

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Tuesday 5th October 2021

Present

Kate Roe (Chair)	Chris Mains
Adam Suleiman	Councillor Heather Scott
Adrian Green	Yvonne Richardson
Ian Williams	Alison Fellows
Nathan Pearce	David Grieveson
Mark Pickering	Brett Nielson
Peter Gibson MP	Julie Wallin

Apologies:

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Officer Completing Log: Nathan Pearce

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	Apologies: Angela Howey, Mark Ladyman, Gavin Peace, David Robinson	
2.	<p>KR welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.</p> <p>Previous actions:</p> <p>CM clarified that November 15th was the deadline for the remaining business cases, as it currently stands.</p>	
3.	<p>Sub-Groups</p> <p>CM updated on early plans to get speakers and project development resource into the sub-groups at the appropriate times.</p> <p><u>Urban Regeneration Sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further meetings or updates since the last board <p><u>Education & Skills Sub-group</u></p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A productive discussion has taken place regarding the functioning and operation of the Adult Skills facility to ensure it meets the needs of the community. A report is being finalised. • Discussions on TLevel developments, specifically around promoting the TLevel project within schools and further engaging with potential employer partners. • YR proposed that community engagement should continue and that conversations with parents and grandparents could be productive. <p><u>Heritage and Culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further meetings or updates since the last board <p>YR asked that the Heritage and Culture sub-group be clarified on strategy of the sub-group to increase value.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Update Presentation CM shared an update presentation covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Forward Funding Projects Progress - Communications/Engagement - Business Cases <p>Forward Funding Projects Progress:</p> <p>The Yards Phase 1 Yard’s phase 1 is ongoing and awaiting shopfront planning approval, which is imminent. CCTV upgrade is ongoing and soon to be completed Lights in Clark’s and Buckton’s Yard are up and working. Green wall has been put on hold until spring 2022 due to weather concerns. Alley access to Yards, via High Row, will not be closed on the run up to Christmas and scheduled improvement works will now take place early 2022.</p> <p>Lighting Enhancements Finalising lighting installations.</p> <p>Town Centre Wi-Fi Victoria Road Wi-Fi is now operational and extends from town centre to train station.</p> <p>Communications/Engagement A press release is being developed with communications colleagues to highlight the work undertaken thus far.</p>	

<p>Business Cases CM working towards November 15th deadline for remaining business case completion. The next Towns Board is 16th November, an extension is to be explored.</p> <p>Funding Annex 1 - Financial Profile has been provided to DLUHC. Current funding: Received £1 million for accelerated funding. £575k for Adult Skills project.</p> <p>Anticipated October funding outlined: Total c.£1,47 million c.£490k CEK for Adult Skills project. c.£1,37 CDEL for Skinnergate and Yards project. c.£98k REDEL revenue. c.£900k 5% CDEL funding</p> <p>Further funding anticipated for 21/22 following completion of business cases.</p> <p>CM clarified that the funding will be released as Section 31 funding.</p> <p>AS clarified that the Annex C summaries submitted to date have been accepted by DLUHC.</p> <p>AS clarified that the 6 monthly financial reporting will include the 5% development funding.</p> <p>CM gave a project-by-project update for the three projects with agreed Annex C summary submissions:</p> <p>TLevels: College to deliver TLevels from September 2022 Design is underway.</p> <p>Adult skills: Procurement of design consultant is underway.</p> <p>PG asked about how the project will interact with current learning and skills provision. CM clarified that a report is being developed by invested stakeholders which would provide further clarity.</p> <p>Skinnergate and Yards: Phase 1 of the Yards project is now concluding. Outstanding items will be taken forward into the main project. A public realm/highway specific engagement process has commenced.</p>	
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	<p>Remaining Business Cases: TVCA currently assessing RHQ business case. Annex C summary to be submitted to DLUHC November 2021.</p> <p>PG asked if the current system and process is flexible to acquire key strategic properties once they become available. CM clarified that the business cases are written to allow for acquisitions where appropriate.</p> <p>IW elaborated that property acquisition would have to be taken on a case-by-case basis and that there are mechanisms to facilitate the purchasing of key property.</p> <p>The Bank Top business case is complete and with TVCA for review.</p> <p>The Business Cases will be completed, and Annex C summary documents presented to the November Towns Board for consideration and if acceptable progress the documents for submission to Government (subject to agreement by the DBC S151 Officer)</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>CM highlighted some positive engagement and reaction regarding the delivery of a Towns Fund presentation at the Darlington Business Forum.</p> <p>There has been an approach from the University of Southampton regarding Culture and Heritage. A letter of support has been given and may lead to some funded research support.</p> <p>An updated Towns Fund press release is imminent. Release to be aligned with the funding confirmation.</p>	
	<p>ACTIONS</p> <p>Development and strategy of the Heritage and Culture sub-group.</p> <p>Clarity around Adult Skills provision.</p> <p>Business cases finished and signed off before deadline</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>
6.	<p>Future meetings: Tuesday 16 November at 10.00am Wednesday 22 December at 10.30am</p>	<p>All</p>