



SUBJECT: Expression of Interest process

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

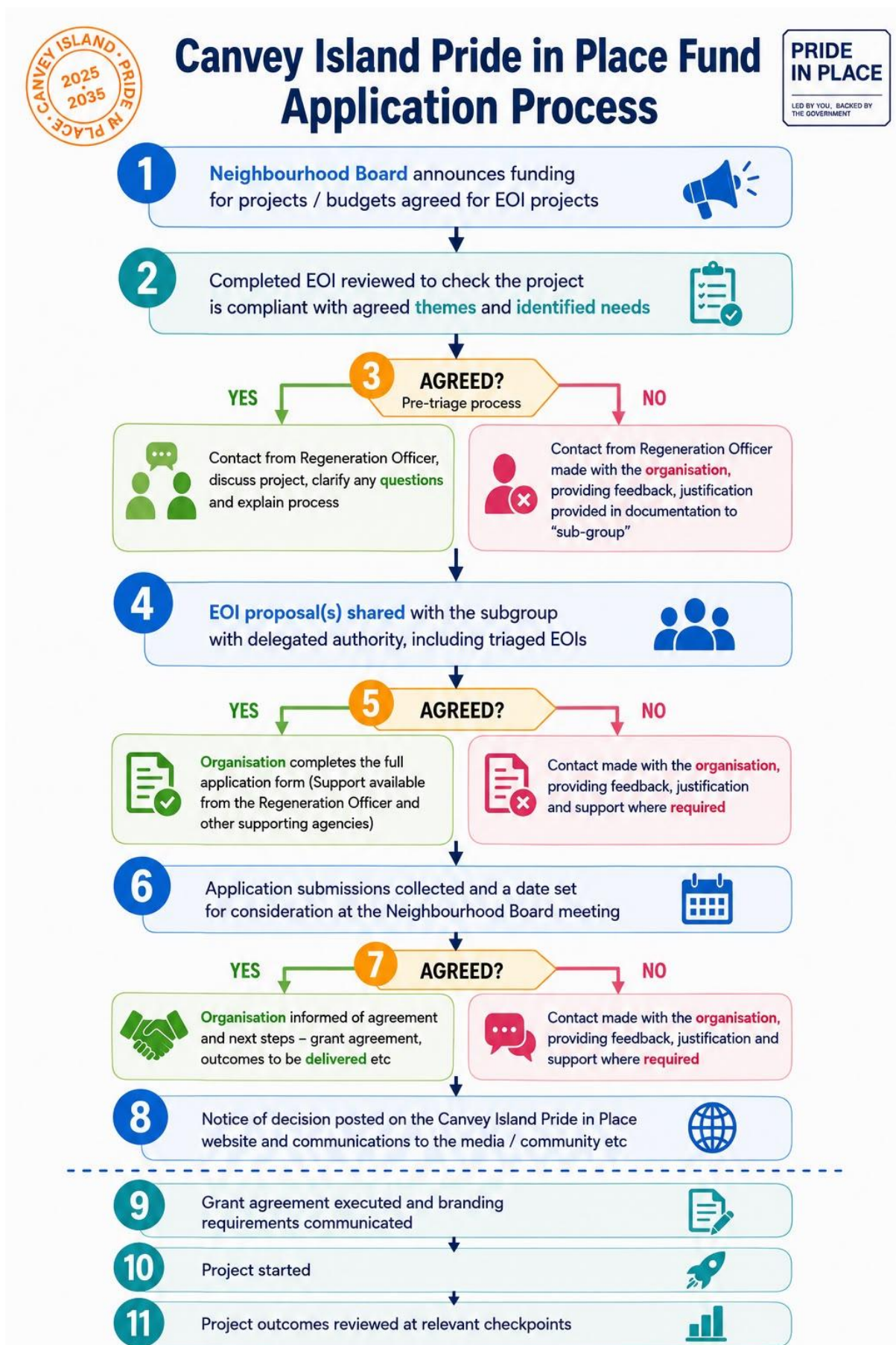
- 1.1 To consider how the Canvey Island Neighbourhood Board (the “Board”) should receive, collate and process expressions of interest for funding that are not currently part of the investment plan

2 LINKS TO THE CANVEY ISLAND REGENERATION PLAN

- 2.1 The Canvey Island Pride in Place fund application process provides the governance and funding route through which new projects are considered for funding under the Canvey Island Regeneration Plan. Expressions of Interest are assessed against the agreed regeneration themes and identified local needs to ensure proposed projects contribute to the overall vision for Canvey Island. Successful proposals progress through review, full application, approval and grant agreement stages before being delivered and monitored for their contribution to regeneration outcomes

3 MATTERS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER

- 3.1 The Board is asked to consider and take decisions on the following matters:
 - (1) To agree to the application of the Expression of Interest (EOI) process as displayed in the flow diagram. With initial EOI being completed via the Canvey Island Pride in Place website (form format)



- 3.2 There are four options available to the Board:
- 3.3 **Option 1: Do nothing:** The Board could choose to do nothing in relation to this proposal and not use an Expression of Interest form to receive projects. However, good practice for Neighbourhood Boards, and for regeneration programmes generally, is to involve local communities in decision-making, and allow for all community stakeholders opportunity to apply for funding within the scope of the regeneration plan.
- 3.4 **Option 2: Agree to the EOI structure outlined:** Initial EOI received that are in line with the current priority via the form available from the Expression of Interest page on the Pride in Place website, use of a subgroup to triage the submitted EOI prior to being taken the board and final board review. This is not a free-for-all process but meets the announced direction the Board have identified.
- 3.5 **Option 3: Agree to the use of EOI but edit the process:** Suggest alterations to the process suggested above

4 COMMUNITY CONSIDERATIONS

- 4.1 The Pride in Place programme was established by Government as a community led regeneration programme and aims to empower local people to shape the future of their neighbourhood. The people who live in a community are the ones who know its priorities best and are best placed to drive changes forward and make the programme successful.
- 4.2 Opportunity for transparency for any member of the community to be able to submit an EOI

5 LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

- 5.1 Term and conditions are being reviewed by the legal team currently.

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