



WARRINGTON
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WARRINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD

Minutes of Meeting held on 12 August 2022 – 10.00 am
MICROSOFT TEAMS MEETING

<p>Attendees: Steve Coffey Steve Park Ellie Cox Steve Bennett Anton Fields Alison Roberts Eleanor Blackburn Simon Foden John Laverick David Boyer Nigel Schofield Stephen Fitzsimmons John Adlen</p>	<p>Company TORUS Warrington Borough Council DLUHC /CLGU NHS Warrington Borough Council Warrington Borough Council Warrington Borough Council Langtree/ Wire Regeneration Warrington & Co Warrington Borough Council Warrington Chamber of Commerce Warrington Chamber of Commerce Cheshire and Warrington LEP</p>	<p>Apologies Steven Broomhead Andy Carter MP Emma Hutchinson Nicki O’ Connor Nichola Newton Bill Carr Cllr Russ Bowden Cllr Tom Jennings Charlotte Nichols MP Ben Wakerley Malcolm Jackson Lucy Gardner Damian Richards Clarke Martin Wood Steve Hunter Dave Thompson Simon Bleckly Chris Bowen</p>
Item	Subject	Action
1.0	Welcome and Apologies	
1.1	The Chair welcomed all to the meeting and noted apologies received. SP updated the Board that Ben Wakerley, WOB has stepped down from the Town Deal Board as it clashes with his WOB Board.	Noted
2.0	<u>Minutes of meeting held on 01 July 2022</u>	
2.1	The minutes were agreed as a correct record. There were no matters arising.	Noted
3.0	<u>Levelling Up Round 2 Update</u> EB updated the Board on progress: Three bids were submitted by the deadline of 2 nd August: a) Warrington South	



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	<p>Focus on health and wellbeing - £19.8m funding request for scheme value of £23.8m Three projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Inclusive Sports Centre – Victoria Park – to provide opportunities for disabled and wheelchair users to participate in sports. Also to provide a new artificial grass pitch ii) Broomfields Leisure Centre Refurbishment – part demolition/ new pool/gym iii) Lymm High School – new Performance and Arts Centre for use by the school and community <p>b) Warrington North</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Focus on reconnecting settlements through Active Travel Improvements between Culcheth, Birchwood and Winwick to urban Warrington ii) Community Facilities improvements in Burtonwood <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (1) Recreation Ground Building – demolish and rebuild and provision of cycle parking – facilities to support pitch use (2) Community Centre – training room provision, rugby pitches and Active Travel provision <p>c) Transport Bid – (DB)</p> <p>DB explained that this bid and proposed works builds on previous investment/ studies including the First/Last Mile and looks to make improvements to the east/west travel corridor mainly through junction improvements at Dial Street, Church Street, Farrell Street for example and connections to Sankey Valley.</p> <p>EB added that the projects need to be delivered by March 2025 which is tight. LUF have advised that the application decision will be made in Autumn this year.</p> <p>SP suggested that SC write to Andy Carter MP to lobby Government to make a quick decision on LUF2 awards to provide as much time as possible to deliver the back end projects.</p> <p>DECISION:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Board AGREED to endorse the LUF2 bids • SC AGREED to draft a letter to AC to lobby Government for a response on LUF2 application 	
4.0	<u>Town Deal Director’s Report</u>	
4.1	AF presented his report focussing on the financial aspects of the Warrington Town Deal Programme since the last Board meeting held on 01 July 2022.	
4.2	AF confirmed that WBC as accountable body had received c£14.6m in funding from DLUHC and currently just less than £7m of the funding is committed spend.	
4.3	AF reported that DLUHC had recently contacted all Towns Fund projects looking	



