

NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE

TOWNS FUND BOARD

13 November 2020

MS Teams

PRESENT - Mary Stuart (Chair), University of Lincoln, Councillor Waltham MBE, North Lincolnshire Council, Denise Hyde, North Lincolnshire Council, Simon Green, Deputy Chief Executive North Lincolnshire Council, Holly Mumby-Croft MP (Chair), Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, Kishor Tailor, Humber LEP, Ruth Carver, Greater Lincolnshire LEP, Diana Taylor, Marketing Humber, , Sophie Day, British Steel, Peter Campey, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy, Andrew Percy MP, Samantha Cook, Hampton by Hilton

Debbie Frary was also in attendance.

APOLOGIES – Apologies were received from Dr Faisal Baig, North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NLCCG), Jo Dixon, HBP Systems, David Atkin, British Steel, Duncan Willey, PPH Commercial, North Lincolnshire Voluntary Community Alliance, Jo Corney, Department of Work and Pensions (DWP), Lisa Oakley, Nationwide Building Society, Ruth Carver, Greater Lincolnshire LEP

The meeting was held as a Teleconference.

- 56 **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS** - The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting.
- 57 **NOTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS** – The minutes were agreed and any outstanding actions to be covered through the meeting agenda. **Resolved** - That the minutes of the meeting of the North Lincolnshire Towns Fund Board, held on 9 October 2020, be approved as a correct record.
- 58 **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. A reminder was raised for any outstanding Pecuniary Interest forms to be returned as soon as possible.
- 59 **SCUNTHORPE URBAN PARK UPDATE** – A briefing paper was circulated to the Board with the agenda. The Board were reminded that this project was brought forward following the accelerated towns fund grant from government to fund capital projects that can be defrayed and delivered by 31 March 2021 in which Scunthorpe was awarded £1m. The board were informed that due to the time constraints given of 31 March 2021 some of the £1m funding has been defrayed to assist in the preparation of the land to ensure the money is spent within the given timescales. The initial proposals of the project are to seek to elevate greener and cleaner spaces to Church Square through 3 areas:

– The Green - green and functional green space for leisure and recreational use

- Substation screening – to reduce the visual implications and unsightly nature of the existing substation
- Tree containment - to deliver green infrastructure

The Project programme overview was circulated at 2.31 of the briefing paper and key milestones of the project were highlighted as:

- Pre construction phase – October 2020 to January 2021
- Construction phase – February 2021 to May 2021
- Completion of handover – end of May 2021

The Board were informed that that AHR have been appointed to design the scheme to the next stage and work has already commenced.

The Board were asked to consider the information provided and respond to the following:

- To agree to proceed with the proposed scheme including the elements within S1, S2, S3 and H in the briefing paper and appendix.
- to agree to continue to undertake biannual structural surveys and replace the hoardings around the 20-21 Visual arts centre.
- To approve the allocation of capital monies from the Scunthorpe market demolition to the Accelerated Towns Fund to meet with defrayal timescales. The £350k to be reallocated back to the Scunthorpe Urban Park scheme in 2021 to complete the project. It was noted that this detail has been included in the response to government.

The Board agreed the funding must be spent and project delivered within the timescales and asked for confirmation of this. LP confirmed things were in place and that the project was in a good position to allow the scheme to be delivered on time. No further comments were received, and the Board agreed the 3 asks.

A lead from the board was also requested to work on the Urban Park project. It was agreed to discuss this further and agreement reached at the next meeting. A progress update report to be brought to the next meeting.

Resolved – The Board agreed for the proposed scheme to proceed as per the briefing note and appendix. The Board agreed to the continuation of the bi annual structural surveys and replacement of Hoardings to take place. The Board agreed to the allocation of capital monies from the Scunthorpe market demolition to the Accelerated Towns Fund. The Board accepted the assurance that the funding would be spent and project completed within the allocated timescales. The board agreed to discuss further and agree a lead Board member for the project at the next meeting. A further update report to be provided for the next meeting.

CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

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TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN – A confidential discussion was held on this item. The report is considered to be exempt and not for circulation in the public domain on the ground that it contains the likely disclosure of commercial information of exempt nature as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended).

The final draft Town Investment Plan was circulated to the Board with the agenda. The Board were asked to endorse the plan taking into account the following 3 areas:

- 1-Does the Investment plan capture what it should do?
- 2-Thoughts and agreement on the 7 core projects (and subsidiary projects within)
- 3-Grant permission for the Chair in coordination with Simon Green and Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, to finalise the document regarding financial details and submit to government on Monday 16 November 2020, and a glossy PDF version to be sent later in the week.

Comments regarding ensuring consistency on timescales and Asks within the document and the need to ensure plans are in place in respect of risks were raised and agreed.

Simon Green, North Lincolnshire Council, informed the Board that the Town Investment Plan would be made public on 1 December and would go to Full Council on 7 December and comms launched around the same time. The Board were informed that photographs and comments would be requested from themselves once the document is public.

Simon Green, North Lincolnshire Council, thanked the Board for their support and challenge in getting to this stage.

Mary Stuart, Chair, University of Lincoln, thanked the Team at North Lincolnshire Council behind the Town Investment Plan for the work undertaken on the plan.

Resolved- the Board approved the Town Investment Plan and the content and core projects within the plan. The Board agreed for Mary Stuart, University of Lincoln, as Chair to finalise the document in coordination with Simon Green and Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, taking into account the comments raised, and to submit to Government on Monday 16 November 2020 with a PDF version to be submitted by 20 November 2020. The Board agreed to take part in comms as necessary following the document being launched.

61 **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

No other business was discussed.

62 **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING** – The Chair confirmed the next meeting as Friday 4 December 2020, 10.30am via MS Teams