

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Monday 16th May 2022

Present :

Kate Roe (Chair)	Chris Mains
Mark Ladyman	Councillor Heather Scott
Julie McCartney	Yvonne Richardson
Katy Tate	Mark Pickering
Nathan Pearce	Ian Williams
Brett Nielson	Adam Suleiman
Peter Gibson MP	

Apologies:

David Robinson, Angela Howey, Adrian Green, Chris Farlow

Officer Completing Log: Nathan Pearce

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	Apologies: David Robinson, Angela Howey, Adrian Green, Chris Farlow	
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"> • Concept plans tabled for town centre site and how this will dovetail with work on the ex-Sports Direct site. • Ex-sports direct site being demolished at present. <u>Education & skills sub-group</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contractor delivering the TLevels project at Darlington College has been chosen following completion of procurement. A letter of intent has been issued. • The Northern Echo building has now been mostly cleared and is now more accessible. • An operations meeting has taken place between Darlington College, DBC learning & skills teams, and other relevant 	

	<p>stakeholders to discuss challenges and opportunities associated with the Adult Skills facility.</p> <p><u>Heritage and culture</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential Culture and Heritage trail opportunities being developed by partners, ready for engagement. • Pilot road train feasibility project is ongoing • Options for site murals proposed. External support and guidance to be developed. • Meeting and engagement with Historic England has taken place. 	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Brilliant People</p> <p>An update on the Brilliant People Programme was given by KT.</p> <p>This programme was considered a resounding success and highlighted the achievements and opportunities Darlington are involved in.</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Update Presentation</p> <p>CM delivered an update presentation.</p> <p>Total capital received to date now exceeds £10 million.</p> <p>Towns Fund programme and performance return due to be completed by 10th June 2022 and returned to Government.</p> <p>Skinnergate & The Yards</p> <p>The green wall installation to be erected by the end of May subject to installation challenges.</p> <p>Renovations to the Yard alleyways to start after Jubilee weekend to lessen impact on businesses.</p> <p>Public realm – project is now with DBC Highways teams for design and programming.</p> <p>Residential development – Design progressing and preparing for tender.</p> <p>Property enhancements – Significant number of property enhancements in delivery pipeline with more identified. Delivery ongoing.</p> <p>The Skinnergate engagement event held on 27th April was considered a success, attracting members of the public and</p>	

	<p>businesses. Similar events and continuous engagement options are being considered to maintain communication.</p> <p>PG raised query on how the current scaffolding on Skinnergate can be upgraded visually.</p> <p>TLevels:</p> <p>Funding agreement confirmed between DBC and Darlington College.</p> <p>Letter of intent delivered to successful delivery partner following thorough procurement process</p> <p>Adult skills:</p> <p>Concept designs, consultation, and relevant surveys are progressing.</p> <p>Vision workshop undertaken to align priorities between DBC and Darlington College.</p> <p>Northgate</p> <p>A proposal for engagement on Northgate was shared by CM. Highlighted existing and ongoing engagement.</p> <p>Ideas shared about focused engagement in the Northgate Town Fund area. This should be both online and in-person.</p> <p>Dates to be finalised and circulated in good time.</p> <p>A concept plan first draft for the linear park towns fund project was shared. This will inform the engagement proposals.</p>	
8.	<p>AOB</p> <p>Feeling Towns update: a meeting has been held with Southampton University. A further update will be provided at the next board meeting.</p>	CM
9.	<p>ACTIONS</p> <p>CM to share further detail regarding Northgate engagement opportunities.</p> <p>CM to give update on Feeling Towns work package at next meeting</p>	<p>CM</p> <p>CM</p>

10.	Future meetings: Monday 27 th June 2022 – 09:30am	All
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