

## **Statement – Bexhill Town Centre Steering Group – 7<sup>th</sup> December 2016**

Members of the steering group received an update from East Sussex County Council on the proposed works to Sackville roundabout which will commence in the New Year.

The replacement and upkeep of the trees in the town centre was considered, further details on costs were requested before any work can be confirmed.

Each of the four project teams updated on activity and progress against the actions within the Bexhill Town Centre Strategy:

### Branding and Vitality:

- The Second Jobs and Apprenticeship fair will be held at the DLWP on Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2017
- The Summer of Events Bexhill poster campaign on Southeastern trains generated additional interest in the 3 main events highlighted
- Best for Business Conference held at the DLWP in October with over 200 delegates attending, speakers included Google, Microsoft and MP's
- Stewart Drew has recently been appointed as Chair of the 1066 Country tourism marketing partnership

### Built Environment, Traffic Management and Public Realm:

- Town centre traffic management and accessibility study and the proposed cycle route networks studies - awaiting the findings of these studies. The cycle network proposals are well advanced and will be presented to members shortly
- Cabinet members recently approved the Public Realm Working Group report and proposals which included the commissioning of a strategic framework for Rother

### Investment and Development:

- London Road – consideration of options; both London Road and Sackville Road have been identified in the draft Development and Site Allocations Local Plan as Improvement Areas
- Key sites within the town centre – on going conversations are taking place with property owners and stakeholders on a number of sites within the town centre

### Housing

- The Housing Needs and Stock Condition survey has been commissioned and it is hoped the final report will be available in July 2017. The survey covers the whole district and will comprise of a combination of house surveys and questionnaires with a sample of households

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