

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

NUNEATON TOWN DEAL BOARD

12th August, 2022

A meeting of the Town Deal Board was held on Friday, 12th August, 2022. The meeting was held in the Council Chamber at the Town Hall.

Present

Sean Farnell (CWLEP) – Chair

Present: Councillor Richard Baxter-Payne (substitute for Councillor Kris Wilson), Amanda Bourne, Councillor Jeff Clarke (WCC), Councillor Peter Butlin (WCC), Jet Jones (Community Sector), Marcus Jones MP and Les Ratcliffe (CWLEP).

Officers in attendance: Ian Andrew (NBBC), Wendy Bolton (NBBC), Dawn Dawson (NBBC) and Tom Hobbs (NBBC).

Apologies: Councillor Clare Golby (NBBC), Uly Lyons (Education Sector), Catherine Marks (WCC), Jenni Northcote, Dr Julie Nugent (WMCA), Marion Plant (Education Sector), Lindsey Randle (Local Business Sector), Alison Thompson (WCAVA), Councillor Chris Watkins (NBBC), Patricia Willoughby (WMCA) and Councillor Kris Wilson (NBBC).

TDB143 Chair's welcome and announcements

The Chair welcomed Board Members to the meeting. The Chair noted that under the Board's Terms of Reference the meeting was not quorate and therefore items for consideration were for noting only.

TDB144 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 27th May, 2022, were confirmed and signed by the Chair.

TDB145 Declarations of Interests

Board Members' interests for the meeting were as set out in a Schedule of Declarations of Interests, attached to the agenda.

Amanda Bourne declared that she had been appointed to the TC Partnership.

Marcus Jones MP declared that he had been appointed as Minister of State (Minister for Housing) in the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

The declarations of interest were as set out in the schedule attached to the agenda, as amended above.

TDB146 Highlights Report

The Regeneration Programme Manager (NBBC) submitted a Highlight Report to update the Board on the status of the Towns Fund programme and individual projects. The report detailed the overall Towns Fund programme financial status as at August 2022, the key risks and upcoming activities.

Consideration was given to the procurement approach and mitigation of risk resulting from inflation and possible contractor delays.

It was requested that the benefits of the Towns Fund transport projects be communicated to residents and Councillor Clarke agreed to bring an update on the Rail Station development to a future meeting of the Board.

The content of the Highlight Report was noted and the Chair requested that the Programme Manager submit a report on the impact of cost increases on project funding to the next meeting of the Board.

TDB147 Reimaging Nuneaton Museum Presentation

Due to work pressures, the Museum and Arts Officer submitted her apologies. The Chair requested that the presentation and tour of the Museum be rescheduled to the next meeting of the Board.

TDB 148 Museum & Parks Business Case.

The Regeneration Programme Manager (NBBC) provided an update of progress with finalising the Museum and Parks project Business Case. Value engineering was expected to be completed by the end of August. The Chair raised concern regarding any further delay with submission of the Business Case beyond the September deadline.

TDB149 Transforming Nuneaton Programme Update

The Regeneration Programme Manager (NBBC) presented an update of the broader aspects of the wider Transforming Nuneaton Programme, the key projects, their location and how they interact with Towns Fund projects.

The content of the presentation was noted and the following recommendations considered:

- A detailed presentation of the Abbey Street project from Queensbury will be available in due course providing more information on the scheme.
- Comms highlighting the benefits of the Wheat Street Junction Scheme.
- The availability and current under-utilisation of town centre car parking space.
- Possible use of the outdoor space as a creative exhibition space between the new library and Saints.
- Comms to highlight job creation resulting from the various schemes and projects.
- The need for the Saints project upper hall venue and the new Theatre to compliment each other.

TDB150 Terms of Reference of the Town Deal Board

An updated terms of reference was circulated prior to the meeting and noted.

TDB151 Communications and Engagement Plan

The NBBC Corporate Communications and Marketing Manager submitted an updated rolling masterplan of Towns Fund communications and engagement, for information. The live document detailed completed activities and the anticipated communication and engagement opportunities for specific projects.

The following comms opportunities were considered:

- The opportunity to tell the College story.
- A newsletter be drafted providing an update on all projects.
- The possibility of the use of time lapse video and QR codes on hoardings, dependent on costs and availability of funding.

The contents of the rolling masterplan was noted.

TDB152 Any Other Business

Date of the next meeting - the next meeting of the Board to be schedule mid November, 2022.

TDB153 Exclusion of the Public and Press

Under section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and press were excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item, it being likely that there would be disclosure of exempt information of the description specified in paragraph (iii) of Part I of Schedule 12A to the Act.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEM

TDB154 Risk Register

The Programme Manager (NBBC) submitted an updated Programme Risk Register. The Board considered specific risks raised by the updated register.

The content of the current Risk Register was noted.

Chair of the Board