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# The Old Town in Fredrikstad



# Status for The Old Town

- The Old Town is unique in its urbanization, and is the best preserved fortress town in Northern Europe.
- The Old Town got its current form, with street structure and fortifications around 1750.



Picture: Morten Skauen Sørmo



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- The buildings themselves have a more varying age, as they have been renewed after the many fires that have ravaged the place.
- Today, the Old Town is Fredrikstad's historic center and a very central part of our identity.
- The district is an attractive destination, visited by approx. 600.000 every year.



Picture: Hanne Skauen Sørmo



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- The Old Town is also a vibrant district with a population of approx. 300 inhabitants, trade, restaurants, museums, church, playground, galleries, office workplaces and an active cultural and association life.



Picture: Morten Skauen Sørmo



# Old town committee

## Care versus development

- The Old Town Committee was established in 1990, as a cooperation body between the municipality and relevant organizations in the Old Town.
- The committee was intended to be mutually advisory and initiating between the parties and to contribute to the parties in their respective areas making decisions. The protection and development interests was meant to be superior.
- The committee did not have any decision-making authority, but could report issues to relevant bodies in the municipality for follow-up.



# Care versus development

- The old town committee did an important job. But the lack of decision-making authority led to the need for a new overall strategy for how we will be able to balance the consideration for protection and development in the Old Town.
- The Chief municipal officer was asked to propose the establishment of a new dialogue committee for the Old Town, to replace the Old Town Committee.



# New strategy

- On 18.06.2020, the City Council approved the following:
  - A brief strategy is being prepared to revitalize the Old Town, for example "The Old Town - a vibrant district 2040". Input to strategy from Foreningen Gamle Fredrikstad and others is considered in the work ».
- It is on the basis of this political decision that the municipality now is making an overall strategy plan for the Old Town.



# What is the goals?

- In 2032, the Old Town is a living city (part) with a clear historical foundation and a high degree of authenticity. It appears attractive to residents and visitors, it is a vibrant and varied business and commercial life and it is the pride and identity symbol of the entire city.
- The Old Town is recognized nationally and internationally as a significant military-historical cultural monument and attractive destination. A large number of visitors and many attractions and cultural events throughout the year is contributing to a varied and profitable business life.







Picture: Ricardo Skyrud



Picture: Morten Skauen Sørmø





Picture: Martin Fredheim





Picture: Trine Simes





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# Questions?



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