

## Public Report with Exempt Appendices

### **Committee Name and Date of Committee Meeting**

Officer Delegated Decision

### **Report Title**

Town Deal: Town Investment Plan Submission: Delegated Officer Decision

### **Is this a Key Decision and has it been included on the Forward Plan?**

Yes

### **Strategic Director Approving Submission of the Report**

Paul Woodcock, Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment

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### **Ward(s) Affected**

Borough-Wide

### **Report Summary**

The Town Deal is a £3.6bn programme seeking to “unleash the economic potential” of 100 places across the country. Bidding will take the form of a Town Investment Plan. Rotherham’s Town Investment Plan is now complete and puts forward proposals for £35m of Town Deal funds.

This report seeks to exercise the delegated authority given to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy and the S.151 Officer, at Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, to agree the final content and submit the Town Investment Plan by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **Recommendations**

1. Exercising of the delegated authority given to the Strategic Director of Regeneration and Environment, in consultation with the Cabinet Member for Jobs and the Local Economy and the S.151 Officer, at Cabinet on 19<sup>th</sup> October 2020, to agree the final content and submit the Town Investment Plan by 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021.

### **List of Appendices Included**

Appendix 1 Equality Impact Assessment

Appendix 2 Town Deal: Town Investment Plan (Exempt)

**Background Papers**

Town Centre Masterplan

Local Plan

Cabinet Report – Town Investment Plan

**Consideration by any other Council Committee, Scrutiny or Advisory Panel**

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**Council Approval Required**

No

**Exempt from the Press and Public**

An exemption is sought for Appendix 2 –Town Investment Plan under Paragraph 3 (Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)) of Part I of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 is requested, as this report contains commercially sensitive information in relation to Rotherham’s bid for funding, the projects it aims to fund and property affected by such proposals.

It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the exemption would outweigh the public interest in disclosing the information because release of such information could jeopardise the Council’s ability to achieve its aims for Town Deal.

## Town Deal: Town Investment Plan Submission: Delegated Officer Decision

<b>1.</b>	<b>Background</b>
1.1	<p>The Town Deal is a £3.6bn programme seeking to “unleash the economic potential” of 100 places across the country. Rotherham has been given the opportunity to bid for funding through the submission of Town Investment Plan.</p> <p>The Fund will focus investment on 3 main areas of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Urban regeneration, planning and land use – strengthen local economic assets, including site acquisition, remediation and preparation.</li> <li>• Skills and enterprise infrastructure - providing space to support skills and small business development</li> <li>• Connectivity – local transport schemes, plus delivery of improved digital connectivity</li> </ul>
1.2	<p>The Town Deal will be an agreement in principle between government, the Council and the Town Deal Board. It will set out a vision and strategy for the town, and what each party agrees to do to achieve this vision. The underlying interventions to achieve this vision will be set out in the Town Investment Plan.</p>
1.3	<p>Rotherham’s Town Investment Plan is now ready for submission in time for the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2021 deadline.</p>
<b>2.</b>	<b>Key Issues</b>
2.1	<p>The Town Investment Plan is a long-term strategic document with an evidential and analytical basis for the projects it proposes. It sets out a vision for Rotherham with a strategy that sets the direction for the economic turnaround of the town over a decade, including reference to economic recovery.</p>
2.2	<p>In summary, Rotherham’s Town Investment Plan focusses on 5 key areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Eastwood: providing improvements to housing and connectivity</li> <li>• Templeborough: bringing forward industrial uses, providing a gateway and heart of the business community</li> <li>• Riverside Residential: contributing toward the development of a new residential community in the town centre</li> <li>• Cultural &amp; Leisure Quarter: redevelopment of long-term vacant buildings to complement the leisure provision at Forge Island</li> <li>• Mainline Station: securing land for the development of a new mainline station</li> </ul>
2.3	<p>A total ask of £35m will be presented in the Town Investment Plan. Full details are included in Appendix 2, the Town Investment Plan.</p>
<b>3.</b>	<b>Options considered and recommended proposal</b>

