

A Town Deal for Birkenhead
Minutes of the Town Deal Board
Friday 24th June 2022 9.30am
Online meeting via Teams

REFERENCE	ITEM	Action
PART 1		
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Leigh-Anne Stradeski (LS) as Chair welcomed the Board and visitors. Apologies were received Sally Shah (Wirral Council) Mark Lightburn (Wirral Council) and Cathy Palmer (Wirral Council).</p> <p>See attached sheet for full list of attendees.</p> <p>LS noted that, to avoid any conflict of interest, the role of chair would be taken by Sophie Bevan (SB) for item 8.</p>	
2	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Sue Higginson declared an interest in relation to the Eureka! project.</p> <p>ACTION: Any Declarations of Interest to be emailed to Kate Pierce (KP)</p>	Board Members
3	<p>Meeting Minutes</p> <p>The Board receive and approve the minutes of its meeting on 22nd March 2022.</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> <p>Tranche 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Tranche 1 full business cases have now been approved by the Council and DLUHC. • Draft Grant Fund Agreements for Tranche 1 projects are expected to be released week commencing 27th June. • The funding is expected to be received from DLUHC in early July. <p>Tranche 2</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The full business cases for Tranche 2 projects are being finalised. • At its meeting on 14th June 2022 the Regeneration Portfolio Board reviewed and approved the business cases for Tranche 2 projects. • Investment and Change Board will review the business cases at their meeting on 30th June 2022. • EXPO Village project will not progress as part of the programme. 	

	<p>The Board considered a proposal for the reallocation of funding from the EXPO Village project (£2,475,000) and agreed that it should be reallocated to the following projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Shed £608,431 • Sustainability Central £742,500 • Eureka! landscaping £633,000 • Wellbeing & Opportunity Centre (Joy project) £491,069 <p>A formal change control application has been made to DLUHC for their consideration and approval.</p>	
5	<p>Project Development Focus Groups</p> <p>The Board received an update:</p> <p>Group 1 - Creative Neighbourhood (Liam Kelly) Group 4 - Education & 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>AOB None</p>	
7	<p>Date of next meeting Late September - date tbc The next meeting will be in person - venue tbc</p> <p>ACTION: KP to arrange next meeting</p> <p>ACTION: Next date for Project Development Focus Groups to be set by the respective group chair.</p>	<p>KP</p> <p>Group chairs</p>
PART 2 Confidential		
8	<p>Business Case review and approval (tranche 2 projects)</p> <p>LS handed the role of chair to SB.</p> <p>Members of the Board with a conflict of interest were asked to leave the meeting for the duration of this item. Leigh-Anne Stradeski, Richard Mawdsley and Sue Higginson left the call.</p> <p>KP introduced the projects that formed part of Tranche 2:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Transport Shed • Waterfront Animation and Connectivity (including Eureka! landscaping, enhancements to Woodside Ferry Village, The Priory project, wider public realm improvements around Hamilton Square and station) 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Wellbeing and Opportunity Centre (Joy) • Sustainability Central Hub <p>Kevin Fenning of Metro Dynamics presented 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"> • Transport Shed • Waterfront Animation and Connectivity (including Eureka! landscaping, enhancements to Woodside Ferry Village, The Priory project, wider public realm improvements around Hamilton Square and station) • Wellbeing and Opportunity Centre (Joy) • Sustainability Central Hub <p>Members of the Board with an interest in the projects were invited back into the call.</p> <p>ACTION: KP to progress development of FBC and make submission on or before 15th July 2022.</p> <p>SB updated those returning to the meeting and handed over to LS.</p>	<p>KP</p>
<p>8a</p>	<p>AOB (revisited)</p> <p>Communications</p> <p>The Board discussed the need for comprehensive communications and for the Town Deal funding award announcement to be part of the bigger picture of regeneration for Birkenhead. Stories with a human interest angle and the impact each of the projects would have on the community/stakeholders should be found.</p> <p>ACTION: KP to liaise with Communications team</p> <p>Staffing</p> <p>The Board acknowledged the input and influence Alan Evans had had as Director of Regeneration & Place and thanked him from his input, support and the significant role he had played.</p> <p>LS thanked everyone for coming and brought the meeting to a close.</p>	<p>KP</p>