

A Town Deal for Birkenhead

Minutes

Tuesday 18th August 2020 at 2pm

Online meeting via Teams

REFERENCE	ITEM	
1	<p>Welcome and apologies The Chair welcomed the Board and visitors.</p> <p>Apologies were received from Mick Whitley MP, Angela Eagle MP, Mark Palios, Angela Simpson, Paula Basnett, Richard Mawdsley, Councillor Tony Jones, Councillor Pat Hackett, Mike Horner, and Mick Allan.</p> <p>Attendance sheet attached.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest Declarations of interest will be made at the start of each meeting on an ongoing basis.</p> <p>The Board received a declaration of interest from Sue Higginson, regarding any matters relating to Wirral Met College.</p>	
3	<p>Meeting arrangements KP informed the Board that the meeting is scheduled to end at 2.30pm. Following which members of the Board are asked to dial into their respective Task & Finish Group meetings at 2.30pm.</p>	
4	<p>Meeting minutes The Board approved the previous minutes of 14th July 2020.</p>	
5	<p>Towns Fund Guidance Update KP delivered an update regarding the Towns Fund guidance.</p> <p>The Board noted that proposals for £1mil Accelerated Grant Fund included 3 main areas: waterfront enhancement scheme, creative quarter in the Argyle Street area, and 'small space' enhancements in redundant public open spaces. Confirmation from MHCLG on allocation of funding is awaited.</p> <p>The Board noted the guidance regarding conflicts of interest.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• At every Board meeting, Members are asked to declare any actual or potential conflict of interest and these will be publicly recorded. Where the Board agrees that a conflict is inappropriate, the member should be excused from both the discussion and decision making.• The Board shall use the pre-existing governance structures of Wirral Borough Council and shall align with the governance standards and policies of Wirral Borough Council.• One Code of Conduct, set out in the Terms of Reference, covers all Members of the Board, as well as its sub-groups.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Members of the Board agree to comply with the Nolan Principles, which are the 7 principles of public life and which apply to anyone who works as a public office holder. <p><i>ACTION - KP to circulate Terms of Reference to Board and T&F Group members.</i></p> <p>The Board noted that ARUP have created a newsletter containing ‘Lessons Learnt’ from Town Investment plans already submitted. These include the need to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> focus on a ‘golden thread’ by identifying the main issues needing to be addressed focus on a small number of big projects that could have the most impact, engage with stakeholders to help shape plans tell the story of Birkenhead and convey a sense of place <p>AE clarified that this is not about changing Birkenhead but enhancing it. SH stressed the need for proposals to align with the wider strategy and vision for Birkenhead, as well as the wider City Region. The bid must be coherent with existing revenue funding, building on and enhancing existing revenue streams and work in partnership. Projects must also be sustainable.</p> <p><i>ACTION - KP to circulate link to Town Deal newsletter for Board members to subscribe</i></p>	<p>KP</p> <p>KP</p>
6	<p>Current regeneration programmes in Birkenhead</p> <p>KP delivered an update regarding the current regeneration programmes in Birkenhead.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Green Corridor proposals. A consultation on a proposal to transform a disused railway cutting into an appealing natural and practical park and active travel asset. Public consultation to take place in October 2020. Wirral Liveable Streets. Seeking to improve the ease and accessibility of walking and cycling across the Borough. Consultation to end 31st August 2020. New Brighton – Birkenhead Cycle Route. A consultation on the creation of cycle route. Consultation ongoing. <p><i>ACTION - KP to email proposals and consultations to Board members.</i> <i>ACTION - Board to contact KP for further information if needed.</i></p>	<p>KP Board</p>
7	<p>Work plan</p> <p>Task and Finish Groups</p> <p>T&F Groups has been established to look at different themes, to be proactive and to develop potential proposals for Town Deal projects. Proposals will form the basis for the recommendation made by the board to the Council for inclusion in the Town Investment Plan.</p>	

	<p>There is potential for collaboration within different T&F Groups, as proposals may overlap. Task and Finish groups are asked to report back to the Board at its monthly meeting. Details of the groups had been circulated by KP.</p> <p><i>ACTION – T&F Groups to send key points to KP following meetings and prepare to report back to the Board</i> <i>ACTION – KP to look into thematic areas between T&F Groups, following receipt of key points.</i></p> <p>Consultation A press release regarding the Task and Finish Groups and inviting comments for residents and stakeholders had been circulated. A Town Deal landing page has been created on the Council’s website which summarises the Town Deal programme, a list of Board Members, and provides a link to agendas and minutes.</p>	T&F KP
8	AOB	
9	<p>Date of next meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board 15th September • Task & finish groups – frequency and date to be set by each group 	