Rotherham Town Deal Board 20th October 2020, 9.00am-10.15am

Teams Meeting due to Covid-19

| Attended By: | Apologies: |
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| Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair) | Sarah Champion MP – SC |
| Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB | Cllr Denise Lelliott – DL |
| Steve Morris, Signs Express – SMo | Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB |
| Simon Moss, RMBC – SM | Sharon Thorpe, DWP – ST* |
| Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD | Dan Needham, Muse Developments – DN |
| Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA | Phil Hayes, Rotherham Confederation of |
| Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD | Communities – Pha |
| Duncan Armstrong-Payne, Harworth - DAP | Tom Hawley, Homes England – TH |
| Andy Lock, Coalfields Regeneration – AL | Nick Bussey, Rotherham CAB – NBu |
| Lisa Pogson, Airmaster - LP | Colin Blackburn, SCR – CB |
| Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ | |
| Mike Smith, NHS – MS | |
| 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 | |
| Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW | |
| Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH | |
| Paul Harper, DWP – PH* | |
| Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK | |
| SamTownsend, BIES – ST | |
| Joel Hamer, RIDO - JH | |
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Action Summary:

- Andrew Moss of the Council's Transportation team to contact DAP to give reassurances around the forthcoming parkway works SM
- Response to date from the virtual exhibition to be circulated SL
- The consultation links to be recirculated to the Board members VN

| 52/20 | Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest | |
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| | Apologies listed above. | |
| | MS declared an interest in Magna, where he is a Trustee. AD declared an interest in buildings on High Street, next to the proposed Accelerator site. | |
| 53/20 | Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 17 th September 2020 | |
| | The minutes were accepted as a true record. | |
| | NB confirmed that Rotherham is looking at submitting the bid in Cohort 3 (January 2021). SM added that there are still internal Council discussions around possibly putting forward in Cohort 2A (December 2020), the Board's opinion is sought on this. | |

| JB asked if submitting in January would give us time to amend/update bid if needed. It was confirmed that this was the case | |
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| Accelerator Update | |
| SM provided an update on the Accelerator programme, confirming that the former Primark building and other alternatives are currently being worked up. We are dependent on a third party with regards to acquisition, therefore, alternatives such as the Corporation Street buildings are also been looked into. Council approval has been given to proceed and sign off final schemes, to speed the process up. | |
| TIP Update | |
| LV outlined the Programme (as previously circulated). | |
| The programme has been divided into a £25m base programme and a series of "bolt-ons" which could either take the Town Deal bid above £25m or replace projects which are not sufficiently developed to be included in the submitted bid. | |
| The programme focusses on 5 areas within the Town Deal geography. The projects have been considered against the appraisal methodology and the following criteria to determine best fit with the Town Deal criteria for funding: | |
| Deliverability within the 5-year timescale Budgetary constraint Complementarity to existing projects and town priorities Ability to leverage co-funding Consultation | |
| Subject to the Board's comments, over the next few weeks these projects will be explored in more detail to offer surety that a watertight case can be made for their inclusion in the programme. As this work develops further updates will be given to the Board. | |
| NB asked regarding a timeline around the programme. | |
| AD said it was worth noting the upcoming widening works on the Sheffield Parkway which could impact on any gateway works Rotherham carries out. DAP said hopefully the inconvenience caused would be worth it for the area. SM said that he would get Andrew Moss in the Council's Transportation team to contact him to give reassurances around the forthcoming works. | SM |
| Consultation Update | |
| SL updated the Board on the consultation to date via the MyTown portal and more recently through the virtual exhibition created by WYG. He said we have not received as many comments/feedback as we would have liked but what we have received is generally supportive. The comments to date from the virtual exhibition will be circulated to the Board | SL |
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| | The links to be circulated again and further consultation with schools and the young inspectors is planned. | |
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| | The Board was asked to share the consultation links. VN to re-circulate the links to Board members. | VN |
| 57/20 | Programme, Budget, Risk Update | |
| | LV confirmed she will speak to AC at WYG regarding issues raised around the programme. | |
| | A discussion took place regarding what Cohort the bid should be submitted under to ensure the best chance of success. The Board then took a vote, which unanimously agreed to submit under Cohort 3, at the end of January 2021. | |
| | JH informed the Board that Heads of Terms for those bids successful under Cohort 1 would be available soon and would be useful in developing the Rotherham bid | |
| | AD suggested that a conversation with Goldthorpe could also be useful, as they have recently undergone the check and challenge process on their bid | |
| 58/20 | Any Other Business | |
| | There was no further business. | |
| | Date of next scheduled meeting: 10 th November 2020, 9.00-10.15am via Microsoft Teams Meeting. | VN |
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