

## December Update from Dorking Town Partnership

### **Hanging Baskets**

The hanging baskets costs for 2022 are: £9,712.50 for 111 baskets, £87.50 per basket, compared to £8,755.00 for 103 baskets in 2021, £86.50 per basket. The – voted and approved

### **Mosaic BID Ballot Support Proposal**

A quote has been received from Mosaic to support the BID with the re-ballot, this is to ensure the necessary help is available to those running the campaign. The quote is £10,075. The board voted to approve the quote.

### **Board Resignation**

Geoff Evans has resigned from his position on the board with effect from 10<sup>th</sup> December. Form TM01: Termination of Appointment of Director will be filed with the Registrar of Companies.

### **Cockerel Roundabout**

The cockerel roundabout has been viewed by BID members who have agreed it is looking very messy and needs attention. It was discussed how the Denbies roundabout was maintained as this looked much better with the consensus being that Denbies may maintain it themselves so this might be possible for the BID. It was considered whether the BID could also take over management of the area between Dorking Main station and the cockerel roundabout to provide a more attractive area when visitors arrive in Dorking by train and walk into town. Costs will be obtained and discussed to see if these options are viable.

### **Dorking Placemaking Presentation**

A presentation was given by Alex Arestis of Context Office and Thomas Rimmer of NLP to deliver their concept of how Dorking High Street could be improved with placemaking areas, lighting and adjustments to the current walkways and roads. Following the presentation, the attendees asked questions and discussed points raised including costs, funding, management and next steps. Alex and Thomas explained that all aspects of the report needed further investigation but gave an idea of what improvements could be made for the town to make it a more welcoming and cohesive space for residents and visitors. Alex added that although the report gave many options for change, they could be viewed as individual projects to be completed separately as timing and funding allowed. Further steps will be taken to obtain quotes and timelines for the next steps following the presentation.