation with Town Centre Management, Castle Ward Forum and business groups.

Qtr 1 Update:

9.1 The Public Realm Cross Cutting Group, including representatives from Town Centre Management, ESCC, Sussex Police and SeaSpace, has agreed a programme of small capital works for 2009-2010. Improvements to Butler's Gap are nearing completion and replacement town centre litter/cigarette bins are on order. Further works this year will include Wellington Square lights, Queens Road paving, Harold Place toilet upgrade and the introduction of new wayfinding signs throughout the town centre. The group has also approved the outline draft for a new Public Realm Strategy to be published later this year.