

Central Masterplan Delivery Group

Agenda

Friday 17th September 2021, 13.00pm – 14.30pm

Microsoft Teams Meeting

1.	Welcome and introductions	Councillor Tony Higgins	13.00
2.	Minutes and matters arising	Councillor Tony Higgins	13.05
Key Project Updates**			
3.	C6 Community Forum update and planned activity	Vicky Pickering/ Dave Appleton	13.10
4.	Impact of the Town Deal for Central 6 residents	Steve Park	13.20
5.	Town Deal: Warrington Vale Royal College (Health and Social Care Academy & Advanced Construction Hub)	Nichola Newton	13.30
6.	Central 6 Low Transport Network	Alan Dickin and Mark Tune	13.50
7.	City Status Application	Eleanor Blackburn	14.05
Brief Updates on Previously Presented Items:			
8.	<ul style="list-style-type: none">Youth ZoneBewsey and Dallam HubLevelling up Fund	Dave McNicholl (email request sent) Emma Hutchinson/ Chris Skinkis Eleanor Blackburn	14.15
9.	A.O.B		14.25
11.	Agenda items for next meeting;		14.30

**Key project update topics will rotate from meeting to meeting to allow the group to focus on each in more detail.

Future Board Meetings details

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Monday	22 nd November	TBC	1.30pm till 3.00pm

Central 6 Masterplan Delivery Group Meeting
Friday 9th June 2021, 2.30pm till 4.00pm
Online Teams meeting
Meeting Minutes

	Actions
<p>1. <u>Welcome and Introductions</u></p> <p>CLlr Tony Higgins welcomed everybody to the meeting and noted apologies (see attendee list below).</p>	
<p>2. <u>Minutes and matters arising</u></p> <p>The board accepted that the minutes were true and accurate.</p> <p>LG highlighted action 8 wording noting that it is really important that there is a thorough options analysis. She confirmed that Gateway is being considered as a potential option</p> <p>DT requested that his role be changed on the attendance list to WDP.</p>	
<p>3. <u>C6 Community Forum update and planned activity</u></p> <p>DA and VP provided a verbal update, noting progress had slowed slightly due to elections. Summary of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Food Share & food poverty – the group have linked in with Caitlin at WVA to look at how to work within that programme. • Green Spaces – still looking to identify land for possible pocket gardens • Resource centre – has had to move, looking for more permanent premises, but some issues around staff capacity • Uniform shop – still working, resource being utilised • Credit Union – Looking to open a town centre premises <p>DT – WDP have lost some contact with Credit Unions recently but is happy for them to return to the CIL if they are ready to. DA will pass this onto the Credit Union.</p> <p>LG – in terms of finding a new location for the resource centre, is this something that could tie in with the town deal/ wellbeing hub conversations or the ongoing work on review of public sector estate. DA and LG to pick up on this.</p> <p>KS – offer to promote the credit union through Torus Foundation. Dave to share details of CU with Kate.</p> <p>KS – The foundation are currently working with the landlord on a series of community gardens across the borough. These might tie into community garden activity.</p>	<p>DA</p> <p>DA/LG</p> <p>KS/DA</p>

