

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Tuesday 16th November 2021

Present

Kate Roe (Chair)	Chris Mains
Mark Ladyman	Councillor Heather Scott
David Robinson	Yvonne Richardson
Julie Wallin	Alison Fellows
Nathan Pearce	David Grieveson
Brett Nielson	

Apologies:

Angela Howey, Gavin Peace, Ian Williams, Peter Gibson MP, Adam Suleiman, Mark Pickering, Adrian Green

Officer Completing Log: Nathan Pearce

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	Apologies: Angela Howey, Gavin Peace, Ian Williams, Peter Gibson MP, Adam Suleiman, Mark Pickering, Adrian Green	
2.	KR welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.	
3.	Sub-Groups <u>Urban Regeneration Sub-group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further meetings or updates since the last board. • CM discussed the need for the sub-group to be defined further. To be actioned. <u>Education & Skills Sub-group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting was held on 2nd November 2021 • 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. • Stakeholders have been engaged and a specification for the adult skills centre has been developed further by internal teams and Darlington College. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Easter 2023 provisionally targeted as conclusion of the project. However the delay in building acquisition is noted. • 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. <p><u>Heritage and Culture Sub-Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • No further meetings or updates since the last board • Meetings with Brightwater to be set up with the aim of developing the heritage trail <p>ML updated that stakeholders invested in the old Newcastle Building Society building on Skinnergate are currently being approached.</p>	
4.	<p>Update Presentation</p> <p>CM shared an update presentation covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Projects progress - Update following the completion of the business cases <p>CM clarified that the deadline for sign-off and submission to government of the business case summaries is 30th November 2021.</p> <p>Forward Funding Projects Progress:</p> <p>Current funding update: 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> <p>Skinnergate & The Yards Work in The Yards is continuing and moving onto further phases.</p> <p>3 shopfronts have received planning permission to be completed in the new year.</p> <p>Shopfronts are being developed within Post House Wynd also.</p> <p>TLevels: College to deliver TLevels from September 2022</p>	

<p>Initial design is agreed and progressing to a tender stage. Funding agreement between DBC and Darlington College to be developed.</p> <p>Adult skills: Acquisition of the Northern Echo building is progressing.</p> <p>Procurement of design consultant has progressed, and appointment will be made conditional on the building acquisition.</p> <p>CM updated that the library refurbishment to start imminently and that the site operatives propose to utilise the Northern Echo building until required by the Adult Skills project.</p> <p>Skinnergate and Yards: A public realm/highway specific engagement process has commenced and is ongoing.</p> <p>YR asked that the cycling groups would be included as part of the engagement process.</p> <p>HS asked that takeaway and restaurant feedback is sought proactively to ensure that the feedback is considered in good time. ML concurred.</p> <p>YR asked that consideration should be given to the installation of a permanent notice to ensure full coverage regarding the consultation and engagement.</p> <p>ML updated on the residential scheme. Planning has been supportive and final costings are being developed. Tenders are beginning to be developed with start date early in 2022</p> <p>Remaining Business Cases (BC):</p> <p>Railway Heritage Quarter TVCA BC has been completed and reviewed by TVCA.</p> <p>Bank Top has had an overall BC for the railway station developments. Town Fund will look to support developments to the west of station at the top of Victoria Road.</p> <p>Linear Park BC has been completed and is being reviewed by TVCA.</p> <p>BN asked about what scope there are to amend the business cases for scope and revenue implications. CM clarified that the works could be value engineered to work within available budgets. There is opportunity for funding review by the Towns Fund as more information becomes available.</p>	
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	<p>AF and ML noted the risk management would be crucial throughout the development of the projects.</p> <p>YR reiterated the potential for the projects and provided insight on the prospective developments.</p> <p>North Road & Northgate House BC has been completed.</p> <p>Edward Pease House BC has been completed.</p> <p>Victoria Road. A proportionate business case to be completed and submitted for review.</p> <p>CM highlighted that Annex C summaries have been completed and provided for consideration to the Towns Board, as well as summaries of the business cases.</p> <p>CM is seeking agreement to issue the remaining six Annex C documents to MLUHC.</p> <p>The board agreed that all the Annex C documents to progress and be issued to MLUHC ahead of the November 30th deadline.</p> <p>CM shared the updated funding profile and will share to all board members</p>	
5.	<p>AOB</p> <p>There has been no further progress on the Southampton University resources opportunity.</p> <p>AF clarified that an assessment on Linear Park BC would be delivered on Friday.</p>	
	<p>ACTIONS</p> <p>Sharing of the updated funding profile.</p>	CM
6.	<p>Future meetings: Wednesday 22 December at 10.30am</p>	All