

## HIGH WYCOMBE TOWN CENTRE – UPDATE AND NEXT STEPS

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**Wards affected:** Abbey, Terriers and Amersham Hill

### PROPOSED DECISION

1. To note the update provided; and
2. To review the Committee's work programme and indicate what further reports or updates should be provided to the Committee.

#### Corporate Implications

The report is by way of an update and raises no new financial, legal or other implications.

### Executive Summary

In accordance with the Council's Place priority several workstreams are underway to support the regeneration of High Wycombe town centre, both in the short and long term.

A short presentation will be given in respect of:

- The masterplan vision for High Wycombe town centre
- Progress on the implementation of the Alternative Route
- Pauls Row/St Mary's St improvements
- Frogmoor improvements
- "Remaking the river"

### Council Priorities - Implications

This work area reflects the Council's Place priority.

### Background and Issues

The Delivery and Site Allocations Document sets out a vision for the town centre that includes the provision of the Alternative Route and localised improvement schemes at Pauls Row/St Mary's St and Frogmoor. Longer term the vision also aims to create opportunities to enjoy the River Wye.

The different workstreams are at various stages of development and implementation. Specific work to consider the opportunities to remake the river through the town centre has been undertaken and a briefing of members and stakeholders took place on October 27 2014 at the Guildhall which included a talk by Charles Rangeley Wilson, author of *The Silt Road*, a book about the history of the river.

A presentation on progress and next steps will be presented at the committee meeting together with an opportunity for questions and comments.

### Background Papers

N/A