SUBJECT: Canvey Town Centre Regeneration – High Level Overview

1 PURPOSE OF REPORT

1.1 To provide the Canvey Island Neighbourhood Board (the "Board") with a high-level overview of wider regeneration activity focused on Canvey Town Centre.

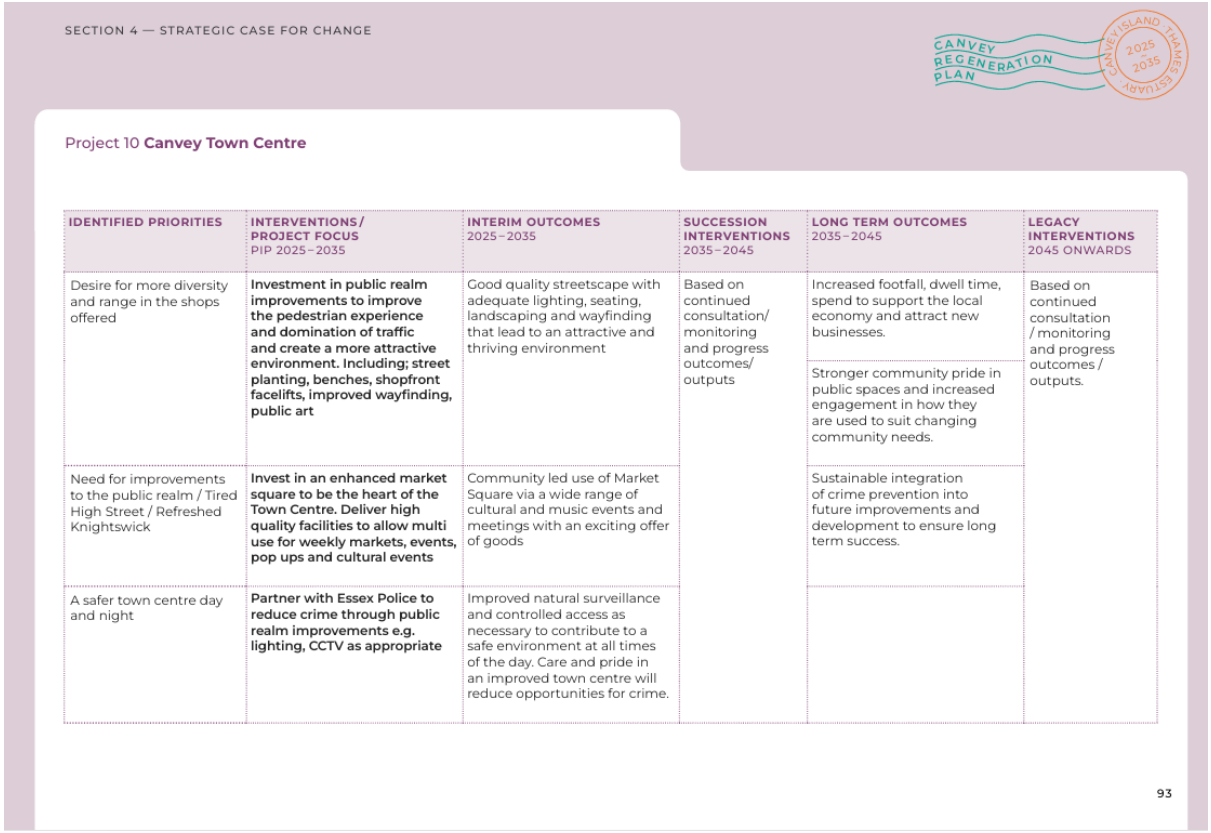
1.2 To prompt discussion on the opportunity for the Board to take a leading role on influencing and delivering wider regeneration objectives specific to the Town Centre.

2 LINKS TO THE CANVEY ISLAND REGENERATION PLAN

2.1 The Canvey Island Regeneration Plan (the "Regeneration Plan"), which was informed and led by community engagement and concerns, identified the Town Centre as a priority area for funding.

2.2 "Project 10 – Canvey Town Centre" outlined the priorities and intervention focus as per the table below.

