

NEWCASTLE-UNDER-LYME BOROUGH COUNCIL

REPORT TO KIDSGROVE TOWN DEAL BOARD

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Report Title: Approval of draft Kidsgrove Town Investment Plan

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Portfolios: All

Ward(s) affected: Kidsgrove & Ravenscliffe, Newchapel & Mow Cop, Talke & Butt Lane, section of Bradwell

Purpose of the Report

- a. To request formal acceptance by the Kidsgrove Town Deal Board (KTDB) of the draft Kidsgrove Town Investment Plan (TIP) to be submitted to MHCLG by 5pm on 30th Oct 2020.
- b. To delegate responsibility for any final amendments of the draft to the KTDB chair and vice-chair plus a Newcastle-under-Lyme BC senior officer, as a representative of the accountable body.

Recommendation

- a. That the KTDB formally accepts the draft Kidsgrove TIP.
- b. That the responsibility for any final amendments is delegated to the chair, vice-chair and Newcastle-under-Lyme BC senior officer.

Reasons

To confirm KTDB support for the TIP prior to submission.

1. Background

- 1.1. According to the Town Deal Prospectus and Further Guidance, Town Deal Boards are responsible for developing a TIP that sets out a clear vision and strategy for the town, reflecting local priorities. The TIP will be used as the basis for agreeing the Town Deal, including the specific projects which will be funded and the agreement in principle/Heads of Terms (before entering into phase 2 where funding may be granted).
- 1.2. The Town Deal Board is expected to sign off each stage of a TIP and Town Deal. The amount of investment from the Towns Fund will be determined based on the strength of the TIP amongst other relevant factors.
- 1.3. The TIP must be agreed by the Town Deal Board in line with the Board's locally-agreed governance structure.
- 1.4. The Kidsgrove TIP submission was going to be delayed to Cohort 3 (January 2021), in line with the Newcastle TIP submission as the Chatterley Valley project was to be shared between the TIPs. However, subsequent advice from MHCLG indicated that this was not possible and therefore the full Chatterley Valley amount was included in the Kidsgrove TIP. This meant that it could now be submitted in Cohort 2 (October 2020)

2. **Issues**

- 2.1. Due to the timing of the change back to Cohort 2 submission, KTDB members can make comments on the final draft but there will be no time to send out a subsequent version. The Board is therefore asked to sanction the chair and vice-chair to approve any last minute revisions.
- 2.2. The Town Deal Prospectus and Further Guidance requires that the TIP is signed off by the KTDB. However, Newcastle-under-Lyme BC is the lead authority and accountable body for the Kidsgrove TIP and should, therefore, also agree the document. The draft has been presented to and approved by Informal Cabinet and the final version will be presented at the next Cabinet meeting in November.

3. **Proposal**

- 3.1. That the KTDB supports the submission of the TIP (subject to any final amendments approved by the chair and vice-chair).
- 3.2. That the responsibility for any final amendments is delegated to the chair, vice-chair and Newcastle-under-Lyme BC senior officer.

4. **Reasons for Proposed Solution**

- 4.1. This will give assurance to the MHCLG and Newcastle-under-Lyme BC (as the lead authority) that the KTDB approves the content of the TIP.
- 4.2. Last minute refinements to the TIP can be undertaken quickly to allow submission by the 30th October deadline.