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### TOWN CENTRE MASTERPLANS PUBLISHED

Draft regeneration plans for both St Helens and Earlestown town centres have been published and agreed by Cabinet, with a public consultation now underway from Monday 1<sup>st</sup> November.

Cllr Richard McCauley, Cabinet Member for Regeneration and Planning, says: "We want all residents, businesses and groups to have their say and to help shape the final plans. Take a look, find out more, and comment at <https://sthelenscentre.co.uk> and <https://earlestown.co.uk>."

Find out more: <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/10/20/agreed/>.

### "Let's work together now to make our town centre the success we all want"

St Helens town centre Labour councillors Carole Ann Gill, Anne McCormack and Michelle Sweeney have reacted to the transformational masterplans for St Helens town centre. They say: "As lifelong residents and Labour Councillors for our Town Centre we are delighted to be involved with this ambitious and impressive plan for St Helens. Our residents have told us time and again how they want to see our town transformed into a thriving centre and this is the transformation our town needs to deliver for them."

These plans are exciting and imaginative and the Team driving them forward is confident of their ability to deliver just what we need. We must remember that this huge regeneration is just a part of what Labour is doing to support and transform our town centre and borough.

If you haven't visited for a while, now is the time to come and support the many companies who have chosen our town to start their businesses. Let's work together now to make our town centre the success we all want."

### "These plans will help to make sure our future is a bright one"

Earlestown Labour Councillors have reacted to the plans for major investment in the town centre.

Dave Banks and Jeanette Banks said: "We're delighted to present these plans to the public and to ask for your input and support. The plans are ambitious, deliverable, and just what our town centre needs."

Earlestown has a proud heritage, lots of successful local businesses, and a thriving and historic market. There's no better time to come down to the town centre and support local businesses.

Labour said we were committed to delivering this investment and we meant it! These plans will help to make sure our future is a bright one."





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### NEW BUSINESS SUPPORT GRANT SCHEME LAUNCHED

Businesses in St Helens Borough impacted by the coronavirus pandemic that may not have been eligible for previous support grants are invited to apply for a share of an additional £8.1m funding package.

Cllr Kate Groucutt, St Helens Borough Council's Cabinet Member for Education, Skills and Business, who is also the City Region's Deputy Portfolio Holder for Inclusive Economy and Third Sector, said: *"Businesses have had it extremely tough this past 18 months and I share their frustrations, as many have fallen through the cracks when it has come to being eligible for Government support grants. I'm delighted that together with colleagues across the Liverpool City Region we are able to offer this new funding which will support even more businesses to recover and rebuild from the damage Covid has caused to the local economy."*

Applications close at 5.00pm, Friday 12th November. Find out more at <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/10/21/new-business-grant-scheme-to-launch-next-week/> and [www.sthelens.gov.uk/tradingonscheme](http://www.sthelens.gov.uk/tradingonscheme).

### GREEN FEST TAKES PLACE TO HIGHLIGHT CLIMATE CHANGE

A special family-friendly festival has been held to highlight the council's journey to address climate change and the actions we can all take to help make the world a greener place.

Organised by St Helens Borough Council with funding support from the Liverpool City Region Combined Authority's Town Centre Fund – Green Fest highlights the council's priority of reaching net carbon zero by 2040 and came ahead of COP26, the 2021 United Nations climate change conference in Glasgow where St Helens and our City Region will be well represented. Find out more: <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/10/29/green-fest-underway/>.

### £3.8M TRANSPORT IMPROVEMENTS AGREED

Cabinet have agreed £3.8m funding for a range of sustainable transport improvements across the borough.

Cllr Andy Bowden, Cabinet Member for Environment and Transport, said: *"This funding is targeted at projects that deliver on the ambitions set out by the Labour group in our Borough Strategy, supporting a strong and thriving local economy, and will help to create a green and vibrant place to live and work. Once again we are demonstrating that as a Labour council we are delivering the infrastructure our residents need to make active modes of travel viable, safe and attractive."*

View the cabinet report here: <https://tinyurl.com/4mdhuv3v> and find out more: <https://www.sthelenslabour.org/latest-news/2021/10/07/3-8m-funding-agreed/>.





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