Table 1 - Extract from Canvey Island Regeneration Plan (Page 93)



SECTION 4 — STRATEGIC CASE FOR CHANGE

CANVEY REGENERATION PLAN

Project 10 **Canvey Town Centre**

IDENTIFIED PRIORITIES	INTERVENTIONS / PROJECT FOCUS PIP 2025–2035	INTERIM OUTCOMES 2025–2035	SUCCESSION INTERVENTIONS 2035–2045	LONG TERM OUTCOMES 2035–2045	LEGACY INTERVENTIONS 2045 ONWARDS
Desire for more diversity and range in the shops offered	**Investment in public realm improvements to improve the pedestrian experience and domination of traffic and create a more attractive environment. Including; street planting, benches, shopfront facelifts, improved wayfinding, public art**	Good quality streetscape with adequate lighting, seating, landscaping and wayfinding that lead to an attractive and thriving environment	Based on continued consultation/ monitoring and progress outcomes/ outputs	Increased footfall, dwell time, spend to support the local economy and attract new businesses.	Based on continued consultation / monitoring and progress outcomes / outputs.
				Stronger community pride in public spaces and increased engagement in how they are used to suit changing community needs.	
Need for improvements to the public realm / Tired High Street / Refreshed Knightswick	**Invest in an enhanced market square to be the heart of the Town Centre. Deliver high quality facilities to allow multi use for weekly markets, events, pop ups and cultural events**	Community led use of Market Square via a wide range of cultural and music events and meetings with an exciting offer of goods		Sustainable integration of crime prevention into future improvements and development to ensure long term success.	
A safer town centre day and night	**Partner with Essex Police to reduce crime through public realm improvements e.g. lighting, CCTV as appropriate**	Improved natural surveillance and controlled access as necessary to contribute to a safe environment at all times of the day. Care and pride in an improved town centre will reduce opportunities for crime.			

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2.3 Accordingly, funding was allocated across the 4-Year Investment Plan and wider 10-year programme to focus on projects relating to the Town Centre. The below table shows an extract of Town Centre focused allocations across the 10 year programme.

Table 2- Extract from the Board approved 10 Year Investment Plan

Type of Funding		2024/25	2025/26	Year 1	Year 2	Year 3	Year 4	Year 5	Year 6	Year 7	Year 8	Year 9	Year 10	Total
Capacity work i.e. Studies (From	Desire Lines		10	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	**10**
	Canvey TC			40										**40**
	Canvey Seafront				40									**40**
	Unallocated					40	30							**70**
Intervention Area 5: Regeneration, High Streets and Heritage														
Capital	Project 6 Seafront					1000	1000							**2000**
	Project 7 Lake Improvements				1000									**1000**
	Project 10 Market				250									**250**
	Project 10 TC Public Realm								1000	1400	1400	800		**4600**
Revenue	Project 6 Seafront events			10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**100**
	Project 6 seafront shopfront improvement scheme					15	15							**30**
	Project 6 Museum								20	20	20			**60**
	Project 7 - lake education			25	25	25	25							**100**
	Project 10 - shopfront improvement scheme			20	20	20	20							**80**
	Project 10 - community arts programme			30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	30	**300**
	Project 10 - TC events			10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	10	**100**

2.4 In its April 2026 meeting, whilst considering a detailed proposal for a Town Centre Shopfront Improvement Scheme, outlined in Year 1 of the Investment

Plan, the Board agreed that wider thought to the overall approach to the town centre was needed before committing to specific projects. It requested an overview of Castle Point Borough Council (the "Council") led regeneration activity to support this consideration.

3 MATTERS FOR THE BOARD TO CONSIDER

3.1 The Board is asked to:

(1) Note the wider regeneration work focused on Canvey Town Centre outlined in the presentation slides at Appendix A.

(2) Engage in a "Mapping the Town Centre" workshop style activity to assist discussions on the key issues impacting the Town Centre and how they might be addressed.

(3) Consider the opportunity for the Board to lead the regeneration focusing on the Town Centre.

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 approach the Board takes to addressing its focus on Town Centre priorities will impact the local community it serves.

5 FINANCIAL AND COST CONSIDERATIONS

5.1 There are no considerations at this stage.

6 OTHER RESOURCE CONSIDERATIONS

6.1 There are no specific considerations to note as part of this report.

7 RISKS

7.1 There are no specific risks to consider as part of this report.

8 LEGAL CONSIDERATIONS

8.1 There are no specific legal considerations to consider as part of this report.