

ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
Tuesday 8 December 2020

- 5 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD HELD ON 8TH DECEMBER, 2020 (ATTACHED)**

Rotherham Town Deal Board
8th December 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) Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB Councillor Denise Lelliott – DL Dan Needham, Muse Developments – DN Simon Moss, RMBC – SM Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD Duncan Armstrong-Payne, Harworth - DAP Andy Lock, Coalfields Regeneration – AL 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 Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK Sharon Thorpe, DWP – ST Tom Hawley, Homes England – TH Joel Hamer, RIDO – Jha Steve Morris, Signs Express – Smo Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA Colin Blackburn, SCR – CB Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies:</p> <p>Sarah Champion MP – SC Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB Phil Hayes, Rotherham Confederation of Communities – Pha Nick Bussey, Rotherham CAB – NBU Lisa Pogson, Airmaster - LP Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ Mike Smith, NHS – MS Paul Harper, DWP – PH</p>		
<p>Action Summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The draft TIP to be shared with the Board – LV/VN - Project Team to come back to Board with updated project list for comments/feedback -ALL 					
65/20	<p>Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies listed above.</p> <p>SM declared an interest in signage. MS declared an interest in Magna, where he is a Trustee. AD declared an interest in buildings on High Street, adjacent to the proposed Accelerator site.</p>				
66/20	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 17th November 2020</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>				
67/20	<p>Accelerator Update</p> <p>SM provided an update on the Accelerator programme, confirming that the works are progressing well, and the planning application is now in. AC complimented Rotherham on the speed this is progressing, ahead of other</p>				

	<p>Authorities.</p> <p>DL if the park is not to be a permanent feature, we must ensure the public are fully aware it is only temporary, as they may get upset when park eventually goes.</p>	
<p>68/20</p>	<p>Feedback from Check and Challenge</p> <p>The session lasted 2 hours and the attendees were SL/LV/LM/NB/JH/AC and the Arup Team.</p> <p>NB said the session was positive and the TIP is in a good place. It was said that the TIP could be submitted in Cohort 2A, but the project team decided to keep to Cohort 3.</p> <p>Draft bid currently stands at £47.5m, do we continue with this or reduced to £25m, the Board needs to decide. Only Blackpool, so far, have gone above the £25m and been successful. Projects over £25m need to have significant regional or national impact.</p> <p>SL confirmed the TIP still needs to be worked on further with images to be added. He added there was not much feedback at the C&C on refining the projects, this is for us to decide prior to submission for second C&C.</p> <p>AC said we need to ensure all the projects are robust and watertight and ready to get partners in place. We need to make sure we are in as good a place as we can be and get the TIP in the best shape it can be, still a lot of work to be done graphically, images are needed to support the vision.</p> <p>LV said it was comforting that the weaker points they picked up, were points we are aware are weak. We must make sure risks are properly identified and the costs are robust, more information is needed on each project.</p> <p>SM commented on the feedback received from yesterday's internal Council meeting with SLT. Which of the projects is of regional significance – the Mainline Station. The others may be harder to make a case. There has been discussion but no answers, as yet, there is a reliance on a chain of events i.e. post office/Magna.</p> <p>AC said that Rotherham is 7th “most deprived” on the list of 101 towns, which can be used to support a bid for over the £25m.</p> <p>LV outlined all the projects, once again, for the Board; Corporation Street (Phase 1+2), Riverside (Guest & Chrimes), Mainline Station, Templeborough, Eastwood and connectivity.</p> <p>DL asked if anyone had spoken to Tony Stewart at the Football Club. AC confirmed that the Club has been spoken to via Mears Group and are comfortable with the proposed scheme and a meeting is being arranged to speak directly to the Club to firm up details and get things confirmed in writing.</p> <p>SK said he felt there are £20.5m worth of projects that are, in his opinion,</p>	

	<p>of regional significance and he feels they are strong projects and open up Rotherham for the future.</p> <p>JH said the Government have only announced 7 of cohort 1, so is still hard to get a feeling on what support is targeting, all have received around £20-21m and had some shaved off their plans. Blackpool only higher bid, just over £40m, because of regional and national significance (illuminations - visitor economy).</p> <p>LV asked do we strip back projects. DL added do we take any out? Such as the Post Office – what is our narrative for that? Should we just stick to our very strong projects.</p> <p>LV asked do the Board want the team to strip back some of the projects or pursue the £47m bid? NB said we must not have a knee jerk reaction, there is time to think carefully about what the C&C said and discuss with Board, the message given was to err on keeping in, certainly prior to second C&C.</p> <p>AC stressed feedback is to help us, we are not Blackpool but we are 7th on the list, so if we can justify our bid we need to be ambitious.</p> <p>A Board decision on the way forward is required, NB we could look at rag rating each project. LV to pull together document for comments from Board. NB added we need to take a consensual decision on which we are going forward with, which must be robust and deliverable.</p> <p>Project Team to come back to Board with updated project list for comments/feedback.</p> <p>The draft TIP to be shared with the Board once it has been worked on a little more.</p>	<p>Project Team</p> <p>LV/VN</p>
<p>69/20</p>	<p>Programme, Budget, Risk Update</p> <p>LV updated the Board on the programme’s next steps including the next Check and Challenge session to be held on the 7th January. She added that we can submit the TIP within the budget we have.</p>	
<p>70/20</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Future of the Board:</u> Meetings after the next scheduled meeting to be held on the 13th January, need to be arranged. Do we look at merging this Board with the Business Growth Board at some point, as there is some member cross over, or will this Board continue to delivery phase?</p> <p>It was agreed to keep on the agenda for further decision.</p> <p><u>Images:</u> AC showed the Board images of the proposed projects. DL asked we do not call one of the projects Magna but Templeborough. This was agreed as forms as a gateway into Rotherham. AD added focus on Rotherham gateway scenarios as opposed to Magna or Templeborough.</p>	

	<p>NB said the images are helpful to tell the story. Members input on progress, check and challenge feedback to be circulated.</p> <p>These projects are building on the town centre masterplan and are a 10-year plan.</p> <p>https://mytown.communities.gov.uk MyTown portal https://vpc.tetracheurope.com/rotherham/ Virtual Exhibition</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting: 13th January 2021.</p>	