

# DARLINGTON BOROUGH COUNCIL

## DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD

**Date:** 28 July 2020

**Present: (Teams Meeting)**

Councillor Heather Scott (Chair)  
Ian Williams  
Angela Howey  
Kate Roe  
Sarah Walker  
Yvonne Richardson  
Mark Ladyman  
Chris Mains  
Jake Tompkins  
Michael Houghton  
Adrian Green  
Julie Wallin

**Apologies:**

Paul Wildsmith  
Alison Fellows  
Peter Gibson MP  
David Robinson

**Officer Completing Log:** Chris Mains

No:	DISCUSSION/AGREED OUTCOMES
1.	Councillor Scott opened the meeting by thanking everyone for attending and for their contribution to date in the preparation of the bid to the Governments Town Fund.
2.	Mark Ladyman and Chris Mains then delivered a PowerPoint presentation, which had been circulated to members in advance.  i) Background on the Town Fund. Including reference to the £1M Forward Funding letter from Government.  ii) Detail on the requirements and proposals for the £1M Forward Funding.  iii) Detail on the key points within the Towns Fund Further Guidance, issued by Government in June 2020.  iv) Review of proposed intervention projects and prioritisation.  v) Next steps.

3.	As agreed at the Board meeting of 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2020, the proposal is for submission of the Town Investment Plan to Government on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2020.
4.	In advance of the meeting a draft letter to Government identifying project proposals for the £1M Forward Funding was provided. Discussion was held regarding the four proposals, detailing how the projects will deliver the ambitions of the funding, including the target delivery date of 31 <sup>st</sup> March 2021. The projects include; town centre lighting; enhancements to two Yards in the town centre; town centre Wi-Fi; and Northgate House proposals. It was agreed to proceed and issue the letter alongside the Town Investment Plan on 31 <sup>st</sup> July 2020.
5.	An overview of key points in the issued Towns Fund further guidance were reviewed. Additional technical support has been provided by Government. Following issue of the Town Investment Plan it will be reviewed and if acceptable we will progress to agreement of Heads of Terms, followed by development of Business Cases for each project. If the Town Investment Plan requires further work, we have the opportunity to resubmitted.
6.	The prioritisation of the long list of projects in the key areas was progressed and agreed. This final prioritisation matrix to be provided to members following this meeting.
7.	<b>It was agreed to submit the Town Investment Plan to Government, including the prioritised projects, on the 31<sup>st</sup> July 2020.</b>
8.	Future meeting schedule to be notified and agreed.