

KING'S LYNN TOWN DEAL BOARD

MEETING MINUTES

Date Friday, 22 January 2021	Location Via Microsoft Teams
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Attendees
Andrew Stevenson, Brendan Legrove, Cllr Brian Long, Carly West-Burnham, David Pomfret, Duncan Hall, Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, Frank Thompson, Cllr Graham Middleton, Graham Purkins, Hannah Grimes, Harry Seaton, James Wild MP, Jim Major, Lorraine Gore, Lynn Collison, Mark Juniper, Matthew Henry, Max Winkler, Michael Baldwin, Michelle Drewery, Nikki Broughton, Nova Fairbank, Paul Harrison, Robin Hanley, Sharon Clifton, Sharon Edwards, Tim Drew, Vince Muspratt, Vicky Etheridge, James Fowler, Jemma Curtis, Wendy Vincent

Minutes	Actions
<p>1. Apologies Simon Morris, Lisa Roberts, Alistair Cox, Cllr Andrew Jamieson, Emma Taylor, Robert Jakeman</p>	
<p>2. Introduction (G Purkins)</p> <p>2.1 GP welcomed the Board.</p> <p>2.2 Whilst disappointment was registered for the FHSF bid, the positives were outlined.</p>	
<p>3. Minutes of previous meeting – 4 December 2020 (G Purkins)</p> <p>3.1 Agreed as an accurate record.</p>	
<p>4. Declarations of Interest (G Purkins)</p> <p>4.1 Standing item for D Pomfret under the School of Nursing.</p>	
<p>5. Update on TIP and FHSF submissions – (J Curtis)</p> <p>5.1 JC updated the Board on the submissions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The FHSF had received bids totally £1.6billion, the overall pot being reduced from £1bn to £830m over the last year as the fund had been 'reprioritised'. On 26 December 2020, the Communities Secretary announced that up to £830 million has been allocated from the Future High Streets Fund. Fifteen areas have been awarded £255 million, with a further 57 areas to receive provisional funding of £576 million. During our verbal feedback session with government we understand 30 other towns were unsuccessful. FHSF feedback was positive about the projects submitted and actively encouraged us to take them forward for other funding opportunities. They offered us the opportunity to transfer the FHSF projects for consideration for Town Deal funding taking the ask to circa £47m. 	



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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Expecting to hear back early/mid-February from government on the TIP and which projects they will/won't support. • Once we have received feedback on the long list of projects, it is likely we will need to review the list of projects we prioritised for the Town Deal and consider whether we want to change any with FHSF projects. • We understand this process will need to be completed by early March as the government has indicated they want to accelerate the signing of Town Deals by mid-March. • We will therefore potentially need to dedicate the next Town Deal Board meeting on 26th Feb to reprioritising the Town Deal projects to finalise a town deal with government in March. • Some projects we may decide to defer due to the change in priorities as a result of the pandemic and put forward for other funding opportunities, including the Levelling Up fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund which are due to launch in the Spring. <p>5.2 G Middleton went on to highlight the many positive funding channels still open to the Board, including the HAZ, Levelling Up Fund and the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.</p> <p>5.3 J Wild requested sight of the extra projects list which he would talk through with Luke Hall MP. JC to action.</p> <p>5.4 J Wild confirmed that Robert Jenrick MP had agreed to visit King's Lynn (although expected to be virtually).</p>	<p>JC</p>
<p>6. Town Deal Working Groups (L Gore/J Curtis)</p> <p>6.1 Two working groups are to be set up.</p> <p>6.2 <i>Townscape Working Group</i> – to be formed by members of the board and stakeholders to encourage development of the projects. TOR to be drawn up over the next month and board members were encouraged to join the group or nominate themselves as Chair. The Group would be supported at officer level. Vicky Etheridge nominated herself for Chair – the Board unanimously agreed.</p> <p>6.3 <i>Guildhall Advisory Group</i> – LG confirmed that the Guildhall complex which was included in the FHSF has now been included in the Towns Fund. No funding had yet been secured but it was important to get this advisory group up and running. A wide range of expertise and knowledge is needed for this group and a Town Board member should Chair. Cllr Nockolds registered interest in joining the Guildhall Advisory Group and recommended that the creative hub be part of the group as one project. H Seaton's interest in joining the creative hub part of the Group was noted. M Baldwin nominated himself as Chair – the Board agreed unanimously. Cllr Nockolds, as Portfolio Holder for Culture, Heritage & Health requested a meeting with M Baldwin. To be arranged by Cllr Nockolds.</p>	<p>EN</p>

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<p>6.4 Finance, operational and young people were needed on the advisory groups. Reporting would then come back to the board directly from each Chair.</p>	
<p>7. Towns Fund Accelerated Funding update</p> <p>7a. Public Realm (J Curtis)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JC shared the updated presentation with the Board. • Working towards finalizing the overarching Action Plan. • Key routes had been identified with detail of possible interventions behind each route of the town. • Sets out concepts for different parts of the town. • High Street at Barclays and Primark has been agreed to go forward as the scheme using the accelerated funding. It is going to tender for resurfacing works with quotes from local engineering companies for seating and planters(BC groundworks team would plant up) and NCC for street lighting. Stonework had been ordered from Europe (same as that used on Saturday Market Place). Start date expected in March subject to delivery of the stone. • Number of other concepts including seating and planting for other parts of the town, King Street (outside Guildhall), riverfront, Norfolk St/High St junction. • On course with delivery for the Accelerated Fund and the document would be shared when complete A strong business case was in place in readiness for future opportunities. <p>7b. School of Nursing (D Pomfret)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • DP shared his presentation with the Board. • The new modular facility was now in progress. • Funding had also been received for Science & Nursing. • Equipment needs were close to the procurement stage. • Contract and lead times to begin at the start of February. • Discussions were underway with NHS Framework which were helpful. • Adrian Debney had been appointed as Senior Nurse Educator. Adrian will be starting at the beginning of February and is on secondment for 18 months. • Launch date of the first cohort to be deferred to January from September. • 3-way partnership between ARU, CWA and QEH. • DP confirmed opening up of dialogue with two others educational facilities (Devon and Bradford) which are running similar courses. • Partnership all fully committed to launching the project with estimate of January 2022. • Questions were invited: 	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ C West-Burnham echoed the QEH's commitment to the project. ○ J Wild suggested a separate meeting with DP regarding the possibility of dental nursing apprenticeships. DP to arrange discussion. 	DP
<p>8. Consultation with Representative Bodies of Non-Domestic Ratepayers and Voluntary Sector Representatives about Proposed Borough Council Budget Plans for 2021 - 2025 (Cllr B Long/M Drewery)</p> <p>8.1 Cllr Long, Leader of the borough council, introduced M Drewery, Assistant Director Resources/S151 Officer to present (see attachments).</p>	
<p>9. Any Other Business</p> <p>9.1 None.</p>	
<p>10. Date of Next Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Friday, 26th February 2021 	

Attachments

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