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<p>4.4</p> <p>4.5</p> <p>4.6</p>	<p>for Towns where possible to accelerate spend. As Warrington is within the Cohort 1 Towns the opportunities for advance spending are limited.</p> <p>AF confirmed that all Grant Funding agreements are now signed/ sealed apart from the Digital Hub which has been agreed but just awaiting signature.</p> <p>AF reported on the current programme level risks and issues:</p> <p>ACCE: Following the last Town Deal Board meeting, Andy Carter MP offered to contact the Secretary of State to ask for support in seeking approval for the land transfer from Beaumont Academy to the College for the ACCE. Matters have progressed since then as the land has now been found unsuitable for development due to an existing large sewer crossing the site. WVRC are now progressing with Plan B which is to use an adjacent site which is currently used as an overspill car park for Live Wire. This will cause a delay in delivery of 6 months minimum</p> <p>Digital Hub: The ERDF issues have been resolved and Wire Regen are in the process of signing both the GFA's for the ERDF and Town Deal monies. The Town Deal project outputs remain unchanged and DLUHC/CLGU have confirmed that any underspend this year can be carried forward using our S151's freedoms and flexibilities.</p> <p>AR updated the Board on the monthly progress report provided to CLGU colleagues, representing DLUHC. The risk ratings have been advised by DLUHC and show high risks on the delivery of the Digital Hub (due to the ERDF constraints setting back delivery to 2024) and the Advance Construction Academy due to reworking required as a result of the revised location.</p> <p>It is noted that the Board <u>AGREED</u> to accept the risks.</p>	<p>SF</p>
<p>5.0</p> <p>5.1</p> <p>5.2</p> <p>5.3</p>	<p><u>Project Lead Updates</u></p> <p><u>Advanced Construction & Civil Engineering Centre (ACCE)</u> NN had given apologies for the meeting. The Project Update was taken as read.</p> <p><u>Health & Social Care Academy</u> NN had given apologies for the meeting. The Project Update was taken as read.</p> <p><u>Bus Depot</u> JL reported that the Depot construction is progressing well and there are no concerns regarding delivery. Provision has been made within the Depot for the EV chargers and infrastructure requirements to incorporate the future electrification of the bus fleet/ ZEBRA funding.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>



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5.4	<p><u>Sustainable Travel Programme</u></p> <p>DB updated on the programme.</p> <p>3G Pitch – approved at June Cabinet, start on site imminent</p> <p>First/Last Mile - Sankey Street, public realm improvements building on LUF bid - the brief has been issued to the Councils Delivery Team who are working with consultants to develop the scheme.</p> <p>Green Ring Enhancements – adding to the Active Travel schemes - TPT near Stockton Heath swing bridge towards Waters Meet – seeking to deliver this ahead of the swing bridge work which are due to start in April 2023 by Peel Ports. Works due to start shortly with tree/ vegetation clearance.</p> <p>Bus Priority – main scheme is on Wilderspool Causeway, so looking at the phasing of this now to take into account the swing bridge work. BSIP has been signed off.</p> <p>Cycle Hub – a market testing exercise has taken place with 3 organisation showing interest in the scheme – discussions ongoing</p>	
5.5	<p><u>Health & Wellbeing Hub</u></p> <p>SB updated the Board. There is no change to the financial forecast – there has been some NHS match spending and some of the Town Deal revenue finding has been drawn down to support project management costs. The project is progressing well, the RIBA Stage 4 design is progressing and WHH are looking to issue the ITT for the building contractor towards the end of Autumn. The QS has confirmed the revised plans for the top floor/ external wellbeing space are within budget and the architects are progressing the design. Negotiations can now continue on the lease with the landlord. SB foresees no major risks or issues at the present time.</p>	
5.6	<p><u>Digital Enterprise Hub</u></p> <p>SF updated on the project. The Grant Funding Agreements from both the ERDF and WBC are agreed and ready for signature. The project will be delivered in 3 stages – the roof (pre Xmas '22); ERDF refurbishment (Jan-Jun '23) and the Town Deal works ('24). Discussions on the lease for UoC are progressing with the Hydra works due for completion before Xmas with UoC moving in Jan '23.</p>	



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5.7	<p><u>Pyramid Remastered</u></p> <p>EB updated on the project. Lovelock Mitchell have now been appointed as the new architectural team to develop the design. An initiation meeting has been held and they are currently undergoing a review of the previous design/ proposals before restarting. As part of the commission Stageright have been appointed as specialist theatre consultants and they are already providing confidence within the team that the architect's proposals will be challenged and matched to meet the venue's specific needs. £350k has been committed through the procurement of Lovelock Mitchell. The Team are also progressing a £2.1m bid through the Cultural Development Fund to provide match funding and close the current budget gap – the decision is not due until March 23. There is no change to the current risk register.</p>	
6.0	<p><u>Any other business</u></p>	
6.1	<p>UK Shared Prosperity Fund</p> <p>EB reported that the Investment Plan was submitted on 1st August, and further to the last Board meeting advised that it is the intention to set up a UKSPF Sub Group to the Town Deal Board, with the Town Deal Board acting as a partnership oversight group. The Sub Group will discuss the UKSPF project's finer detail and processes and report back to Town Deal Board. EB requested that anyone with an interest in joining the group should get in touch with her and she will provide an update at the next Board meeting.</p>	
7.0	<p><u>Date of Next meeting</u></p>	
7.1	<p>23 September 2022, 10am</p>	