<p>4. <u>Torus Investment Plan Within Central 6</u></p> <p>Kate Ellison attended from Torus and provided a comprehensive presentation on their current and planned investment activity within the Central 6 area. The presentation detailing the various investments to be shared with the minutes. However, the programme represents a £100m investment in the borough of which £50m is in Central 6.</p> <p>TH – highlighted the challenges within the borough relating to building homes due to restricted space. However, he noted that building attractive apartments gives people the opportunity to downsize or to move into the town from a home to a town centre apartment thus freeing up homes. He highlighted the commitment to invest in brownfield sites and the predicted growth in the town.</p> <p>GJ highlighted theme 7 in the plan, ensuring homes don't stand empty. Improvements in pathways and lighting and landscaping to align with the proposed investment plan could be a way forward on this.</p> <p>Kate agreed to share a document to map pipeline opportunities and that it absolutely could be an opportunity for more of a public realm strategy approach.</p> <p>DT asked how it was ensured within the new build that properties can be adapted to accessibility and highlighted the shortage of bungalows. Kate responded this is built into the plan that even if not adapted from day 1, can be later. Torus are also using modelling of population development. She noted bungalows are not always cost effective.</p> <p>BD asked if bike storage was included in the new developments as this is really key for central 6. Kate noted this is definitely something Torus consider in their development sites. IB further noted that WBC is looking at an SPD which includes bike storage and other issues such as waste storage etc. This is one of the key challenges as we develop town centre.</p> <p>SP added there will be more opportunities for the group to hear about cycle hubs etc. as part of town deal. Also that the council housing company is looking at a bungalow scheme</p> <p>Street scene design was briefly discussed including safer streets. Kate and Theresa Whitfield to link up outside of the meeting on this.</p>	<p>KE</p> <p>KE/TW</p>
<p>5. <u>WVA Volunteering Report</u></p> <p>Bryan provided a presentation to be shared with the notes. The piece of work had been undertaken by WVA specifically looking at volunteering opportunities within central. There were a number of key findings within the presentation (to be circulated) relating to volunteering roles, brokerage figures, types of volunteers etc.</p>	

<p>Key findings include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Within central area there is lots of on the ground social action but a lack of formal volunteering opportunities • Many organisations or group could use volunteers but lack a specific list of volunteer tasks meaning it becomes difficult to provide a new, generic volunteer with tangible activity to do • Some volunteers during covid actually changed career as a result of volunteering – need to highlight this personal development aspect • Likely post Covid challenge may be around volunteers having left/ fewer people wanting to or able to volunteer. • Often organisations may be looking for highly skilled volunteers. However, not all volunteers fit this description. WVA will use the results of the report to work with groups who are keen to support volunteers in building up skills and confidence. • There is a challenge to larger partner organisations to consider our own approach to recruiting volunteers and ensure it both makes use of existing “trusted” volunteers whilst also ensuring opportunities for new (and perhaps initially less confident) volunteers to develop. <p>KS noted she had observed a recruitment challenge through the foundation; people are a little fearful of being in the volunteer environment.</p> <p>LG is keen to have the hospital involved in developing work around this.</p> <p>DT confirmed from WDP’s perspective Covid has affected volunteers - approx. loss of 25 members of the team. He further noted that both WDP and WVA lost funding for community training from the college. Part of the challenge going forward is how to put that funding back in place to still be able to offer programme to support volunteering.</p> <p>EB stated that we are expecting government to start looking at future learning opportunities and budgets including how colleges are funded. This may bring opportunities on this agenda.</p> <p>Also from a WBC point of view, the council will be looking at opportunities around retendering the 3rd sector infrastructure contract and will be engaging with the sector in terms of that.</p>	
<p>6. <u>Parks and Playing Pitch Investment</u></p> <p>Ian Brackenbury attended to provide an update. Slides to be shared. He highlighted the variety of green infrastructure and playing pitches operated by the authority.</p> <p>Key achievements included: Walton, Bank Park, Shaw Street, Victoria Park Asics stadium and pitch. More detail can be found in the slides.</p>	

