

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

NUNEATON TOWN DEAL BOARD

13th November, 2020

A meeting of the Town Deal Board was held on Friday, 13th November, 2020. Due to Government guidance on social-distancing and the Covid-19 virus this meeting was held virtually.

Present

Sean Farnell (CWLEP) – Chair
Marion Plant (Education Sector) – Vice-Chair

Amanda Borne (Local SME Business Sector), Councillor Peter Butlin (WCC), Councillor Jeff Clarke (WCC), Councillor Julie Jackson (NBBC), Jet Jones (Community Sector), Marcus Jones, (MP), Councillor I. Lloyd (NBBC), , Les Ratcliffe (CWLEP), Alison Thompson (WCAVA) and Patricia Willoughby (Substitute for Julie Nugent (WMCA).

Apologies: Uly Lyons (Education Sector), Jenni Northcote (Health Sector), Julie Nugent and Jose Lopes (WMCA).

Officers in attendance: I. Andrew (NBBC), W. Bolton (NBBC), B. Davis (NBBC), D. Dawson (NBBC), A. Dent (Advent), Simone Hines (NBBC), Julian Pye (Arup), Catherine Marks (WCC) and R. Merriman (Advent).

TDB73 Chair's welcome and announcements

The Chair welcomed Board Members and other invited guests to the meeting.

TDB74 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd October, 2020, be confirmed, and signed by the Chair.

TDB75 Declarations of Interests

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

Marion Plant declared an interest given her role with the College, in relation to a project for consideration under agenda item 8.

Councillor Julie Jackson declared an interest regarding agenda item 8, as her daughter was employed by the college.

Jet Jones declared an interest given her role at Saints, in relation to a project for consideration under agenda item 8.

RESOLVED that

- a) declarations of interest be as set out in the Schedule attached to these minutes, and as above; and
- b) the Schedule be updated to include Patricia Willoughby's declarations of interest, being a substitute Member on the Board for Julie Nugent of the West Midlands Combined Authority.

TDB76 Town Investment Plan Update

The Director – Regeneration and Housing (NBBC), submitted a report to provide the Board with an update on the progress being made on the formulation of the Town Investment Plan (TIP), including:

- details of the completion of the project prioritisation process;
- details of the feedback received from the Town Deal Delivery Partner and GLGU in relation to the draft TIP Section 1 Narrative; and
- a revised project plan for TIP submission on 11th December 2020, under Cohort 2a.

The Board was informed that the outcome of the Future High Street Fund submission had still not been determined.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Board note the contents of the report; and
- b) a copy of the draft narrative be provided to the Chair and Adam Dent of Advent, before being presented to the Board for final approval on 4th December, 2020.

TDB77 Delivery Plan and Business Case Development and Appraisal Process

The Director – Regeneration and Housing (NBBC), submitted a briefing note to inform the Board of the Towns Fund requirement that:

- a) a delivery plan be included in the TIP for each shortlisted project; and
- b) a framework be set out detailing how the required Business Case Development would be achieved, including identifying the appraisal and assurance mechanism that would be utilised.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the briefing note be noted; and
- b) subject to the Board's endorsement of projects to be considered at agenda item 8, a draft Delivery Plan and Business Case Development Appraisal and Assurance approach be submitted for the Board's approval by no later than 23rd November, 2020.

TDB78 Stakeholder Engagement Plan

The Director – Regeneration and Housing (NBBC), submitted a report requesting the Board consider approval of a draft Stakeholder Engagement Plan, attached as Appendix 1, which was a key element of the TIP submission.

The report also requested that the Board consider allocating a further £10,000 from Capacity Funding to continue the My Town Nuneaton website and provide additional capacity to undertake the continuing engagement.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Stakeholder Engagement Plan, as set out at Appendix 1, be approved;
- b) an up-to-date version of the Capacity Funding budget be provided to the Chair; and
- c) subject to b) above and his consideration of it, the Chair be given authority to approve that a further £10,000 be allocated to continue the My Town Nuneaton website and provide additional capacity to undertake the continuing engagement.

TDB79 Project Confirmation

The Director – Regeneration and Housing (NBBC), submitted a confidential report to inform the Board of the outcome of the project prioritisation exercise.

A list of the shortlisted ranked projects and scores was provided at section 4.2 of the report; however the Board was informed that the list had been updated to include one further project, resulting in 13 projects in total for consideration.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Chair thanked members of the Project Prioritisation Panel for their contribution to the prioritisation process;
- b) being minded of the £1m advanced funding award, the TIP submission total should not exceed £24m; and
- c) projects ranked 1 to 12 on the revised list be included in the Town Investment Plan.

TDB80 Any other business

RESOLVED that thanks be expressed to Borough Council and County Council officers and all those involved with work on developing the Town Investment Plan.

TDB81 Date and time of the next meeting

Friday, 4th December, 2020 – 10.00 am

(Chair)