

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
Microsoft Teams Meeting
Monday 17th April 2023

Present :

Angela Howey (Chair)	Jemma Ranson
Kate Roe (Deputy Chair)	Ian Williams
Mark Ladyman	Chris Mains
Peter Gibson MP	Gary Hutchinson
David Williams	Yvonne Richardson
Sue Donnelly	Richard Allen
Chris Farlow	

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	<p>Apologies: Adam Suleiman Chris Farlow Brett Neilson. Martin Short Cllr Dulston</p>	
2.	<p>KR welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.</p>	
3.	<p>Update presentation</p> <p>CM gave an update presentation, including;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Towns Deal - Finance. Capital funding received and Spend. - Towns Fund Revenue received to date. - Monitoring and Evaluation. 	

	<p>- Update on the ongoing Towns Fund projects.</p> <p>Skinnergate and the Yards Work continues in Skinnergate, Yards & Post House Wynd. Ongoing improvements to property frontages.</p> <p>An opportunity to develop number 29 was discussed. KR declared an interest in catering training.</p> <p>Adult Skills Expansion of scope – whole building development.</p> <p>An update on proposals for the former Northern Echo was provided.</p> <p>Progression to open tender for potential development partner with a Design/Build/Operate remit.</p> <p>Business case (underway) shows options currently being reviewed, including ground floor only and the whole building approach. The business case identifies risks and benefits of each option for consideration.</p> <p>A Project Change Request is to be developed and agreed for submission to Government.</p> <p>T Levels KR provided an overview of the opening event held at the College.</p> <p>Good representation from employers at the event.</p> <p>The event was well attended and provided an excellent showcase for the new facilities. The students attending were commended.</p> <p>Northgate</p> <p>North Road & Northgate House:</p> <p>Northgate House -</p> <p>The CPO process has commenced. A Planning application is to be developed and submitted for the agreed redline area.</p> <p>156 Northgate -</p>	
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<p>Design progressing. PM appointed. Planning Pre-application to be submitted.</p> <p>Tiny Forest -</p> <p>Planting Day took place on 14th March 2023, including representatives from two primary schools, Friends of the Denes, Family of Sally Gibson and members of the public. The event was an excellent success</p> <p>PG articulated the desire to increase the knowledge within the community of what is proposed and happening within Northgate. Actions were agreed including meetings with local businesses, the Friends of Stockton & Darlington Railway and ensuring that DBC Comms and marketing officers were fully engaged to ensure the Towns Fund progress was shared with the wider community.</p> <p>Victoria Road</p> <p>Work has commenced in this area. Pocket park completed at roundabout.</p> <p>CM and NJ have commenced engagement with property owners and the community.</p> <p>Bank Top</p> <p>Discussions with TVCA, who are progressing the East and West of station proposals. TVCA are progressing a revised west of station proposal, to be shared with the Board for consideration when available.</p> <p>Rail Heritage Quarter On site.</p> <p>Edward Pease House Valuations undertaken and offers to owners re-issued.</p> <p>The desire to deliver on all projects was discussed. This included positive outcomes to date and discussion around the main difficulties to progression. The issues regarding acquisition of property was discussed.</p> <p>It was agreed that a letter from the Town Board to the Secretary of State be drafted to communicate and highlight these risks to delivery. This will be presented to the Town Board prior to issue.</p>	
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5.	Future meeting: Friday 2 nd June 2023	