

Regeneration update for LSP Board

Hastings Draft Heritage Strategy

The Drury McPherson Partnership was commissioned by Hastings Borough Council to produce a heritage strategy for Hastings. Following work and consultation during the last few months, the draft strategy is now currently out for consultation and can be accessed via the HBC website at:

http://www.hastings.gov.uk/my_council/consultations/draftheritagestrategy/

The closing date for comments is Friday, 28th April.

White Rock Area

Our consultants, White Arkitekter, are finalising their masterplan for the White Rock area, and we are expecting them to produce their draft document shortly. This will be circulated to the LSP when published.

Hastings Pier

Jo Stewart has now started work as the chief executive of the Hastings Pier Charity, and is working closely with Hastings Borough Council officers and other partner organisations to develop a business plan for the future. It was announced on Monday 3rd April that the pier had been given the 'Pier of the Year' award.

Coastal Communities Fund 4

The recent bid to the Coastal Communities Fund for a grant worth £812,770 for a new project called 'Destination White Rock, Hastings – Continuing the Economic Revival', has been successful. It will enable the council and partners to revive the White Rock area with a total project value of £1.08m, including match funding from other sources.

Funding will contribute to projects at Rock House, the adjoining Rock Alley will also benefit.

The currently redundant water feature and White Rock promenade between the Pier and Source Park will be refurbished and traditional beach huts will be installed east of the Pier to encourage active use of this area of the beach.

The Source Park will develop a BMX Olympic inspired training programme and offer a series of local, regional and international BMX and skateboarding events to attract thousands of visitors extending the season throughout the year.

There will also be a community based business initiative, developing the local community to participate in and manage the economic revival of the area.

Together the projects aim to support 180 local businesses, create 12 tourism events, create over 180 jobs, increase visitor numbers by over 60,000 which in turn will create an extra £4m spend in support of the wider community.

It's excellent news for Hastings and the future development of our town. We'll start work on these projects now and hope to see completion at the end of 2019.