

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Wednesday 25th August 2021

Present

Angela Howey (Chair)	Chris Mains
Adam Suleiman	Mark Ladyman
Gavin Peace	Yvonne Richardson
Ian Williams	Sarah Walker (attending obo Alison)
Nathan Pearce	David Grieveson

Apologies:

Councillor Heather Scott, Adrian Green, Alison Fellows, David Robinson, Julie Wallin, Kate Roe, Mark Pickering, Peter Gibson MP

Officer Completing Log: Nathan Pearce

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	Apologies: Councillor Heather Scott, Adrian Green, Alison Fellows, David Robinson, Julie Wallin, Kate Roe, Mark Pickering, Peter Gibson MP	
2.	AH welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were no updates or queries following previous minutes or actions. David Grieveson and Nathan Pearce were introduced to the board and will be joining the board ongoing.	
3.	Sub-Groups <u>Urban Regeneration Sub-group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Members of the sub-group undertook a site visit of ongoing and future development sites within the town centre. A visit to the community engagement event in North Lodge Park was also included. <u>Education & Skills Sub-group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Business case regarding the Adult Skills project is now with MHCLG for review and building acquisition set for completion. • A name for the centre is to be considered. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • List for potential stakeholders is being compiled • Procurement of the designer is to be commenced. • RHQ and Edward Pease House projects will link in and synergise within this sub-group. • There have been suggestions to utilise students for project work and marketing support. To be explored. <p><u>Heritage and Culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ML conducted a walkaround with the sub-group and discussed ambitions on heritage area and market hall. <p>Suggestions made to amend the frequency of the Town Board and increase frequency of the sub-groups as required. Will be reviewed ongoing.</p>	
4.	<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 Yards phase 1 is still ongoing and current. New plantings have been installed and further benches added. Green wall aspect is still to be completed although may be delayed to spring 2022. Improvements to Mechanics Yard being investigated.</p> <p>Lighting Enhancements Finalising lighting installations.</p> <p>Town Centre Wi-Fi Wi-Fi has been installed in the Town Centre and is operational. Further works to be completed at Victoria Road in line with project plan.</p> <p>Communications/Engagement Website has been updated with current projects and information.</p> <p>Business Cases Exact deadline date for submission being confirmed. CM to clarify to the board as soon as possible. Three business cases were completed in July 2021:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TLevels, • Adult Skills • Skinnergate and Yards. 	CM

	<p>Business cases were submitted to TVCA and associated risk reviews provided. Annex C summaries have been signed and submitted to MHCLG.</p> <p>TL Levels: Ongoing and due to start imminently. Initial risks identified as; demand, capital cost, and planning.</p> <p>Adult skills: Designer for ground floor to be procured. Building purchase is imminent. Risks identified as detail on layout needs developing, capital cost, ongoing revenue costs, and planning requirements.</p> <p>Skinnergate and Yards: Local businesses will continue to be engaged. Phase 1 of the project is still ongoing and is progressing in line with project plan. A consultant has been appointed to undertake highways and public realm engagement. The residential scheme on Skinnergate has received planning approval. Risks identified as capital cost, conservation area, property ownerships, and planning approvals.</p> <p>Remaining Business Cases: RHQ business case is currently being assessed by TVCA. Consequently, an Annex C summary can be submitted to MHCLG.</p> <p>The Victoria Road and Bank Top business case are targeted for review at the October Towns Board.</p> <p>North Road, Linear Park, and Edward Pease House projects are targeted for November Towns Board.</p> <p>CM outlined the key actions:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Complete remaining business cases.2. Produce remaining Annex C summary documents.3. Develop further engagement plans.4. Development and delivery of ongoing projects.5. Deliver milestone plan. <p>YR raised concerns on maintaining the green walls proposed on the Skinnergate and Yards projects. CM clarified that a maintenance plan will be included.</p>	
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	<p>AH raised concerns for the telecommunication masts that are atop the affected buildings and how these might be impacted during development. ML confirmed awareness of this key matter.</p> <p>CM asked SW confirmed that the business case local assurance process has been working well to date.</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>No further business.</p>	
6.	<p>Future meetings: Tuesday 5 October at 2.00pm Tuesday 16 November at 10.00am Wednesday 22 December at 10.30am</p>	All