

Executive Summary

Scunthorpe is a regionally important town that has the potential to transform and drive the UK government's levelling up agenda. Its rich industrial heritage is well known and a source of pride for residents. Forged around steel production and exporting, our town's fortunes have dipped in recent decades due to strong macroeconomic headwinds. Our towns proven resilience and industrial specialisms means that leveraging strategic assets and reversing Scunthorpe's economic trajectory is not only achievable, but crucial to a regional resurgence.

Our TIP is focused on delivering long-term strategy for change, seizing on opportunities and addressing barriers holding the town back from achieving structural and economic change. The plan can be characterised as a delivery apparatus supporting a wider, interconnected set of national, regional and local policies that drive decision making in North Lincolnshire. Taking into account a diverse range of local policy priorities, our vision for the town over the next 20 years is as follows:

“By 2030, Scunthorpe will rebalance its illustrious steel heritage through essential diversification and regeneration. It will be established as a place for excellence in innovation, culture and education synonymous with quality and opportunity. Making Scunthorpe a quality centre for learning, living, leisure and business.

Scunthorpe will have built on its industrial and manufacturing strengths and transitioned towards more sustainable, technologically advanced and clean growth industries. Harnessing ingenuity and determination to build a better, greener town through the reduction of emissions, increased efficiency and provision of a green energy network delivering renewable energy.

A high-quality business quarter will boost Scunthorpe's business economy and set a precedent for investment throughout the town, creating a resilient, vibrant and attractive environment where enterprises can thrive. Enabled by advanced digital and physical connectivity

infrastructure, equitable growth will provide high value employment opportunities for all. Strong links to its rich industrial heritage and historical assets will be celebrated and developed into a cultural offering that provides locals with a strong sense of pride of place, community and family experiences, with the town centre establishing itself spatially as a hub for cultural events.”

Our vision is underpinned by four intervention themes which cut across six strategic objectives. The themes are central to our investment approach, forming the basis of the TIP:

- **Education and skills retention.**
- **Diversifying the economy and clean growth.**
- **Revitalising Scunthorpe.**
- **Visitor economy and cultural development.**

We want to build on our successes of the past 2 years working with private and public organisations to deliver a cohesive TIP. Our track record implementing complimentary transformational investments such as the new indoor market, university campus, public realm enhancements, in addition to alternative, flexible retail and planned student accommodation demonstrates our ability to coordinate large dynamic regeneration programmes.

Stakeholder engagement has been central to the TIP. In addition to regular Scunthorpe Town Deal Board feedback, parallel engagement has taken place via the Local Plan development process as well as specific TIP engagement through the #MyTowns Campaign and resident survey.

Alongside extensive public and private sector-led project development, we have secure significant buy-in, from residents, business and anchor institutions. We will use the Towns Fund to maximise investment into local priorities and catalyse a step change in the fortunes of Scunthorpe's economy. Our ask is for £26.99m of investment to deliver a bold transformational programme over the next 20 years framed around seven priority projects:

- **Advanced Manufacturing Park** – The delivery of an Advanced Manufacturing Park in Lincolnshire Lakes to provide approximately 390,000m² of commercial floorspace.
- **Enabling a future for Clean Growth** – This project is one development within the wider Green Energy Park that will provide the necessary electricity infrastructure to fuel clean growth and decarbonise Scunthorpe. An underground power network will be installed from the Energy Recovery Facility site to key developments sites.

- **Developing Scunthorpe’s New Cultural, Arts and Heritage Offer** – Creation of a new cultural, arts and heritage offer in our Urban Centre of Scunthorpe. The centre one of a kind in its region, will showcase regionally and nationally significant collections, whilst looking to engage the local communities and encourage collaborative working with other partners in Scunthorpe.
- **Developing our People and Communities Project** – Delivery a sustainable world-class lifelong integration of skills and development system in Scunthorpe that everyone can access that ensures the communities reach their full potential, whilst ensuring communities are safe, well and connected and residents of communities are prosperous. The project will build a community and social capacity building peer support programmes in addition to a purpose-built training facility for health and social care, known as “Clinical Health Simulation Centre”.
- **Integrated Health, Innovation and Emergency Services Hub** – This project will deliver the land and conditions for the creation of an integrated health, innovation and emergency services hub for Scunthorpe, including blue light centre, innovation and development centre and business park for supply chain, in an edge of Town Centre location.
- **Creating 21st Century Digital Connectivity** – This project will provide ultrafast broadband to homes and businesses across Scunthorpe.
- **Transforming the Scunthorpe Housing Market** – This programme will improve housing delivery through a revolving fund in Scunthorpe by re-purposing existing land, the acquisition of keys sites and the utilisation of sites.

Our TIP represents a transformational opportunity for our town. Working collectively with our people, in addition to public and private sector partners, with the support of Towns Fund, we will unlock Scunthorpe and put it on a new economic trajectory.

