

ACTION LOG

Meeting:

Newcastle Town Deal Board

APPROVED

Date:

3 December 2020, 2.00pm

Attendees: Aaron Bell (MP) (part) Cllr Graham Bibby (Keele PC) Phil Butters (Keele University) Carl Copestake (Knights) Lisa Healings (VAST) Rob Lawley (Chamber of Commerce) Trevor McMillan (Keele University/SSLEP) Richard Moore (Aspire) Cllr Stephen Sweeney (NBC Member) Nicola Twemlow (YMCANS) Fiona Wallace (New Vic) Sharon Warren (Atmore) (part) Cllr Philip White (SCC Member) Amy Williams (NBID)

AECOM: Gareth Brown Alex Heath Jenny Oakes Bob Perkins

Officer Support: Elaine Burgess (NBC) Gail Edwards (SCC) Mark Laywood (NBC) Simon McEneny (NBC)

Apologies: Dan Gray (Aspire)

	Issue	Action	Resp.	Due Date
1.	Welcome and Introductions All were welcomed to the meeting.			
2.	Declaration of Interest Representatives of Keele University and the New Vic Theatre noted their interest in projects under discussion at this meeting.	Noted		
3.	Governance arrangements including revised Terms of Reference ML gave an overview of the revised Terms of Reference for the Board which had been revised in line with MHCLG best practice guidance. ML gave an overview of the TIP approval document and milestones within that. A request had been received for an observer to attend the meeting. The request was discussed and it was noted that additional people could be invited to attend where relevant for a particular agenda item. Members were reminded that Board information was publically accessible via the town deal webpage where documents were published.	All Board members to sign acceptance of the Terms of Reference Any questions on the TIP approval document to ML Agreed the Board meetings would continue to be closed to observers.	ALL ALL ALL	14/01/21 ASAP Complete

4.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>No issues arising. All actions covered elsewhere on the agenda.</p>	Minutes approved.	ALL	Complete
5.	<p>AECOM update on Project Plan/Work to date/planned</p> <p>BP reviewed progress made since the last Board meeting, including a call for projects and re-shuffling of proposed projects into theme areas. The revised draft project proposals now fit with a number of Government objectives.</p> <p>Vision, Strategy and Priorities. Issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ambition and intent of medium and long term priorities • Fit with local and national agenda • Importance of digital • Climate emergency. <p>Digital Infrastructure. Issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to be competitive with other areas • Potential to connect to Stoke digital infrastructure network • Good private sector leverage • Potential to level up across the borough in residential areas without good Broadband connectivity • Change of name VX Fibre may now be Lila Connect • Potential benefit of a voucher scheme • Need to agree principles of the idea for TIP with detail to be determined in the next phase of development. <p>Digital Centre issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to skills, education and economic development activities • A question on whether the project should be badged an accessible digital centre rather than a town centre digital centre. <p>Sustainable public transport improvements. Issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Potential for match funding from SCC for some elements of the proposals. 	<p>The medium and long term priorities to be reviewed for interest and strategic intent</p> <p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p> <p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p> <p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p>	<p>AECOM</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p>14/01/21</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Need to work with bus operators and other partners on detail of green technology solutions. • Precedent for solar bus station elsewhere as a model to look at. • Link to Stoke £29 million investment in transport that was recently announced. • Potential to extend RTPI to areas beyond those mentioned in the project description. <p>Town Centre Permeability. Issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Supports delivery of priorities in the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan • Alternative routes proposed by Keele and Silverdale Parish Councils • Poor state of existing cycle lanes in Clayton – Gatehouse to Westbury Park as an example of the need to upgrade what is already there. • Potential use of data from E-Scooter trial re mix of road users. • Potential to learn from other areas re Local Authority provided bikes fitted with GPS to monitor main cycle routes used. <p>EV charging points. Issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The project is scalable and there may be opportunities to partner with commercial companies. • Supports proposals in the Future High Street Fund bid • Potential use of evidence from Live Labs trial • Commercial viability of Town centre points but not rural areas so potential to consider locations outside of the town centre if the right partner is attracted. <p>Development of Key Gateway Sites: issues raised:</p> <p>Town Centre</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Future High Street Fund focuses on the core so gateway site has been considered for TIP. • Potential employment units - need to consider fit with surrounding neighbours • Potential link to digital infrastructure project 	<p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p> <p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p> <p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Opportunity to contribute to diversification of town centre uses and footfall generation. <p>Knutton – no issues raised</p> <p>Chesterton – no issues raised</p> <p>Centre for Circus and Performing Arts issues raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The working group had broadened the proposals to include community uses at the proposed centre and were working on plans to sustain the centre once established. • Concern was expressed about the demand for circus entertainment and the need for space. • The group was reminded of the importance of creativity for skills development in young people. • Keen that this links to employability skills rather than leisure. • The group was reminded that pre-Covid 1 in 11 UK jobs was in the creative sector. • It was suggested that it was better to think about outdoor arts activity rather than circus, however a focus on circus rather than a general arts centre was more likely to attract inward investment. • There are examples elsewhere where a cultural hub has become a hub of learning – Sunderland Glass Centre as an example. • It is an opportunity to celebrate our links with the birth of Circus. Local circus operators are keen to assist in developing this project in more detail. • Emphasis on the need for a robust business case to be developed. <p>An overview was given of the cost summary and next steps. Further work was needed on some elements of the project specification for the TIP part 2 templates and the TIP narrative needs updating to reflect the current range of project.</p> <p>AB recorded his thanks for the progress made to date and reminded all of the need for robust business cases.</p>	<p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p> <p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p> <p>Project approved for inclusion in the TIP</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p>	<p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Complete</p>
	<p>Images and / or quotes to be returned to AECOM</p>	<p>ALL</p>	<p>11/12/20</p>

	An appeal was made for local images and quotes to help illustrate the document.			
6.	AOB All were encouraged to send comments to AECOM to help to develop the TIP.	Comments to be forwarded to AECOM	ALL	14/01/21
7	Date of next meeting 14 January 2021 4.00pm	All to note	ALL	Complete