



**SANDOWN TOWN COUNCIL**

# Press Release

## **COUNCIL CONSULTS ON COSTS**

Sandown Town Council have continued their commitment to consult residents on their budget considerations for 2023 onwards, with on-line and in-person events, as well as an outline of key projects delivered and summary of current costs circulated to all residents in the recent Sandown Guide publication. Town Mayor Cllr Paddy Lightfoot said 'We value the comments and contributions made by Sandown residents helping set priorities going forward, as well as engaging on how our limited resources are spent, and we also work on partnership projects to support the economic regeneration of the Town, as well as the Bay'.

Key projects delivered in the last 12 months include the Lifeguard Station built as a base for Blue Flag Beach Safety Service, new equipment in Steven Jenkins Playground, new decorative lighting and hanging baskets across the Town, and the start of the Eastern Gardens Toilet reprovision.

Deputy Mayor Cllr Alex Lightfoot added 'We recognise the ongoing pressures on residents' finances, and want to maintain and improve the services we are responsible for, as well as champion the voice of the community – which is why we have taken forward the High Street Task Force initiative, using this approach to pull together a co-ordinated response, in partnership with other agencies, to the significant challenges facing the Town'. In addition to the on-line survey available on the Town Council's website, there has been a drop-in session at the Town Library, with a public drop-in session at the Broadway Centre planned for Saturday 22 October 2022 between 10am and 4pm.

Paddy concluded 'I'm really grateful to fellow Town Councillors for their help planning and delivering this programme of public engagement, and to all residents that have contributed to the discussion on how we prioritise the spending and use of our limited resources: we are committed to sharing the results at our November meeting, with responses helping shape our Budget in 2023 and beyond'.



Picture of Sandown Town Councillors at launch of Public Consultation