

# SOUTHWOLD TOWN COUNCIL



Town Hall  
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30<sup>th</sup> October 2019

## **Town Mayor's Message**

At its meeting on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2019, Southwold Town Council confirmed that a grant of £995,000 from HM Government's MHCLG Coastal Communities' Fund will be spent as required. The grant, endorsed by a rigorous evaluation process is to support the work set out in Southwold's Coastal Communities' Team application of January 2019 and confirmed in full at the end of September.

This means that £186,000 'Revenue' is available to fund three roles to create a Southwold Development Team with £809,000 devoted to the building of the Southwold Enterprise Hub. The Business Plan, relating to the build is attached.

The opportunities for the Town, its businesses and its economy in general, cannot be exaggerated and Southwold Town Council has been discussing a redevelopment of Station Yard for at least 20 years. The strategy of providing office space for new businesses was strongly supported by residents' consultations during the preparation of the Town Plan and, more recently, the soon to be endorsed, Neighbourhood Plan.

The Town Council announced in 2017 that it intended to submit a planning application resulting from concept drawings in relation to the Southwold Town Entrance Study. A drop in session held in July 2018 was followed by responses to concerns made at that time. And, throughout the process, meetings have been held with existing tenants and these will continue, providing certainty and a timescale for the scheme's enactment.

This is a very important day in the history of Southwold and a ringing endorsement by HM's Government of the Town Council's plans.

**Cllr Ian Bradbury**  
**Town Mayor**