

Councillor: Keith Patience		
Body: Lowestoft Place Boad		
Report Date: 08/03/2024		
Meeting & date	Lowestoft Place Boad	
	06/03//2024	
Key issues discussed at the meeting(s) (relevant to LTC & its constituent bodies)	Town Centre Vacancy Rates	ļ
	26.4%or premises in Lowestoft are vacant Double the nation rate 2.5 % higher that the rest of East Suffolk	
	Vacancies taken from the Town Centre Masterplan-33 Vacancies' within the Station Quarter, 21 Vacancies within the Heart of Lowestoft, 22 vacancies within the Innovation Quarter, 29 Vacant premises within the Historic Quarter Vacancies=7% vacancy rate within core retail area, Palmers building under development	
	Footfall Dater May 22 to April 23 3,626,518 from May 23 to Jan 24 2,335,011.	
	Background to Lowestoft Rising Lowestoft Rising was set up in 2013 and just over £600,000 of investment by 5 funding partners has generated more than £4 million funding to the town, Each £ invested as generated more than £7 in return Partners were East Suffolk Council, Suffolk County Council,.ICB, Police/PCC Sponsor Group Support team and key stakeholders it was reported that from April 2024 health/Police will be unable to fund from April 0224.	
	.It was also reported that Phil Aves retires as Change Manager this summer	
	The fountains on the Royal plain will not be in operation till late 2025 due to problems getting spare parts	
	Javier Escadon from ABP gave a report about what was happening at Hamilton Dock	
	Peter Aldous MP told the meeting that he trying to get funding for the barrier gates.	
Signed Cllr Keith Patience Date 10/03/202		Date 10/03/2024