

## **Update on Carnegie future planning**

November 2023

### **What are we doing in November?**

Throughout November, Norfolk County Council's Communities team are gathering feedback and hosting engagement sessions on the Multi User Community Hub project and the Carnegie. This includes an online feedback form and three drop-in days in Kings Lynn.

At the same time as getting excited about the new community space and library, we are equally focused on finding a new role that befits the Carnegie building and benefits the community and we recognise we need to talk about both projects when meeting with the public and key stakeholders.

### **Our key messages to residents are that:**

- We are committed to keeping the Carnegie as a community asset – this means that there are no plans for the building to be turned into flats.
- We are also committed to preserving the building's heritage. Because the building has Grade II listed status and so is protected by law.
- We want to check back in with residents to make sure we're on the right track and to ask for any ideas and suggestions they may have

When deciding how the Carnegie building will be used in the future, we need to have a set of principles that help guide us. We need the help of residents to make sure that our decision making is based on the right priorities.

- At the moment, it's important to us that:
  - Local people benefit from the building
  - The building is used to meet the needs of the town
  - The organisation taking it over has a sound plan for the future
  - Any works to the inside of the building keeps the original or historic features
  - The new use respects not just the building itself but also the heritage that's nearby
  - The prized historic collections are a prominent feature in the new hub, freely accessible and widely promoted

Our feedback form and drop-in sessions provide a space for a discussion on the above principles and a chance for us to confirm we have got them right.

We are also asking whether there are any needs or groups of people in the community that the space could be used for and more broadly we are asking for any ideas on what the building could be used for.

The feedback form is live until 24<sup>th</sup> November.

Any interested groups or organisations can contact [communities@norfolk.gov.uk](mailto:communities@norfolk.gov.uk) to register their interest.

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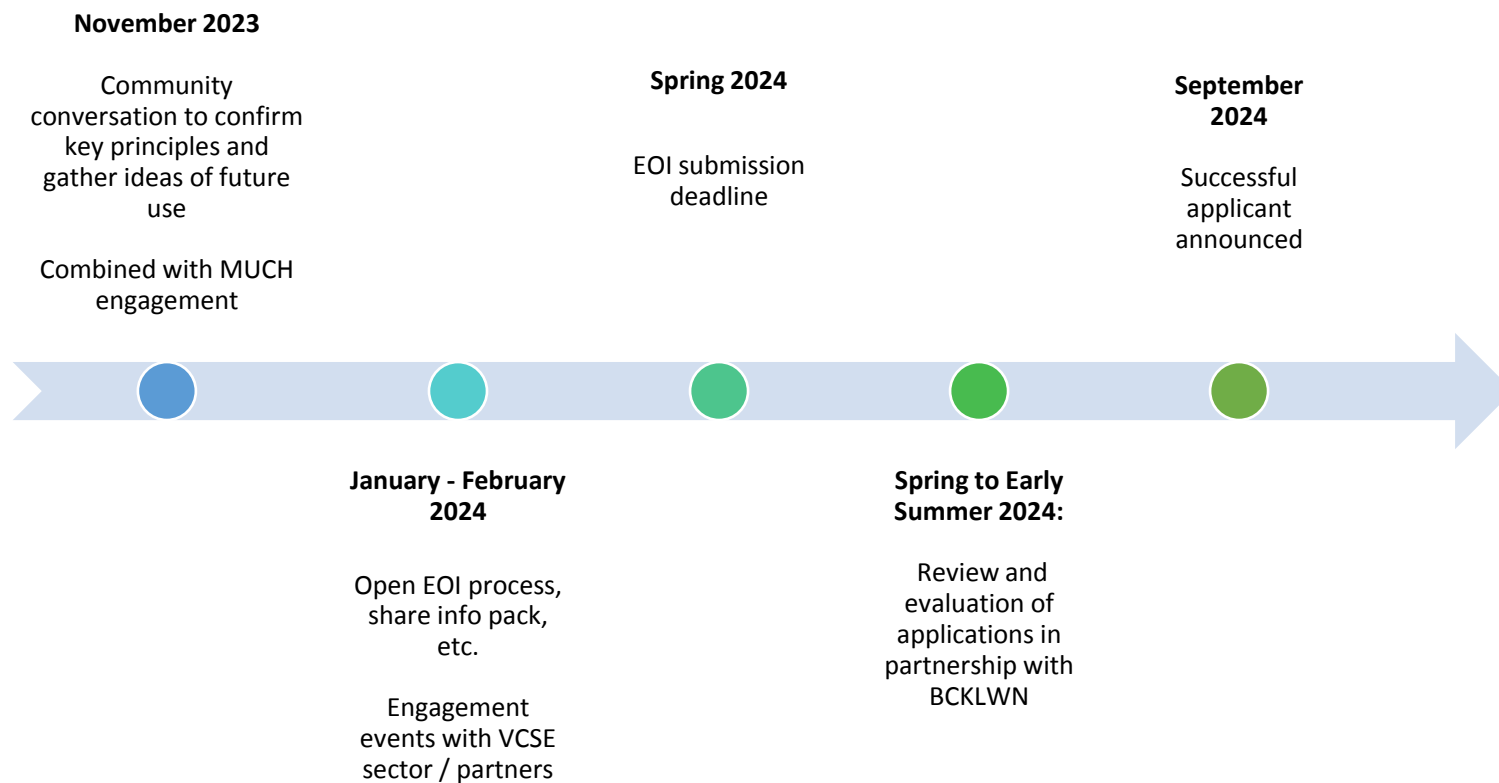
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### What happens next?

We remain committed to the activities in our original timeline, although our engagement activity is slightly later than originally planned (October) so that we could combine it with the engagement activity surrounding the Multi-User Community Hub.

At the end of November, the Communities team will produce a report summarising the feedback gathered. This feedback will be used to form the application pack and will ensure the right key principles are incorporated into the process and form our decision making.

### A revised timeline is below:



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Open days for interested parties