3.1	The timing of Rotherham's submission was considered at October Cabinet and a recommendation made that the best version of the TIP would be ready for January submission.
4.	<b>Consultation on proposal</b>
4.1	<p>Board meetings: The Board has met monthly since 28th February 2020 and has contributed to the development of the projects put forward in the Town Investment Plan. They have also had the opportunity to comment on the plan following presentation following the last meeting on the 13<sup>th</sup> January 2021.</p> <p>MyTown Portal: A series of questions has been posed on this MHCLG run forum. Responses will be collated and considered when considering which projects should be put forward for Town Deal investment.</p> <p>Virtual consultation: Starting in September 2020 a remote consultation platform provides users with the opportunity to virtually explore a 'village hall' set up and view and comment upon the projects. Comments gathered thus far have been used to shape the chosen projects and will continue to be used to influence project deliver.</p>
5.	<b>Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision</b>
5.1	The Town Investment Plan must be submitted by the 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021.
6.	<b>Financial and Procurement Advice and Implications (to be written by the relevant Head of Finance and the Head of Procurement on behalf of s151 Officer)</b>
6.1	The Town Investment Plan is due to be submitted to MHCLG on 29 <sup>th</sup> January 2021. The plan comprises an indicative programme of £35m. This is the bid submission stage into a competitive process. A Business Case development and assessment process is due to follow approximately 3 months after submission, dependent on MHCLG timescales. Resources employed to support the submission are found from approved existing budgets
6.2	There are no direct procurement implications associated with the submission of the Town Investment Plan. If the Council is successful in its bid, then the delivery of projects must be undertaken in accordance with the Public Contracts Regulations 2015 (as amended), and the Council's own Financial and Procurement Procedure Rules.
7.	<b>Legal Advice and Implications (to be written by Legal Officer on behalf of Assistant Director Legal Services)</b>
7.1	There are no material legal implications arising from the contents of this report.
7.2	It is recommended that as and when any legal steps are to be taken arising

	from the Town Investment Plan there is early engagement with Legal Services regarding heads of terms, timescales and resources.
<b>8.</b>	<b>Human Resources Advice and Implications</b>
8.1	There are no direct HR implications arising from this report.
<b>9.</b>	<b>Implications for Children and Young People and Vulnerable Adults</b>
9.1	There are not considered to be any direct implications for Children & Young People and Vulnerable Adults
<b>10.</b>	<b>Equalities and Human Rights Advice and Implications</b>
10.1	An EA screening has been completed and further assessment will be undertaken on specific projects, followed by a full Equalities Assessment in 2022.
<b>11.</b>	<b>Implications for Ward Priorities</b>
11.1	The Neighbourhood Ward reports have been considered in the compilation of the Town Investment Plan. The Rotherham East, Boston Castle and Rotherham West Wards will be particularly impacted by any improvements to the town centre, Eastwood Templeborough
<b>12.</b>	<b>Implications for Partners</b>
12.1	The Town Investment Plan is being developed with the active engagement of partners. The proposals reflect a broad consensus among partners on priorities for investment.
<b>13.</b>	<b>Risks and Mitigation</b>
13.1.	Project specific risk registers are being prepared for each of the projects proposed
<b>14.</b>	<b>Accountable Officers</b>
	Simon Moss, Assistant Director Planning, Regeneration & Transport
	Tim O'Connell, Head of RIDO

Approvals obtained on behalf of Statutory Officers:-

	<b>Named Officer</b>	<b>Date</b>
Chief Executive	Sharon Kemp	<a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>
Strategic Director of Finance & Customer Services (S.151 Officer)	Named officer	<a href="#">Click here to enter a date.</a>
Head of Legal Services	Named officer	<a href="#">Click here to</a>

(Monitoring Officer)		enter a date.
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