

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Monday 12th December 2022

Present :

Angela Howey (Chair)	Chris Mains
Kate Roe	Councillor Jonathan Dulston
Brett Nielson	Yvonne Richardson
Peter Gibson MP	Mark Ladyman
	Ian Williams
	Richard Allen

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	Apologies:	
2.	AH welcomed everyone to the meeting. The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.	
3.	Update presentation CM gave an update presentation, including; <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. - Provided an overview of the requirements for the Monitoring & Evaluation performance evaluation to be returned to DLUHC by 16th December. This was addressed in further detail in item 4 of this Board meeting. - Updated on the ongoing Towns Fund projects. Work continues 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.	

	<p>An update was provided on progress with the proposed urban green space on Commercial Street, Northgate.</p> <p>A draft design layout for the ground floor of the Northern Echo Building for the proposed Adult Skills has been agreed. Preliminary Market Testing for use of the whole building is currently out to tender via NEPO. Risk appraisal is underway, and a business case is to be developed which considers the whole building.</p> <p>Completion of the TLevels project is expected in early February. Expected to be achieved within budget. An opening event is to be coordinated.</p> <p>Concept designs for the Garden Street area are developed. Awaiting outcome of LUF proposal.</p> <p>DBC Cabinet have agreed to progress the process for Compulsory Purchase Order of Northgate House, should this be required. A further revised offer is to be sent to the Owner of the building following this Board meeting.</p> <p>156 Northgate has now been acquired. A tender process has been undertaken to secure full design services. The return will be reviewed and if acceptable award made to progress the development of this project.</p> <p>Victoria Road project has progressed the creative strategy and development of improvement opportunities. Item 5 of this Board meeting addresses this further.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p>Monitoring and Evaluation return</p> <p>Reference was made to the draft return information provided to the Board in advance of the Board meeting.</p> <p>The following was discussed, noted and/or agreed;</p> <p>M&E performance monitoring return required by Friday 16 December 2022.</p> <p><u>Performance Monitoring Template</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To prepare for releasing Annual Payments for 2023/24 • Report from 1st April – 30th September 2022. • The return is to be signed off by S151 Officer and Town Deal Board Chair <p>The content of the return was discussed, and a current financial position provided.</p>	

	<p>Noted that the following are also for completion and return.</p> <p><u>Baseline Reporting Template.</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Baseline reporting template to be completed for all projects. • Return requires sign off from S151 Officer and return by 16th December <p><u>Assurance Review</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Statement of grant usage to be completed and return signed by S151 Officer – deadline for return 20th December 2022. <p>The Town Board noted the requirements and agreed to the completion and submission of the M&E return documents to government.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p>Victoria Road engagement</p> <p>The Board were informed of the current progress position with regard to this project;</p> <p>Creative Strategy draft has been developed Pocket park at roundabout on site to be updated Public engagement held 8th December Interim feedback week commencing 12th December - early indications are very positive in response to the proposals</p> <p>Discussed the good level of engagement and willingness within the community to engage moving forward.</p> <p>Next Steps identified as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Complete pocket park works. - Prepare engagement report - Refine Creative Strategy following engagement and agree - Identify initial works proposals and engage - Commence delivery – design and works 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Discover Darlington</p> <p>The Board discussed Discover Darlington. This is a short series of television programmes which have been produced to highlight the town’s hidden gems and explain how the Towns Fund will regenerate some of our most historic areas.</p> <p>Discover Darlington was filmed around the town in late summer and is presented by The Northern Echo’s local history expert Chris Lloyd.</p>	

	<p>The series commenced on Thursday December 8th and will be shown on Freeview channel 7, Sky 107 and Virgin channel 159.</p> <p>The full series will also be available to view via You Tube.</p> <p>The programme will be shown under the Your North East banner, with a new episode every Thursday at 6.15pm.</p>	
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>None</p>	
8.	<p>Future meetings:</p> <p>Tuesday 24th January 2023</p>	