

ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
Thursday, 17th September, 2020

- 1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD HELD ON 17TH SEPTEMBER, 2020 (ATTACHED)**

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17th September 2020, 9.00am-10.15am
 Teams Meeting due to Covid-19

<p style="text-align: center;">Attended By:</p> <p>Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair) Cllr Denise Lelliott – DL Steve Morris, Signs Express – SMO Simon Moss, RMBC – SM Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA Lorna Vertigan, SCR – LV Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK Andrew Clarke WYG – AC Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB Sharon Thorpe, DWP – ST* Dan Needham, Muse Developments – DN Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH* Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK Colin Blackburn, SCR – CB Lucy Davies - LD</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies:</p> <p>Sarah Champion MP - SC Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB Phil Hayes, Rotherham Confederation of Communities – Pha Tom Hawley, Homes England – TH Mike Smith, NHS – MS Nick Bussey, Rotherham CAB – NB Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD Andy Lock, Coalfields Regeneration – AL Lisa Pogson, Airmaster - LP Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ</p>
<p>Action Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Additional meeting/email information next week regarding cohort 2 or 3 and the funding amount VN to email for opinion – ALL 	
45/20	<p>Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies listed above.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest were requested, and these will be added to the Town Deal Board pages on the Council’s website as per Government guidance.</p>
46/20	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 4th August 2020</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p> <p>SMo had previously asked questions regarding the Biomass plant, the information received by SMO from the Council’s Environment Officer has been passed to WYG for consideration.</p> <p>The link to the virtual exhibition has been circulated to this Board and is currently being rolled out to other stakeholders. How to make the consultation available non-digitally is also being explored.</p>

	<p>SL confirmed negotiations are ongoing with the owners of the former Primark building and the accelerator funding should be with the Council next week.</p>	
47/20	<p>Programme Update</p> <p>JH provided a general government update with regards to the programme and confirmed a new minister is now responsible for the scheme. He mentioned the check and challenge offer with the ability to action on feedback. There is a balance to strike with deliverability of the projects within the package and a degree of assessment. The match funding opportunities could come to fruition in the years of developing project. The spend is over the next 4-5 years, important to build confidence in this period of time. The economic blueprints being drawn up by Sheffield City Region were also mentioned as potentially linking with the TIP.</p>	
48/20	<p>Consultation Feedback</p> <p>The virtual exhibition of the suggested projects is now available, and its details are being circulated as widely as possible to residents and stakeholders.</p> <p>A summary of the feedback from this and the OurTown portal will be brought to a future meeting.</p>	
49/20	<p>Appraisal</p> <p>LV gave a presentation to the group, which will be circulated after the meeting, the content included:</p> <p>Government Guidance:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Evidence of need - Narrative - Coherent plan - Themes (connectivity, housing offer, green recovery/clean growth) - Deliverability <p>Appraisal Methodology Eastwood – projects Templeborough Mainline Station Town Centre Transport Improvements</p> <p>DB expressed concern that the innovative projects appear to not be included as they appear in red. Can these projects appear as amber not red? LV confirmed these could be amber as they are not undeliverable but need greater investment, she added these projects are not going forward right now but may be funded through other funds and still need to be included in the TIP as they tell the wider story about transformation. She added that it is good that the Board wants to include the exciting/challenging projects.</p>	

	<p>AC said it is very important that we find a balance with the deliverability criteria and not allow all innovative projects to fall away.</p> <p>JH said projects that make a place stand out from others is important but need to be de-risked, as do not want white elephants.</p> <p>AC added that we must be very strategic in our three areas up to the £25m or beyond and if decisions need to be made for a higher ask. JH confirmed it all depends on the case set out, larger towns ask for more money but have to pare back as there is a need to strike a balance.</p> <p>SMo confirmed that we are at crucial point with which cohort we should go for (cohort 2 is October submission with cohort 3 in January). Cohort 3 gives us more time but is there an advantage getting the bid in first via cohort 2? A decision needs to be made.</p> <p>PW added that a decision needs to be made in the next week. DL said she would not want us to rush and increase the risk of not having the best proposals and what is innovative, we are looking at a long-term blueprint and the continued input of this Board is vital.</p>	
50/20	<p>Programme, Budget, Risk Update</p> <p>LV confirmed as per the discussions above, the programme needs to decide on the deliverable projects going forward. We need to get the Town Investment Plan in the best possible shape, ready for whatever cohort is agreed.</p> <p>A budget slide showing committed spend to date and the remaining balance was shown to the Board.</p>	
51/20	<p>Any Other Business</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - NB asked if an additional meeting is required for next week regarding the decisions to be made around cohort 2 or 3 and the funding amount or are members happy to receive the information via email? VN to gauge opinion after this meeting and arrange as appropriate. 	VN
	<p>Date of next scheduled meeting: 13th October 2020, 9.00-10.15am via Microsoft Teams Meeting.</p>	VN