

AGENDA ITEM NO. 6.

NUNEATON TOWN DEAL BOARD

Date: 19th June 2020

From: Director – Regeneration & Housing

Subject: Proposed Approach for the completion of the Town Investment Plan

1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To present proposals to the Board in relation to approach to be taken to ensure timely completion of the Town Investment Plan (TIP).

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 That the Board endorse the proposed approach.
- 2.2 That the Board consider the scopes for each Task and Finish Group as set out at Appendix A and agree any changes prior to approval.

3. Background Information

- 3.1 Prior to the lockdown restrictions which came into force as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic, the Board had agreed a short term work programme to commence information gathering regarding the agreed priorities for inclusion in and, completion of the TIP. Due to lockdown restrictions, much of this work could not be undertaken.
- 3.2 Information was gathered and presented in regards to;
- Flood alleviation proposals;
 - 5G operation, potential and barriers;
 - Agreement to procure a Communications and Engagement Consultant.
- 3.3 The Communications and Engagement Consultant has now been procured. The successful company being Advent Communications, based in Coventry. Advent Communications are a highly locally experienced company, having undertaken work for the Coventry and Warwickshire Local Enterprise Partnership (CWLEP), the CWLEP Growth Hub, UK City of Culture and the Ricoh Arena.
- 3.4 Initial discussions have taken place with Advent to begin to frame a communications and engagement approach. Care must be taken with this given that at the time of writing this report, the Towns Fund Guidance had not been received, the landscape has changed somewhat in relation face to face meetings and gatherings of larger groups etc.

4. Proposed Approach

- 4.1 As detailed within the report at Agenda item 5, paragraph 5, whilst it is difficult to appropriately plan without the benefit of the Guidance, there is a certain amount of evidence that can be anticipated
- 4.2 Considering the information contained within the Prospectus and, drawing on lessons learned from the Future High Streets Fund process, it is proposed to create Task and Finish Groups. Each Group would be led by a Board Member(s), who would be responsible for ensuring that information was gathered, collated and reviewed to ensure that it is as robust as possible and report progress back to the Board regularly. A scope for each Group would need to be formulated, and the drafts of these are attached at Appendix A for consideration. The scopes reflect the current content of the prospectus and anticipated requirements. It will be important to keep the scopes under review to reflect any future Guidance that is issued.
- 4.3 The Lead Board Member would then take forward small project groups to review completion of actions, problem solve and prepare updated information for the Board. Council Officers from both Nuneaton and Bedworth and Warwickshire County Council would be available to support these groups.
- 4.4 The agreed items that should form the basis of the TIP are;
- Land assembly for Integrated Transport Hub.
 - Contributions to existing Highways Authority resources to allow road system improvements to take place – ring road, A444 and Leicester Road bridge in particular.
 - Infrastructure / premises to enhance educational attainment and skill levels.
 - Flood defence measures to stop Nuneaton Town Centre being in a flood zone.
 - Infrastructure to enable 5G.
 - Enhanced / consolidated healthcare facilities in Nuneaton Town Centre.
 - Installation of electric car charging points, both in Nuneaton Town Centre and elsewhere in the wider town geography.
and possibly
 - Enhancements to Nuneaton Museum and Art Gallery.

The proposed structure and groups are detailed below, along with a proposed lead organisation from which, the lead person will be identified;

<p>Integrated Transport Hub, Flood Alleviation & Highways</p> <p>Lead: WCC</p>	<p>Education</p> <p>Lead: Education Sector</p>	<p>Health</p> <p>Lead: Warwickshire North Clinical Commissioning Group</p>	<p>5G</p> <p>Lead: CWLEP / WMCA</p>	<p>Car Charging Points</p> <p>Lead: WCC</p>	<p>Cultural Facilities</p> <p>Lead: NBBC</p>	<p>Comms & Engagement</p> <p>Lead: NBBC / Community Sector</p>
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5. Conclusion

- 5.1 There is a significant amount of information gathering and analysis that must be undertaken in a relatively short period of time. This proposal seeks to maximise capacity and capitalise on the functions, knowledge and networks of stakeholders.

Scope of Works

Integrated Transport Hub, Flood Alleviation & Highways

- Identify and collate all relevant pre-existing relevant strategy documents (e.g. Local Transport Strategy, Local Plan;)
- List the outputs
- Identify KPI's from the outputs
- Identify how the baseline will be established
- Gathering Information on costs where possible
- Identify any other funding stream potential (e.g. DfT, Flood Defence Grant)
- Consider any COVID – 19 implications
- Identify and risks for inclusion within the project Risk Register
- Consider any external advice that may be required

Education

- Identify and collate all relevant pre-existing relevant strategy documents (e.g. Skills Advisory Panel analysis, Education Strategy);
- List the outputs
- Identify KPI's from the outputs
- Identify how the baseline will be established
- Gathering Information on costs where possible
- Identify any other funding stream potential (e.g. DoE)
- Consider any COVID – 19 implications
- Identify and risks for inclusion within the project Risk Register
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Health

- Identify and collate all relevant pre-existing relevant strategy documents (e.g. Skills Advisory Panel analysis, Education Strategy);
- Consider other partners that may need to be involved
- List the outputs
- Identify KPI's from the outputs
- Identify how the baseline will be established
- Gathering Information on costs where possible
- Identify any other funding stream potential (e.g. DoE)
- Consider any COVID – 19 implications
- Identify and risks for inclusion within the project Risk Register
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5G

- Identify and collate all relevant pre-existing relevant strategy documents (Local Plan, LIS);
- List the outputs
- Identify KPI's from the outputs
- Identify how the baseline will be established
- Gathering Information on costs where possible
- Identify any other funding stream potential (Govt Grants)

- Investigate and identify constraints (e.g. Planning Policy, Market Conditions)
- Consider any COVID – 19 implications
- Identify and risks for inclusion within the project Risk Register
- Consider any external advice that may be required

Car Charging Points

- Identify and collate all relevant pre-existing relevant strategy documents (Environmental Strategy, Climate Emergency Declaration);
- List the outputs
- Identify KPI's from the outputs
- Identify how the baseline will be established
- Gathering Information on costs where possible
- Identify any other funding stream potential (Govt Grants)
- Consider any COVID – 19 implications
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Cultural Facilities

- Identify and collate all relevant pre-existing relevant strategy documents (Local Plan);
- List the outputs
- Identify KPI's from the outputs
- Identify how the baseline will be established
- Gathering Information on costs where possible
- Identify any other funding stream potential (Govt Grants)
- Consider any COVID – 19 implications
- Identify and risks for inclusion within the project Risk Register
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Comms & Engagement

- Continue to promote and collate the #MyTown feedback
- Identify any additional stakeholders in addition to the proposed stakeholder groups
- Work with the Communications and Engagement Consultant to prepare a work programme
- Facilitate the delivery of the work programme
- Identify any interested partners from all stakeholder groups
- Identify and risks for inclusion within the project Risk Register