

A Town Deal for Birkenhead
Minutes of the Town Deal Board
Friday 10th September 10:00am
Online meeting via Teams

REFERENCE	ITEM	Action																
1	<p>Welcome and apologies The Chair (Leigh-Anne Stradeski) welcomed the Board and visitors. Apologies were received from Sally Shah (WBC), Keith Keeley (WBC) and Louise Healey (Job Centre plus)</p> <p>See attached sheet for full list of attendees.</p>																	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest Declarations were received from project proposers:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Leigh-Anne Stradeski – Eureka! • Sue Higginson – Wirral Metropolitan College • Paula Basnett –Wirral Chamber and Woodside Area CIC • Liam Kelly – Make CIC • Richard Mawdsley – Peel • <p>ACTION: Any additional Declarations of Interest to be emailed to KP.</p>	Board Members																
3	<p>Town Deal - a recap</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Evans (WBC) provided an update on the offer from government of a Town Deal for Birkenhead of up a value of £25m, as well as the success of the wider regeneration programme for Birkenhead. AE thanks the Board for their hard work to date. • Kate Pierce (WBC) updated the Board on timeframe and next steps. • A report on the progress of projects was circulated to the Board. 																	
4	<p>Project Prioritisation Cathy Wignall (WBC) set out the process of project prioritisation and the options explored. The Board agreed that following projects would be funded from the £25m award.</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th style="text-align: left;">Project</th> <th style="text-align: left;">Town Deal Allocation (£m)</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Transport Visitor Attraction</td> <td>5.80</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Waterfront, animation and connectivity</td> <td>5.31</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Education Engagement Network</td> <td>1.90</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Egerton House</td> <td>1.50</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Wellbeing and Opportunity Centre</td> <td>3.53</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Start Yard</td> <td>0.23</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Future Yard</td> <td>1.60</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>	Project	Town Deal Allocation (£m)	Transport Visitor Attraction	5.80	Waterfront, animation and connectivity	5.31	Education Engagement Network	1.90	Egerton House	1.50	Wellbeing and Opportunity Centre	3.53	Start Yard	0.23	Future Yard	1.60	
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	<p>CW confirmed the Council has received positive feedback from the Combined Authority in relation to the alternative funding stream (Sustainable Transport Settlement Fund) identified for Dock Branch Park and Argyle Street public realm works. An application is to be made in due course.</p> <p>The Board raised no objection to the allocation of 1% of the grant being ringfenced to cover the council's project management and monitoring costs.</p> <p>The Board raised no objection to the use of the 5% early draw down being used to acquire the Riverside building on Argyle Street for the Argyle Street Creative Hub project.</p> <p>Cllr Jones requested that the due diligence protocol be issued at the appropriate time. Action KP</p>	KP								
5	<p>Business case development CW set out the process and content required for project business cases to be developed.</p> <p>CW confirmed that a consultant would be appointed to work with the project leads and develop the business cases to ensure they are prepared independently of the council who will be reviewing them.</p>									
6	<p>Assurance Process Mark Lightburn (WBC finance team) presented details of the council's robust assurance framework.</p>									
7	<p>Role of the Board The Board considered its role in moving to stage 2 of the Town Deal programme and agreed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board would be smaller and meet less frequently (quarterly) • More focussed subgroups, centred around the thematic areas of the projects, would be set up to move the projects forward <p>ACTION: KP to set up subgroups ACTION: Members of the Board were invited to email KP with their preferred subgroups to sit on and whether they would like to remain as a member of the Board. ACTION: Members of the Board were asked to consider potential new members for either the Board and/or subgroups that could provide additional skills. ACTION: KP to update the Terms of Reference and circulate as draft to the Board for review.</p>	<p>KP Board Members</p> <p>Board Members</p> <p>KP</p>								

8	<p>Birkenhead 2040 Framework update KP updated the Board following the recent consultation event. It is intended that the detailed consultation statement will be published by the end of September.</p>	
9	<p>AOB KP advised that the TIP would be published on the Council’s website.</p> <p>ACTION: Member of the Board are invited to advise KP within 2 weeks of any commercially sensitive information that would need to be redacted from the TIP.</p>	Board Members
10	<p>The next Board meeting will be held before Christmas.</p> <p>ACTION: KP to convene the meeting.</p>	KP