

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Wednesday 23rd February 2022

Present

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| Kate Roe (Chair) | Ian Williams |
| Mark Ladyman | Peter Gibson MP |
| Julie McCartney | Yvonne Richardson |
| Mark Pickering | Chris Mains |
| Councillor Heather Scott | Nathan Pearce (part) |
| Adrian Green | |
| Adam Suleiman | |

Apologies:

Gavin Peace, David Robinson, Angela Howey, Alison Fellows, Julie Wallin, Brett Nielson

Officer Completing Log: Chris Mains

| No. | DISCUSSION | ACTIONS |
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| 1. | Apologies | |
| 2. | The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate. | |
| 3. | <p>Sub-Groups</p> <p><u>Urban Regeneration Sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meeting held 21st February. • Review and scrutiny of current concept proposals for the town centre former Sports Direct site. This will be considered further, and options considered for further considered by the group. <p><u>Education & Skills Sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Confirmation provided that DBC have acquired the Northern Echo building in Priestgate. • Architects have been appointed and initial meeting held to clarify the brief. • A key stakeholder meeting was held on 14th February, which agreed to arrange a visioning session with the College and DBC Learning and Skills. • A Sub-Group is arranged for the 2nd. | |

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| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 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. Funding agreement to be progressed and agreed. <p><u>Heritage and Culture Sub-Group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A presentation by Brightwater was provided to the Board at this meeting. | |
| 4. | <p>Heritage Trail presentation</p> <p>A presentation relating to the development of a new Heritage Trail within Darlington was provided by Paul Black from Brightwater. This will be developed further in consultation with the Heritage Sub-Group and brought back to the Board at the appropriate time.</p> | |
| 5. | <p>Update Presentation</p> <p>CM shared an update presentation covering:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Funding and reporting update - Project progress updates - Key risks <p>CM informed the Board that the 21/22 funding has been agreed by government for the remaining six projects, receipt of this funding is expected 24th February 2022.</p> <p>Received to date:</p> <p>Capital;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £1,000,000 Forward/accelerated funding. • £1,065,000 Adult Skills project. • £1,470,000 TLevels project. • £1,372,000 The Skinnergate and the Yards project. • £850,400 5% advance funding. <p>Revenue;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £98,000 Programme development • £243,029 Capacity funding <p>Further funding to be released as referred to above and in future years subject to assessment of satisfactory by government.</p> <p>DLUHC Assurance and Performance reporting;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Section 151 Officer – Assurance return 18th February - Towns Fund Performance: programme return 18th February - Towns Board Chair return – due by 11th March | CM |

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| | General update of all projects was provided and discussed by the board. | |
| 5. | <p>AOB</p> <p>Consideration of potential agenda items for future Town Board meetings:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Accessibility. <i>Further engagement with DAD to be undertaken.</i> - Stakeholder & Engagement Plans - Northgate Conservation Study and Masterplan. <i>To be presented at next Towns Board</i> - Specific project updates | CM |
| | <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>Sharing of the update presentation and heritage presentation.</p> | CM |
| 6. | <p>Future meeting:</p> <p>16th May 2022</p> | All |