

ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
Saturday 13 February 2021

- 6 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD HELD ON 13TH JANUARY, 2021 (ATTACHED)**

Rotherham Town Deal Board
13th January 2021, 9.00am-10.15am
 Teams Meeting due to Covid-19

<p>Attended By:</p> <p>Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair) Councillor Denise Lelliott – DL Dan Needham, Muse Developments – DN Mike Smith, NHS – MS Paul Harper, DWP – PH Simon Moss, RMBC – SM Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD Duncan Armstrong-Payne, Harworth - DAP Andy Lock, Coalfields Regeneration – AL Andrew Clarke WYG – AC Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC Sam Townsend, BIES/CLGU – ST Joel Hamer, RIDO – Jha Steve Morris, Signs Express – Smo Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA Colin Blackburn, SCR – CB Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW Lisa Pogson, Airmaster - LP</p>		<p>Apologies:</p> <p>Sarah Champion MP – SC Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB Phil Haynes, Rotherham Confederation of Communities – Pha Nick Bussey, Rotherham CAB – NBu Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB Lorna Vertigan, SCR – LV Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK Sharon Thorpe, DWP – ST Tom Hawley, Homes England – TH</p>	
Action Summary:			
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Board Meeting to be arranged for 19th January – VN - AC available for one to one session, if Board members cannot attend meeting on 19th – ALL 			
1/21	<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>		
2/21	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 8th December 2020</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p> <p>The TIP has not yet been shared with the Board.</p>		
3/21	<p>Accelerator Update</p> <p>SM updated the Board on the Accelerator project, confirming the programme is progressing well. AC added that the complexities are being worked through and we are well ahead with the project. SM said the pressure of the March 2021 spend has eased. JH is aware that a small proportion of the monies will not be spent by then, which is acceptable.</p>		

	<p>PW said that the Council is meeting tomorrow where questions on the project will be taken including from the public. There has previously been one negative question, though vast majority are supportive</p>	
<p>4/21</p>	<p>Feedback from Check and Challenge</p> <p>SL presented slides on the feedback from the C&C sessions, highlighting the key considerations.</p> <p>He also highlighted the current list of six projects and costs (though they will change slightly); Eastwood Housing, Riverside Residential, Guest and Chrimes, Leisure and Cultural Quarter, Templeborough and Mainline Station.</p> <p>AC said the Government reported their FHSF investment decisions on Boxing Day, only 15 of the 100 towns got exactly what they requested. 28 did not receive anything. He added that the TD is not as competitive, but lots of money has been spent already on other projects. Bringing down the cost of our bid, will increase likelihood of getting the full amount requested</p> <p>PW confirmed that Rotherham has been awarded £12.6m from the FHSF but requested £18.3m, a shortfall of £5.7m.</p> <p>SMo said he would like more details on the Templeborough plans before he could fully support it. SM confirmed that following discussions, the C&C feedback and guidance ensuring sustainability in revenue terms, the atrium proposal is being looked at along with concerns around ongoing security of a public space. We have up to 12 months to work up the final scheme, so will take it back to drawing board for more detail keep the Board informed going forward.</p> <p>AD said he welcomes the opening up of Templeborough and the whole gateway. But asked if all 6 projects have to be delivered for the bid to successful? AC confirmed that each project has to have an individual business case, but some could be taken out without effecting the bid. SL added that most TD bids have received less funds than applied for, normally around the £25m mark, with only Blackpool receiving their full ask, due to the regional/national impact of the Illuminations.</p> <p>AC mentioned the levelling up fund later this year, which could provide a further £4bn of future regeneration funding.</p> <p>AL said he sits on 5 TD Boards in total and 3 of these are going for a bid of over £25m, all of which can still be considered cohesive even if they need to cut back on the funds. If the Mainline Station is our “regional project” for Rotherham, the figures might be in our favour. The inter-independence of the projects is important, not all or nothing. The level of scrutiny will be high even on not fully worked up projects.</p>	
<p>5/21</p>	<p>Programme, Budget, Risk Update</p> <p>SL updated the Board on the programme’s next steps: 13th January – Board Meeting</p>	

	<p>14th January – TIP to Board 18th January – Council Cabinet/SLT Meeting 19th January – Board Meeting 22nd January – Final Version ready and circulated 29th January – Submission</p>	
6/21	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p><u>Future of the Board:</u> It was agreed to hold a further Board meeting on the 19th January for comments on, input to, the final draft TIP.</p> <p>AC said he is available for one to one discussions for anyone not able to attend this meeting.</p> <p><u>Templeborough Slides:</u> SM went through slides showing current ideas for the Templeborough gateway. AC added that Jaguar Estates are currently developing the remainder of their land fronting onto Sheffield Road through grant funding.</p> <p>SMo said his issues are threefold; business parks spread out and not well linked, no services (food/drink) and traffic congestion. LP agreed that the traffic issues need to be considered.</p> <p>SM/AC confirmed that the design is not yet fixed, can take these issues into account, facilities could be included and what hub can deliver, blend of the scheme, taking into account connectivity. AC also mentioned the transforming cities fund to soften the environment, to be user friendly for cyclists, but still significant industry.</p> <p>AD said Templeborough is not the most welcoming site as you leave the Meadowhall roundabout. Anything that can improve the gateway is a good thing and the bid has the full support of the Chamber.</p> <p>https://mytown.communities.gov.uk MyTown portal https://vpc.tetrachteurope.com/rotherham/ Virtual Exhibition</p>	<p>VN</p> <p>ALL</p>
	<p>Date of next meeting: 19th January 2021 – to discuss and agree the Town Investment Plan.</p>	