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Further investment planned for Erith

Following the Council's successful bid for a further £1.6mn from the Mayor of London's Good Growth Fund, more information about the exciting improvements planned to begin in Erith in April 2019, is now available.,

Cllr Louie French, Bexley's Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Growth said:

"I am delighted this latest round of funding will see The Riverside Gardens rejuvenated and refurbished based on designs developed in partnership with local residents and community organisations. The project will upgrade this much-loved open space to improve visibility of and engagement with the river, creating opportunities for the community to use the gardens for play, leisure activities, planting and learning".

Units 66 and 68 Pier Road that have stood empty for some years will be brought into use as a cafe and flexible community space. Early plans for the space are subject to consultation and approvals, they include a family friendly café, provision of a professional training kitchen for hire for local food businesses and cooking sessions for local families. We will also review how we can secure the long term future of 70 Pier Road.

Additional funding will also be used to support business start-ups with the provision of new office space and an opportunity to showcase their products and services in the town centre. The pedestrianised area on Erith High St will also be brightened up and improved.

Further events will also take place on Erith Pier to bring the community together and closer to the river, and to attract more people into the town and support local businesses.

These improvements will build on previous regeneration work funded by London Borough of Bexley and the Mayor via their partnership project, the 'Greater Erith Programme'. This includes the upgraded public areas at Erith station and soon to be renovated public space at the entrance to Erith Pier, as well as the renovation of the Carnegie Library building.

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- The Good Growth Fund is open to a broad range of public, private and third-sector organisations in London who want to drive regeneration in their local area. Funds are awarded to innovative, best practice regeneration activities that focus on the local community.
- This is the second round of the Mayor's Good Growth Fund. £30 million has been awarded to projects which put local communities at the heart of regeneration, enabling Londoners to actively participate in their local communities and give people a voice in shaping how the capital will grow. For more information about the Good Growth Fund go to <https://www.london.gov.uk/what-we-do/regeneration/funding-opportunities/good-growth-fund-supporting-regeneration-London>