

Councillor

Representation Reporting

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Councillor: Sue Barnard

Body: Lowestoft Cultural Leadership Group

Report Date: 7th November 2020

Meetings attended and dates	Thursday, 22 nd October 2020 at 11 a	.m. via Zoom
Key issues discussed at the meeting(s) (relevant to LTC and its constituents)	A Focus Consultation related to the regeneration of cultural assets within the town has been undertaken and related to the Place Board, which will aim to repurpose the town with different quarters within the town e.g. cultural and heritage quarters. An aim to build a flexible space on the site of the Battery Green car park called The Battery was introduced. Very positive figures were provided about how culture and the Heritage Action Zone had engaged with 124 business, 2 jobs were created and 17 networking opportunities were created. An aim about unlocking the potential of historic assets through establishing cultural spaces in the heritage quarter was highlighted. I asked about the Town Hall, but was told that the town council had their own consultants to advise on its future use, with the town council making decisions. There plans do not appear to have been influence at all by the pandemic. It would appear that pre-pandemic plans and strategy stand.	
Any actions required by LTC?	None, other than be aware of developments related to the Heritage Action Zones, south and north and the repurposing of the town and how that could affect town council's assets and policies such as the Neighbourhood Plan.	
Signed: Sue Barnard		Date: 7/11/2020