

NUNEATON AND BEDWORTH BOROUGH COUNCIL

NUNEATON TOWN DEAL BOARD

1st October, 2021

A meeting of the Town Deal Board was held on Friday, 1st October, 2021. Due to Government guidance on social-distancing and the Covid-19 virus this meeting was held virtually.

Present

Sean Farnell (CWLEP) – Chair
Marion Plant (Education Sector) – Vice-Chair

Councillor Peter Butlin (WCC), Jet Jones (Community Sector), Marcus Jones, (MP), Dr Julie Nugent (WMCA), Alison Thompson (WCAVA), Patricia Willoughby (WMCA) and Councillor Jeff Clarke (WCC).

Officers in attendance: I. Andrew (NBBC), W. Bolton (NBBC), D. Dawson (NBBC), A. Dent (Advent), Catherine Marks (WCC) and Jack Stevens (Arup).

Apologies: Amanda Bourne (Local SME Business Sector), B. Davis (NBBC), Uly Lyons (Education Sector), Jenni Northcote (Health Sector), Lindsey Randle (Local Business Sector), Les Ratcliffe (CWLEP) and Councillor K. Wilson (NBBC).

TDB101 Chair's welcome and announcements

The Chair welcomed Board Members to the meeting.

TDB102 Minutes

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 14th May, 2021, be confirmed and signed by the Chair.

TDB103 Declarations of Interests

Board Members' interests for the meeting were as set out in a Schedule of Declarations of Interests, attached to the agenda.

The Chair advised members that his interests had changed and therefore the schedule required updating.

Jet Jones declared that she was in the process of being appointed as a trustee of Nicholas Chamberlaine School.

RESOLVED that declarations of interest be as set out in the schedule attached to these minutes, as amended above.

TDB104 Town Investment Plan Delivery Update

The Director – Regeneration and Housing (NBBC) submitted a report to provide the Board with an update on the progress made to date with delivering business cases, following the successful Town Deal application for funding. The Heads of Terms, signed on 24th March 2021, had confirmed that funding totalling £23.2m had been awarded, in addition to the £1m Advance Funding.

Section 4 of the report detailed the key actions undertaken to date, to comply with the requirements of the funding offer and importantly, the requirement to complete all business cases and submit project specific summary documents by 24th March, 2022.

Attention was also drawn to the Government's Communications and Branding protocol, attached as Appendix 1 to the report.

The report concluded that significant progress had been achieved, and that co-operation across delivery partners had been excellent, being the key factor that had ensured that the overall Programme remained on track to deliver against deadlines.

The Chair celebrated the successes to date, highlighted that the deadline for submission of all business cases was no later than 12 months after receiving the Heads of Terms; and stated that written confirmation from the Government that funds were ready to be released had been received in September.

The Board also considered the following matters:

- The announcement that Cityfibre had included Nuneaton and Bedworth in their second roll out phase.
- The ongoing design and re-costing of projects in order to mitigate inflation in the construction industry.
- The Communications approach.
- Project delivery plans.

RESOLVED that

- a) the contents of the report be noted; and
- b) an updated Programme Delivery plan be submitted to the next Board meeting.

TDB105 Any Other Business

- a) Assurance Process timeframes – to be discussed further at the next project leads meeting and included in the Programme Delivery Plan.
- b) The appointment of a dedicated Programme Manager. The Chair welcomed the appointment and requested that the Programme Manager present at the next Board meeting.
- c) Date and time of the next meeting: Future meetings of the Board to be bi-monthly going forward; the next meeting to be scheduled for early December 2021.

(Chair)