

**DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD**  
**Microsoft Teams Meeting**  
**Friday 2nd June 2023**

**Present :**

Angela Howey (Chair)	Yvonne Richardson
Kate Roe (Deputy Chair)	Ian Williams
Mark Ladyman	Chris Mains
Adam Suleiman	Gary Hutchinson
Brett Neilson	
Suzy Hill (part)	
Katy Tate	
Cllr Harker	
Martin Short	

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	<p><b>Apologies:</b>  Chris Farlow  Sue Donnelly  Peter Gibson MP  Naomi Jenkins  David Williams  Richard Allen</p>	
2.	<p>AH welcomed everyone to the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting were confirmed as accurate.</p>	
3.	<p><b>Darlington Central Library update</b></p> <p>Presentation by Suzy Hill (Library Manager) showcasing the excellent facilities being made available at the newly refurbished central library. Including funding secured by Suzy to provide cutting edge technologies within the library.</p> <p>Opportunities for a joined up approach with Towns fund interventions was discussed.</p>	

	<p>The presentation was well received.</p> <p>It is noted that SH is to be invited to the Education and Skills sub-group.</p>	
<p>4.</p>	<p><b>Update presentation</b></p> <p>CM gave an update presentation, including;</p> <p><b>Funding and Monitoring &amp; Evaluation reporting</b></p> <p>The bi-annual return is due 9<sup>th</sup> June. It was agreed that the report is to be signed by DBC S151 Officer and Chair before issue to government. Town Board members acknowledged that they will obtain sight, with opportunity to comment, prior to issue.</p> <p><b>Towns Deal Finance.</b></p> <p>Capital funding received and spend.</p> <p>Revenue received to date.</p> <p><b>Update on the ongoing Towns Fund projects;</b></p> <p><b>Skinnergate and the Yards</b> Good progress continues to be made in Skinnergate, Yards &amp; Post House Wynd. Ongoing improvements to property frontages. NJ to arrange a Town Board tour of the area.</p> <p>Coniscliffe Road public realm improvement project is programmed to commence on site in October, subject to required approvals.</p> <p><b>Adult Skills</b> 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. Anticipated issue in July 2023.</p> <p>Business case and Project Adjustment Request to be developed, for submission to Government.</p> <p><b>T Levels</b> It was noted that the project is now complete and operational.</p> <p><b>Northgate</b></p>	

	<p><b>North Road &amp; Northgate House:</b></p> <p>Northgate House -</p> <p>It was noted that the CPO process has commenced. A Planning application is to be developed.</p> <p>156 Northgate -</p> <p>Design progressing. Planning Pre-application feedback received and being considered prior to submission.</p> <p>Odeon –</p> <p>A meeting with the new owners of the building is to take place,</p> <p>Edward Pease House –</p> <p>Proposals to develop a scheme within the property owned by DBC are to be developed. IW requested sight of the draft proposals when available.</p> <p>It was noted that PG is to hold a meeting with businesses in Northgate on 6<sup>th</sup> June. CM to attend.</p> <p><b>Victoria Road</b></p> <p>CM and NJ have commenced engagement with property owners and the community. This is to continue and works to commence in the coming weeks.</p> <p><b>Bank Top</b></p> <p>TVCA are progressing a revised west of station proposal, to be shared with the Board for consideration when available.</p> <p><b>Rail Heritage Quarter</b></p> <p>On site.</p>	
<p>5.</p>	<p><b>Communications &amp; Marketing</b></p> <p>KT provided an overview on recent actions including an article in One Darlington and a video highlighting 156 Northgate.</p> <p>A pro-active approach to ensure we communicate as widely as possible on progress is to continue.</p>	
<p>6.</p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>The opportunity to review membership of the Town Board is to be taken. This to be discussed further at the next Town Board meeting.</p>	

	It was agreed that a letter from the Town Board to the Secretary of State be sent.	
7.	<b>Future meeting:</b> Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> July 2023	