<p>A Parks Strategy is in development and is key to the delivery of many of the aspirations in the central 6 masterplan. The aim is to deliver high quality, accessible parks and green spaces.</p> <p>TH noted that investments in the parks are not statutory, but are made anyway due to the vital importance of parks for our communities.</p> <p>DT requested that specific items on accessibility be added into the strategy approach.</p> <p>JT requested that IB ensure that C6 masterplan is on the list of strategies to link to the parks plan.</p>	<p>IB</p> <p>IB</p>
<p>7. <u>University of Chester Move to the Town Centre</u></p> <p>EB updated that UoC Padgate campus will be closing in the future but it is extremely positive that the university will be taking a town centre presence, placing high quality higher education provision right in the middle of Central 6.</p> <p>The front door is based in Time Square. It is a flexible and publicly prominent space. Hoping to partially open in September.</p> <p>The second key location is Mersey Bank House on Barbauld street, which will be called the Sarah Parker Raymond Building. This will be the main teaching and office space building and is planned for September next year.</p> <p>JL confirmed to DT that a lift is installed in the building.</p>	
<p>8. <u>Central 6 Communications framework and Discussion</u></p> <p>EB and LP presented this item jointly.</p> <p>EB highlighted the report at Enc 8b which was a reminder of the context that developed the masterplan in terms of commitment to ongoing and meaningful community involvement within the development and delivery of the plan. In the context of a long term plan that requires both quick wins and long term investment, this emphasis on ongoing community engagement is vital to keep it live.</p> <p>There were 2 key recommendations:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1 – The board to review communications & engagement strategy that has been circulated and provide reassurance back to the group that messages are being delivered. 2 - Each project lead should consistently report how community engagement and communication and links with the Central 6 priorities is being picked up within each project. <p>LP then shared some key slides relating to the communications strategy and</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>ALL/Project leads</p>

<p>framework. All requested to review and feedback.</p> <p>Laurence highlighted the importance of all delivery projects/organisations making use of the assets, logos and masterplan references to ensure strong, joined up messaging around all C6 projects. The C6 brand toolkit will be circulated again.</p> <p>Partners were further asked to continue to share work stream updates, to review the website and send revised text through and to increase use of social media logos, visuals and hashtags on relevant projects as well as highlighting to Garry D’Arcy and Laurence Pullan any opportunities to link press releases.</p> <p>If anyone wants any support, additional logos or advice around the communications elements of a Central 6 project (or another project that may have links to C6) please contact communications@warrington.gov.uk or gdarcy@warrington.gov.uk</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>LP/GD</p> <p>ALL/LP/GD</p>
<p>9. <u>Brief Update on Previously Presented Items</u></p> <p>Youth Zone DM circulated a photo taken from the top of the UTC looking at the youth zone. Due for construction completion in January. Looking at acclimatisation sessions for the young people, bringing in small groups at a time. Official opening beginning of May.</p> <p>He stressed that this is NOT Warrington Youth Club’s new home. This is Warrington Youth Zone. We need to ensure services can be delivered 365 days a year, including work to see how people can be brought in but also looking at how to take services out.</p> <p>DT –WDP have a new system to use an avatar system which may be particularly helpful to use with young people with autism to prepare them for the new centre. DT and DMc to link up outside the meeting.</p> <p>Bewsey and Dallam Hub</p> <p>JL reported we are still experiencing delays due to Brexit and material shortages and flooding a few months ago. He estimates a further 2 weeks for completion of construction then viewing and hopefully handover.</p> <p>Levelling Up Fund EB highlighted this is a Government flagship investment programme announced in March. Warrington is a category 2 (out of 3) priority area and therefore did not apply for round 1 but will apply for round 2.</p> <p>Currently potential opportunities are being explored. The Central 6 document has been very useful for this as it has enabled officers to work through a number</p>	<p>DT/DMc</p>

<p>of opportunities from the plan such as the waterfront activity, first and last mile, health and wellbeing improvements and engaging young people.</p> <p>It may be helpful to have a more detailed presentation on this next time.</p>	
<p>10. <u>A.O.B</u></p> <p>IB – highlighted the fantastic litter networks that are growing across Warrington and have collected over 2200 bags of waste across the borough since January. 19 networks across the town. LA supports with bags etc.</p> <p>Over 160 bags of waste were collected on the canal last weekend. 2 picks upcoming the weekend following the board meeting.</p>	
<p>11. <u>Proposed Agenda Items for Next Meeting</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Levelling Up Fund • Impact of the Town Deal on Central 6 residents • Update from Warrington Vale Royal College (Health and Social Care academy & Advance Construction Hub) 	

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