

**DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**  
**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2021**

**Present**

Angela Howey (Chair)	Ian Williams
Mark Ladyman	Peter Gibson MP
David Robinson	Yvonne Richardson
Julie Wallin	
Councillor Heather Scott	
Brett Nielson	
Kate Roe	

**Apologies:**

Chris Mains, Nathan Pearce, Gavin Peace, Adam Suleiman, Mark Pickering, Adrian Green

**Officer Completing Log: Mark Ladyman**

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	<b>Apologies:</b> Alison Fellows	
2.	The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.	
3.	<p><b>Sub-Groups</b></p> <p><u>Urban Regeneration Sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• No further meetings or updates since the last board.</li> <li>• CM is arranging meeting with Peter Gibson to examine the areas of intervention and develop a clear programme of work.</li> </ul> <p><u>Education &amp; Skills Sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Updated that we are progressing the acquisition of the building to be used as the adult skills facility. Architects are to be appointed conditional on purchase of the Northern Echo building.</li> <li>• Stakeholders have been engaged and a specification for the adult skills centre has been developed further by internal teams and Darlington College.</li> <li>• Easter 2023 provisionally targeted as conclusion of the project. However, the delay in building acquisition is noted.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• TLevel facility project is moving at pace and an initial design has been completed. Darlington College are moving forward with tender opportunities and planning requirements.</li> </ul> <p><u>Heritage and Culture Sub-Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The sub-group met with Brightwater to where a presentation and discussion was held on the proposals for celebrating Darlington’s heritage were discussed.</li> <li>• Brightwater to be invited to future Board meeting.</li> </ul>	
4.	<p><b>Update Presentation</b></p> <p>ML shared an update presentation covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Projects progress</li> <li>- Update following the completion of the business cases</li> </ul> <p>ML informed the Board that the sign-off and submission to Government of the business case summaries was completed by the deadline 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021.</p> <p><b>Forward Funding Projects Progress:</b></p> <p><b>Current funding update:</b>          Received £1M for accelerated funding.          £1.065M for Adult Skills project.          £1.470M for TLevel Project.          £1.372M or Skinnergate and Yards.          £948K 5% advance programme funding.</p> <p>Further funding to be released subject to agreement of the business case summaries by government.</p>	
5.	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>Consideration of potential agenda items for future Town Board meetings were discussed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Heritage Trail and coordination</li> <li>- Accessibility</li> <li>- Stakeholder &amp; Engagement Plans</li> <li>- Northgate Conservation Study and Masterplan</li> <li>- Project progress updates</li> </ul>	
	<p><b>ACTIONS</b></p> <p>Sharing of the updated funding profile.</p>	CM

6.	<b>Future meetings:</b> Wednesday 23 February 2022 Monday 4 April 2022	All
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