

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

TOWNS FUND BOARD

4 March 2022

MS Teams

PRESENT

Board Members: Dr Faisal Baig, North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NLCCG); (Chair), Holly Mumby-Croft MP; Simon Green, Deputy Chief Executive North Lincolnshire Council; Julian Free, University of Lincoln; Samantha Cook, Hilton by Hampton; Roxeanne Asquith, British Steel; Diana Taylor, Marketing Humber British Steel; Gurpa Singh, 2Sisters Food Group.

Board Advisors: Peter Campey, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Helen Manderson, Director Business Development, North Lincolnshire Council; Lesley Potts, Head of Economy & Growth, North Lincolnshire Council,

Debbie Frary and Adam Lovell, North Lincolnshire Council were also in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Rob Waltham MBE; Becky McIntyre, Director of Governance & Partnerships, North Lincolnshire Council; Duncan Willey, PPH Commercial; Ruth Carver, Greater Lincolnshire LEP; Susan Oliver, H&WRA, Voluntary & Community Sector Alliance; Jo Corney, Department of Work and Pensions (DWP); Andrew Percy MP; Roj Rahman Community Representative

The meeting was held as a Teleconference via MS Teams.

146 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting. The Chair informed the Board that Susan Oliver, H&WRA, Voluntary & Community Sector Alliance had resigned from the Board and thanked Susan for her time and work on the board. The Chair asked the board to think about a voluntary sector representative to join the Board. **Resolved** – Voluntary sector representative suggestions to be sent to Lesley Potts, or Debbie Frary, North Lincolnshire Council.

147 NOTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting of the Scunthorpe Towns Fund Board held on 28 January 2022, be approved as a correct record.

148 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.

149 TOWNS FUND BOARD REVIEW

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Membership of the Board – No comments were received on the board membership. A discussion was held regarding quoracy and due to some apologies from members at this meeting the Chair agreed to look at current Board Membership in relation to the

were raised on the current Terms of reference. **Resolved** – Faisal Baig, Chair, to email all board members for agreement on quoracy and confirmation to be noted at the next meeting. Following an agreement on quoracy it was agreed to circulate the terms of reference to Board members as approved.

150 PROJECT UPDATE PRESENTATION

Lesley Potts and Simon Green, North Lincolnshire Council, updated the Board on the 5 remaining towns fund projects, with the 6th project having been completed and presented to the Board at the last meeting. **TF001**

- **Advanced Manufacturing Park** – The vision was outlined to the Board and it was noted that soft market testing had been undertaken and a successful Q & A workshop had been held with interested parties. A red Risk was reported to the Board in respect of the land acquisition. The price and heads of terms have been agreed, however, since this has been agreed the proposed purchaser of lots 1-4 inclusive have pulled out and as a result Homes England have decided to go back out to open market tender for all 5 lots thus reneging on an agreed heads of terms between North Lincolnshire Council and themselves on lot 5. Simon Green, North Lincolnshire Council requested the chair and vice chair sign a letter to the Secretary of State for the department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities, Michael Gove, to support the purchase of the land to go ahead as agreed in the Heads of Terms. Holly Mumby-Croft, Vice Chair, confirmed she would have a face to face conversation with the Secretary of State. Simon Green, North Lincolnshire Council, agreed to send through some bullet points of detail to enable this conversation to take place. Peter Campey, BEIS, requested he be copied into this information and also offered his support on this. **TF003 - Enabling a future for Clean Growth** – It was noted a project adjustment form had been submitted and accepted for this project. A North Lincolnshire Community Energy Cooperative has been set up to support the Community PV project and details of the schools interested so far on the project were outlined to the board. It was reported that once the full business case has been approved the project will be on site and the first project delivered in time for September 2022 school opening. **TF004 – Transforming the Scunthorpe Housing Market** – The objectives of the project were outlined to the board and the proposed sites detailed, it was also confirmed that engagement with Homes England is on going. **TF005 – Integrated Health, Innovation and Emergency Services Hub** – the board were informed that regular engagement has been taking place with Humberside Police, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service and East Midland Ambulance Service. An initial design of the hub has been created and ongoing discussions are taking place with the 3 services on the design and integrated working. It was noted that North Lincolnshire Council are currently in negotiations on the land purchase. **TF006 – New Cultural Arts & Heritage Offer** – it was noted that this project will take a phased approach and the scope and what the new offer will create was detailed to the Board. It was noted that work is in progress across a number of town centre project to ensure the right space is used for this project and the site will be confirmed to the Board at the next meeting **Resolved** – the chair thanked Lesley Potts and Simon Green, North Lincolnshire Council, for the update presentation. The site for TF006 project to be confirmed to the board at the next meeting. The presentation to be circulated to Board members confidentially with the minutes of the meeting. A timeline for Project TF004 to be circulated to the Board.

The following item (item 151 refers) is considered to be exempt and not for circulation in the public domain on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended)

151 FHSF001/002 HIGHLIGHT REPORT

FHSF001 - Project Anchor – A confidential highlight report was circulated with the agenda for information. Progress has been made since the last board and the planning application has been granted permission. Tender evaluations have been completed for the Design & Build contract and a preferred contractor identified and is being progressed. A marketing event is due to take place in April. The next stages are to develop RIBA stage 3 and 4 and the Contractor to evaluate pre-commencement planning conditions and the occupier contractual work to be completed. FHSF002 - Urban Park – A confidential highlight report was circulated with the agenda for information. It was reported that the contractors are now on site and Phase 2 is underway, progressing well and on track. The project is hoped to be completed by the end of June 2022. **Resolved** – the reports and update were noted by the Board.

152 MARKETING & COMMS HIGHLIGHT REPORT

A highlight report was circulated to the Board prior to the meeting which detailed key actions, achievements, updates on asks from the Towns Fund Board and actions due in the next period. Adam Lovell, North Lincolnshire Council, attended the meeting to give further detail on the report and confirmed that a Comms Officer had been assigned to each Towns Fund Project. The board were informed that an attitude survey was to be undertaken shortly to better understand the publics' thinking. They were also informed that a major campaign was in progress to be launched in May/June to coincide with the Queens Jubilee which will look back over 70 years and show how we are moving forward. It was noted that the website needs updating, Adam Lovell, North Lincolnshire Council, informed the Board that the section on the North Lincolnshire Council website was mainly for the practical information and work is being progressed on a section on the InvestIn website with information on each individual projects. **Resolved** – The Board noted the report. The Board to be kept up to date on the progress of the Website.

153 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

It was noted that there is a lot happening with the NHS at present, therefore, if any Board member wished to know further detail the Chair offered to invite guests to attend the meeting to discuss. **Resolved** – Board members to forward any requests for further information to the Chair.

154 DATE AND TIME OF FUTURE MEETINGS

The Chair confirmed the date of the next Board meeting as Friday 6 May 2022, 11.00am.