

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Monday 31st October

Present :

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| Angela Howey (Chair) | Chris Mains |
| Kate Roe | Councillor Jonathan Dulston |
| Brett Nielson | Yvonne Richardson |
| Peter Gibson MP | Mark Ladyman |
| Nathan Pearce | Ian Williams |
| Julie McCartney | Richard Allen |
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Officer Completing Log: Nathan Pearce

| No. | DISCUSSION | ACTIONS |
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| 1. | Apologies: Chris Farlow | |
| 2. | AH welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate. | |
| 3. | <p>Update presentation</p> <p>CM gave an update presentation, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Towns Deal finances. Early warning of projects at risk of deliverability were outlined and made transparent to the board. - Identified the requirement for a Monitoring & Evaluation performance evaluation is to be returned to DLUHC by 16th December. This will be reviewed at the next Town Board on the 12th of December. - CM updated on the ongoing Towns Fund projects. <p>Work is ongoing in Skinnergate, Yards & Post House Wynd with no major concerns or issues for the board. Several key milestones have been achieved with more to be delivered in the coming weeks.</p> | CM |

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| | <p>An urban green space on Commercial Street, Northgate is in development for completion near future.</p> <p>A design layout for the ground floor of the Northern Echo Building for the proposed Adult Skills has progressed. Project support has been obtained and a draft programme will be shared with the board in due course.</p> <p>Completion of the TLevels project is outlined for early 2023. Funding has been secured to enhance the Mechanical & Electrical plant within the facility to futureproof the delivery of skills.</p> <p>Concept designs for the Garden Street area are developed and progress will be shared at the board in the future.</p> <p>A formal offer to purchase Northgate House has been sent to owner, but not accepted at this time.</p> <p>156 Northgate is on the cusp of acquisition with early concepts having been developed and costed for its proposed future use.</p> <p>Victoria Road has had early strategy development and some change partners have been engaged to support the project.</p> | |
| <p>4.</p> | <p>Victoria Road</p> <p>A creative strategy is being developed in conjunction with appointed change partners.</p> <p>Early ideas for a ‘pocket park’ for the bottom of the street are being progressed.</p> <p>Understanding capacities from the Town Centre Team to extend their remit to Victoria Road also being explored.</p> <p>Considerations from the board to set-up a working group to take a holistic approach regarding the positive development of Victoria Road.</p> | |
| <p>5.</p> | <p>Northgate Acquisitions – 156 Northgate</p> <p>Currently in the process of acquiring the property – the Board has agreed to proceed with acquisition of the property.</p> <p>Concept design and initial cost estimations have been undertaken.</p> | |

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| 7. | <p>Town Deal Projects – Review</p> <p>ML put forward suggestions to re-develop identified Towns Fund Projects to maximise benefits based on current priorities and demands for the town.</p> <p>Potential proposals were shared with the board.</p> <p>Further development of the proposals will be undertaken and brought back to the board.</p> <p>Update of external spend and proposed spend in relation to developing the Town Fund bid, business case development and also the proposal received to evaluate the proposed changes discussed. These costs (added following the meeting) are identified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Consultant costs leading up to Town Fund bid submission in July 2020 - £0 - External consultant support to develop all nine business cases (excludes TVCA support) - £68,800 - External consultant support. Proposed/suggested project approach - £9,950 | |
| 8. | <p>AOB</p> <p>CM announced that NP will be leaving the Towns Fund Team in November.</p> <p>CM shared the first episode of the Towns Fund TV shorts.</p> | |
| 9. | <p>ACTIONS</p> <p>CM to share performance & monitoring evaluation with the board.</p> <p>CM to share draft programme for the Northern Echo Building/Adult Skills project with the board as it is available</p> <p>CM to add accurate figure for external consultants costs. (added to the minutes following the Town Board meeting)</p> | <p>CM</p> <p>CM</p> |
| 10. | <p>Future meetings:</p> <p>Monday 12th December 2022</p> | |