

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Monday 4th April 2022

Present

Angela Howey (Chair)	Chris Mains
Mark Ladyman	Councillor Heather Scott
Kate Roe	Yvonne Richardson
Kirsty Weston	Mark Pickering
Nathan Pearce	Ian Williams
Brett Nielson	Adam Suleiman
Peter Gibson MP	

Apologies:

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Officer Completing Log: Nathan Pearce

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	Apologies: Gavin Peace, Adrian Green, Sarah Walker, Chris Farlow, David Robinson	
2.	AH welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.	
3.	Following the success of their research bid, the University of Southampton shared a presentation covering the work included within 'Feeling Towns'. This work is to be undertaken alongside DBC, in the summer of 2022: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Designed to focus on developing metrics for pride in place. • Contribute and develop the empirical evidence to understand the capital interventions and the resulting impact on communities. • Clarification was given insofar that research can be drawn on from previous knowledge exchange, and similar and ongoing projects to encourage richness of outputs. • Special focus will be placed on those that are hardest to engage. • Understand how identity and culture will help to generate private investment in Darlington. 	

	<p>KR raised that children and young people should be engaged as part of the project. This was agreed.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Sub-Groups</p> <p><u>Urban Regeneration Sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous sub-group agenda centred around a presentation from architects and proposals for regeneration in the town centre. • Further commissioning for architects to review additional, potential areas for development for discussion at the sub-group. • A further meeting of the sub-group is planned within the next month. <p><u>Education & Skills Sub-group</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Next steps for development on the Adult Skills Centre is to facilitate a workshop to develop operational strategy and how the facility will work. Attended by Darlington College and DBC Learning & Skills teams. • Meetings have been undertaken with potential partners to assist in operational sustainability. • TLevels project - tenders to be returned week commencing 04/04. They will then be evaluated. • The group membership is to be expanded. <p><u>Heritage and Culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Work is developing in the background to facilitate the group and ensure effective progress. • A further meeting is arranged for the end of the month. • CM and YR to converse to refine the attendance. 	<p>CM</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Northgate Masterplan</p> <p>CM shared a video presentation covering the Northgate urban masterplan:</p> <p>A consultant has been engaged to follow up the initial works with a more specific piece of work for the area.</p> <p>£700K has been secured from the Environment Agency for works around the River Skerne in Northgate. The specific project is to be defined.</p> <p>HS asked for clarification on Northgate House and how engagement might take place regarding the changes to area.</p>	

	<p>CM clarified that an engagement plan will be produced. ML clarified that whilst some of the Towns Fund projects can be delivered in-house; some of the more complex projects should be delivered in partnership with private investment.</p> <p>CM to update on engagement proposals at next Board meeting.</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>
6.	<p>Brilliant People</p> <p>CM shared an update on `Brilliant People` presentation, recently delivered at the Houses of Parliament. The presentation was considered a success.</p> <p>PG added that the presentation was very effective and extended the sentiment to all the presentations delivered. A very effective initiative which resonated soundly.</p>	
7.	<p>Update Presentation</p> <p>CM delivered a brief update presentation.</p> <p>Further funding to be released April 2022. An additional evaluation return is to be submitted in June 2022.</p> <p>Skinnergate & The Yards</p> <p>Public realm – a two stage engagement process has taken place. Handover to Highway Engineers next step in development.</p> <p>Residential development – Works ongoing to facilitate the safe and effective redevelopment.</p> <p>Property enhancements – Over 50 property enhancements in delivery pipeline with more identified. Delivery ongoing.</p> <p>Drop-in engagement session planned for the end of April. To be held in Skinnergate on 27th April.</p> <p>AH emphasised that an engagement plan and outputs need to be more fully developed across the Towns Fund.</p> <p>TLevels: Tenders are due to be returned and evaluated.</p> <p>Adult skills: Workshop to be conducted between Darlington College and DBC Learning and Skills Teams.</p>	<p>CM</p>

	ML and CM hosted potential 3 rd party development partners who are due to submit proposals to support in developing high-quality office space in the building.	
8.	AOB No AOB	
9.	ACTIONS CM and YR to develop agenda and attendees of Heritage and Culture sub-group. CM to share documents covered for further reading and scrutiny CM to develop engagement plans for Northgate.	CM CM CM
10.	Future meetings: Monday 16 th May 2022 – 10:30am	All