

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

NUNEATON TOWN DEAL BOARD

15th January, 2020

The first meeting of the Nuneaton Town Deal Board was held at the Town Hall, Nuneaton on Wednesday, 15th January, 2020.

Present

Sean Farnell (CWLEP) – Chair

Amanda Bourne (Local SME Business Sector), Councillor Peter Butlin (WCC), Councillor Jeff Clarke (WCC), Jo Galloway (substitute for Adrian Stokes) (Health Sector), Councillor Julie Jackson (NBBC), Jet Jones (Community Sector), Uly Lyons (Education Sector), Julie Nugent (WMCA), Councillor Bill Oler (WCC), Councillor N. Phillips (NBBC), Marion Plant (Education Sector), Les Ratcliffe (CWLEP), Alison Thompson (WCAVA).

Apologies: Marcus Jones MP, Adrian Stokes (Health Sector) and Councillor K. Wilson (NBBC).

TDB01 Chair's welcome and announcements

TDB02 Introductions

RESOLVED that the outstanding appointment be determined with priority given to encouraging more representatives from the business sector to the Board [see also Minute TDB05 c)].

TDB03 The Government's Towns Fund and the Role of the Nuneaton Town Deal Board

The Executive Director - Operations and the Executive Director – Resources (NBBC) submitted a report providing an overview of the Government's Town Fund and the role of the Nuneaton Town Deal Board in developing and delivering a Town Investment Plan. The Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government's (MHCLG) Towns Fund prospectus was attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

RESOLVED that the report be noted.

TDB04 Nuneaton Town Deal Board Terms of Reference

The Executive Director – Operations and the Executive Director – Resources (NBBC) submitted a report seeking approval of the proposed Terms of Reference for the operation of the Town Deal Board, as attached at Appendix 1 to the report.

The Board considered the arrangements for reporting and decision making.

RESOLVED that

- a) the Terms of Reference, as set out at Appendix 1 to the report, be approved; and
- b) the Board carry out a review of reporting arrangements and relationships in four to six months' time.

TDB05 Relationship of the Towns Fund to the Transforming Nuneaton Programme and the Future High Streets Fund

A presentation was made to the Board by the Executive Director – Operations, highlighting the key points of the Transforming Nuneaton Programme and the Future High Streets Fund and their relationship to the Towns Fund.

RESOLVED that

- a) a copy of the presentation be distributed to Board members;
- b) a one page chart be provided comparing the three strategies; and
- c) MIRA be invited to nominate a representative to the Board.

TDB06 Key Items for the Town Investment Plan

The Executive Director – Operations and the Executive Director – Resources (NBBC) submitted a report providing the Board with a list of suggested key items to be included in the Nuneaton Town Investment Plan and to seek the Board's approval to work up more detail on these items over the coming months.

The key specific items and activities were set out at paragraph 3.3 of the report.

RESOLVED that the key items to be included in the Nuneaton Town Investment Plan, as set out at paragraph 3.3, be agreed, and that approval be given for work to take place over the coming months to develop these items.

TDB07 Any Other Business

- a) Wider engagement with the community.

RESOLVED that a draft Communication and Consultation Plan be submitted to the meeting scheduled to be held on 21st February, 2020.

- b) Alison Thompson made the Board aware of a North Warwickshire funding bid for £2m investment from Arts Council England.
- c) Councillor Butlin recommended viewing a BBC Panorama Episode – How to Save the High Street – first aired on 13th February 2020.

d) Declarations of Interest

RESOLVED that all Board members complete a declarations of interest form before the next meeting, scheduled to be held on 21st February, 2020.

TDB08 Date and time of the next meeting

Friday, 21st February, 2020 – 10.00 am

(Chair)