

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

TOWNS FUND BOARD

28 April 2020

PRESENT:

Dr Faisal Baig Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG), Samantha Cooke Hilton by Hampton, Jo Corney Department of Working Pensions (DWP). Holly Mumby-Croft MP, Sophie Day British Steel, Joanne Dixon HBP Systems, Simon Green North Lincolnshire Council, Denise Hyde North Lincolnshire Council, Lesley Potts North Lincolnshire Council, Alan Ross Stylex Auto Products Ltd, Mary Stuart (Chair) University of Lincoln, Kishor Tailor Humber LEP, Diana Taylor Marketing Humber and Councillor Waltham MBE North Lincolnshire Council.

Vikki Oxley was also in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from, David Atkin British Steel, Peter Campey Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (beis), Andrew Percy MP, and Duncan Willey PPH Commercial.

The meeting was held as a Teleconference.

9 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the second meeting of the Scunthorpe Towns Fund Board.

10 DECLARATIONS OF DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS AND PERSONAL OR PERSONAL AND PREJUDICIAL INTERESTS

There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests.

Resolved – (a) That the members of North Lincolnshire Towns Fund Board complete and return Declarations of Interest to the Boards' secretary, and (b) that queries regarding to Declarations of Interest be sent to secretary.

11 MINUTES

Resolved – That the minutes of the meeting of the North Lincolnshire Towns Fund Board, held on 20 March 2020, be approved as a correct record, subject to suggested amendment to the text.

12 NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE CURRENT AND EVOLVING position POST CORONAVIRUS

The Deputy Chief Executive, North Lincolnshire Council, advised the Board that the #MyTown campaign had been set up by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government to support 100 places across England that had been chosen to pioneer multi-million Town Deals as part of the £3.6 billion Towns Fund. The campaign gave people a

say in how a new generation of Town Deals, each worth up to £25million, should transform the place they call home. Through the #MyTown campaign communities were encouraged to share pride in their town and ideas for Town Deals to support innovative regeneration plans. Results received so far were attached as an appendix and discussed.

A dedicated platform for communities to share their ideas had been set up on a Facebook page and on Twitter through #MyTown. A #MyTown campaign page had also been set up, asking for ideas on how to improve skills and transport, create new jobs and regenerate the local community.

The Head of Economy and Growth, Business Development, North Lincolnshire Council updated the Board on the public engagement on Scunthorpe Town Centre that had taken place from 13 February 2020 to 22 March 2020 (54 comments received). Themes from the results were;

- Business support
- Educational support
- Improved safety
- Improvements to health care,
- Increase leisure attractions/facilities,
- Investment in community centres/clubs,
- More shops,
- Public realm improvements
- Road infrastructure improvements,
- Transport improvements

Comprehensive information was given on the themes. The themes identified the trends around aspirations, happiness, health and wellbeing, safety and security. It was agreed by the Board that the trends be considered to encourage a cultural and behavioural change and balanced analysis

13 INVESTMENT CRITERIA DISCUSSION

The Deputy Chief Executive refreshed the board of the requirements of the Investment Plan, the criteria set by the Government (Place, Productivity and Business), the criteria established by the board itself at the previous meeting(leverage, impact on outcomes, legacy and to challenge place) and highlighted the traditional business metrics on measuring success on investment. The chair led a brief discussion around these varying aspects of criteria. As outlined by the Government, and the criteria of the projects; including leverage, legacy, impact on outcomes, recovery, and challenge place.

Resolved - That the criteria for projects within the investment plan contain a balance of those identified.

14 PRESENTATION OF INDICATIVE LIST

The Head of Economy and Growth, Business Development, North Lincolnshire Council submitted a number of project proposals to the Board

- (a) **Advanced Manufacturing Park** - The long term vision for the extension of Humber Enterprise Zone area would support the North Lincolnshire and wider economic geography to transform into an area where new development and industry, combined with existing steel operations contributed to, and facilitated economic growth and prosperity, creating one of the UKs largest Advanced Manufacturing and Engineering Hubs.

- (b) **Hospital Site** - To provide a feasibility study with full high level costs on a preferred site for the building of a new Hospital in North Lincolnshire
- (c) **Public Realm Phase 2** - Public realm had been considered a priority for investment. It was proposed that the first phase of the Public Realm Strategy be funded if successful through FHSF in order to implement phase 2 of Scunthorpe Public Realm Strategy.
- (d) **New Museum** - Deliver a new Museum as part of a new Cultural Offer in Scunthorpe Town Centre.
- (e) **UCNL Phase 3** – The first two phases of the physical development of UCNL were nearing completion, there was a real need to develop a new skills eco-system that would be based on supply push not demand push to support this. There was a real need to create a knowledge exchange, research and innovation provision and culture to support our local businesses and new investors.
- (f) **#TeamNLGS** - Initiative to increase graduate employment in SMEs across North Lincolnshire. The aim would be to bring together graduates who want to work in our economy and do great things, with businesses, the university, acting with energy, creativity and vision who are already looking for fresh talent.
- (g) **Multi-Storey Car Park** - As the town centre develops in a place for business and leisure there would be a need to provide increased car parking facilities. Currently all car parking in the town centre were managed and delivered by North Lincolnshire Council.
- (h) **Green Private Wire (Business)** - Deliver a gigabyte connection to Scunthorpe. This project could supply discounted green sourced power and heat to Scunthorpe businesses from a local source.
- (i) **Full Fibre to the Premises;** 1 Gigabyte supply of FFTP broadband to Scunthorpe Town centre and nearby industrial estates.
- (j) **East to West Rail Speed Improvements** - Supporting economic growth and increasing access to labour markets and skills. Supporting inward investment and leisure travel options. Improved line speeds would also bring benefits to freight traffic.
- (k) **Project Ark** - Ark: National Flood Resilience Centre is the first facility of its kind anywhere in the world. It provides realistic environments that would enable businesses, specialists and communities to build resilience through collaborative training and research. <https://arkfloodcentre.co.uk/>;

Resolved – To agree the indicative list of projects to develop further, except the Multi-Storey Car Park.

15 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair confirmed that the next meeting of the Board would be at 2.30pm on Friday, 15 May 2020, via Teleconference.