

<b>REPORT AUDIT TRAIL</b>				
<b>CONSULTATION</b>				
<b>Name/Position</b>	<b>Portfolio/Ward/ Directorate</b>	<b>Date Sent</b>	<b>Date Received</b>	<b>Comments in para:</b>
Councillor Robert Taylor	Cabinet Member for Transport, Jobs and the Local Economy	20/03/25	20/03/25	
Andrew Bramidge	Assistant Chief Executive/ Strategic Director for Regeneration and Environment	Click here to enter a date.	Click here to enter a date.	
Chloe Parker, Finance	Finance and Customer Services	10/03/25	17/03/25	6.2
Lesley Tattersall, Legal Services	Legal Services	10/03/25	13/03/25	7.1
Helen Rowe, Human Resources	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	10/03/25	18/03/25	8.1
Karen Middlebrook, Procurement	Finance and Customer Services	10/03/25	12/03/25	6.1
Chloe Harrop, Equalities	Assistant Chief Executive's Office	10/03/25	11/03/25	10.2 and 10.2
Lorna Vertigan, Regeneration	Regeneration & Environment	10/03/25	10/03/25	

<b><u>REPORT APPROVAL TRACKING</u></b>			
<b>Equalities</b> Your report will not be authorised for submission to Cabinet by your Strategic Director if you have not undertaken and included an initial equalities screening. All equalities analysis documents should be included as appendices	<b>Initial Screening completed and included with report</b>	YES	12/03/25
	<b>Full Assessment completed and included with report</b>	NO	Full EQIA Part B to be completed when the consultation closes
<b>Carbon Impact Assessments</b> Carbon Impact Assessments are to be appended to the associated cabinet reports. Carbon Impact Assessments should be sent to <a href="mailto:climate@rotherham.gov.uk">climate@rotherham.gov.uk</a> for feedback prior to your report being sent to your Strategic Director for approval.	<b>Carbon Impact Assessment completed and included with report.</b>	YES	11/03/25
<b>Background information</b>	<a href="#">Our Places Fund report to Cabinet December 2024</a>		
<b>Appendices</b>	Appendix 1 Equalities Impact Assessment Appendix 2 Carbon Impact Assessment		
<b>Cabinet Member Approval</b>	YES	20/03/25	
<b>Report Authorised by Strategic Director</b>	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)	Click here to enter a date.	
<b>Report Authorised for publication by Chief Executive</b>	YES/NO (delete as appropriate)	Click here to enter a date.	

**Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Delegated Officer Decision – Click here to enter a date.

**Report Title**

Swinton Public Spaces Consultation

**Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

No, but it has been included on the Forward Plan

**Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Andrew Bramidge, Strategic Director Regeneration & Transport

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**Ward(s) Affected**

Swinton Rockingham

**Report Summary**

This report seeks to exercise the delegation to Assistant Director, Planning, Regeneration & Transport 'in conjunction with the Government Departments or other bodies, the implementation of any decision in respect of the promotion of Economic Development and Regeneration' to undertake consultation related to the design and implementation of the Swinton Public Spaces scheme.

**Recommendations**

1. To approve the undertaking of consultation in relation to Swinton Public Realm proposals.

**List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Equalities Impact Assessment  
Appendix 2 Carbon Impact Assessment

**Background Papers**

[Our Places Fund report to Cabinet December 2024](#)

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

Name of Committee – Click here to enter a date.

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**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

No

## Swinton Public Spaces Consultation

### 1. Background

- 1.1 In December 2024 Cabinet approved the allocation of funding toward the improvement of public spaces in Swinton as part of the Our Places Fund. This comes in addition to an ongoing project to improve the area around the Swinton Civic Hall and Library.

### 2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Concept designs have been created and in line with the Council's objectives to listen, inform and work in partnership with its customers public consultation should be undertaken.
- 2.2 A public engagement session took place on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and an online survey was made available from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

### 3. Options considered and recommended proposal

- 3.1 **Recommended:** Public consultation and engagement is essential to enable residents and stakeholders to contribute to the development of any regeneration scheme. Therefore, the undertaking of in person and online formats are recommended.
- 3.2 **Not recommended:** The Council may choose to develop and implement the proposals without consultation. This option does not allow residents to shape Council services and is therefore not recommended.

### 4. Consultation on proposal

- 4.1 This report seeks approval to undertake consultation. Feedback from the consultation will be compiled into a summary report.

### 5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 A public engagement session took place on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2025 and an online survey was made available from 28<sup>th</sup> February to 24<sup>th</sup> March 2025.
- 5.2 A summary of the consultation findings will be completed in April and feedback used to confirm design and implantation proposals.

### 6. Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)

- 6.1 There are no direct procurement implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.
- 6.2 There are no direct financial implications associated with the recommendations detailed in this report.

**7. Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)**

7.1 The recommendations in this report are in line with previous decisions and authorities of the Council and there are no further legal implications arising from the contents of this report.

**8. Human Resources Advice and Implications**

8.1 There are no direct HR implications arising from the recommendations of this report.

**9. Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults**

9.1 The proposed scheme incorporates a new under 5s play area and is therefore considered to have positive implications for children. This will be tested through the consultation process.

**10. Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications**

10.1 An Initial Equality Screening Assessment has been completed and is attached as Appendix 2.

10.2 An in-depth stakeholder database has been prepared to ensure the consultation reaches a wide audience. An offer will also be made for RiDO officers to meet stakeholders in-person if they so require, to discuss the proposals and gather any feedback. All feedback on the scheme design will be taken into account to ensure that any negative impacts are mitigated appropriately and will be monitored throughout the project.

**11. Implications for CO2 Emissions and Climate Change**

11.1 There are not considered to be any implications from the consultation on CO2 emissions and climate change.

**12. Implications for Partners**

12.1. There are not considered to be any implications for partners.

**13. Risks and Mitigation**

13.1 Consultation fails to engage with all members of the public. Online and public consultation methods have been selected to ensure a wide range of individuals have the opportunity to contribute their views. Equality Impact Assessments have been undertaken to identify how those with protected characteristics are not excluded from the process.

**14. Accountable Officers**

Lorna Vertigan, Head of Regeneration

Simon Moss, Assistant Director; Planning, Regeneration & Transport

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers: -

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	Click here to enter a date.
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Judith Badger	Click here to enter a date.
Assistant Director of Legal Services (Monitoring Officer)	Phil Horsfield	Click here to enter a date.

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