

## **Station Yard Regeneration Project – August 2020 update**

This project is now at the stage where a Project Board and Project Manager/Director can be appointed.

The Project Board was appointed at the Council meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> August and the executive members of the Board will consist of the two major stakeholders to the project – a) Southwold Town Council as the owner of the site and the project and b) East Suffolk Council as the holder of the grant funds and therefore the accountable body.

The role of the Board will be to deliver the project on behalf of the Town Council and to make the day to day decisions required to ensure that the project runs to timescale and is completed in line with expectations.

Southwold Town Council will remain the owner of the project, and any strategic changes recommended by the project board will have to be agreed by the full council.

One of the initial roles of the Project Board will be to consider the post Covid-19 implications for the project, and what this might mean for its delivery/timescales. With the assistance of the Economic and Regeneration Team at East Suffolk Council the Board will be able to be consider any new data that might suggest potential impacts on the delivery of the scheme – such as lack of materials/resources, as well as on potential users of the newly built flexible units.

The tender process to recruit the Project Manager has commenced and will have closed by the time this media release is published. The Town Council will then be at the stage of assessing interested parties before hoping to be in a position to make an appointment in mid-September.

One of the first roles of the project manager/director will be to oversee the decontamination remediation required at the site.

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