

**A Town Deal for Birkenhead**  
**Minutes of the Town Deal Board**  
**Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022 9.30am**  
**Online meeting via Teams**

REFERENCE	ITEM	Action
PART 1		
1	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Leigh-Anne Stradeski (LS) as Chair welcomed the Board and visitors. Apologies were received Mark Lightburn (Wirral Council), Louise Healey (DWP) and David Hammond (Wirral NHS Foundation Trust)</p> <p>See attached sheet for full list of attendees.</p>	
2	<p><b>Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Sue Higginson declared an interest in relation to the Eureka! project.</p> <p><b>ACTION:</b> Any Declarations of Interest to be emailed to Kate Pierce (KP)</p>	Board Members
3	<p><b>Meeting Minutes</b></p> <p>The Board receive and approve the minutes of its meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> December 2021.</p> <p>KP updated the Board on the outcome of the actions.</p>	
4	<p>KP provided an update on the Town Deal programme and assurance route:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Metro Dynamics have been appointed as lead consultant to independently develop the business cases.</li> <li>• At its meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2022 the Regeneration Portfolio Board reviewed and approved the business cases for tranche 1 project.</li> <li>• Investment and Change Board will review the business cases at their meeting on 28<sup>th</sup> March 2022</li> <li>• 4 Project Development Focus Groups have been set up to help progress projects and ensure they align to local need.</li> <li>• The business cases for tranche 1 will be finalised with S151 officer sign off in early April to meet the deadline set by DLUHC.</li> </ul> <p>Cathy Palmer provided an update the wider Birkenhead regeneration programme:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Progress is being made across a number of regeneration projects including the new commercial district in the town centre and the completion of The Hythe at Wirral Waters.</li> </ul>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• The Waterfront project is gathering momentum and a new project manager has been appointed to oversee development and delivery.</li> <li>• The council's regeneration team is expanding to accommodate and oversee delivery of the increasing number of complex regeneration projects help in the portfolio.</li> <li>• The Birkenhead 2040 Framework was recently approved</li> <li>• Regulation 19 of the Local Plan was approved by members at their meeting on 21st March. The Plan now goes forward to public consultation.</li> <li>• The council has both won and been shortlisted for a number of awards recently which endorses all the hard work of the Regeneration &amp; Place team.</li> </ul>	
5	<p><b>Project Development Focus Groups</b></p> <p>The Board received an updated from the Chair of each of the Project Development Focus Groups:</p> <p>Group 1 - Creative Neighbourhood (Liam Kelly)  Group 2 - Waterfront and Public Realm (Leigh-Anne Stradeski)  Group 4 - Education &amp; Opportunity (Sue Higginson)</p> <p>The Board heard that good progress was being made across all of the projects with collaborative working and peer review ensuring that the projects are aligned to local need.</p>	
6	<p><b>AOB</b> None</p>	
7	<p><b>Date of next meeting</b> 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022</p> <p>Next date for Project Development Focus Groups to be set by the respective group chair.</p>	Group chairs
PART 2 Confidential		
8	<p><b>Business Case review and approval (tranche 1 projects)</b></p> <p>Members of the Board with a conflict of interest were asked to leave the meeting for the duration of this item.</p> <p>KP introduced the projects that formed part of tranche 1:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Education Engagement Network</li> <li>• Argyle Street Creative Quarter (including Argyle Street Creative Hub, Future Yard and Startyard projects)</li> <li>• Egerton House</li> </ul>	

	<p>Kevin Fenning of Metro Dynamics presented a summary of each of the business cases and the steps undertaken to ensure that they are compliant with the Treasury's Green Book approach.</p> <p>The Board discussed the results of the business cases.</p> <p>The Board approved the business cases for:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Education Engagement Network</li><li>• Argyle Street Creative Quarter (including Argyle Street Creative Hub, Future Yard and Startyard projects)</li><li>• Egerton House</li></ul> <p>Members of the Board with an interest in the projects were invited back into the call.</p> <p>The Chair updated those returning to the meeting before thanking everyone for coming and bringing the meeting to a close.</p>	
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