

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE
TOWNS FUND BOARD**

**1 July 2022
MS Teams**

PRESENT

Board Members: Dr Faisel Baig, (Chair), North Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group (NLCCG); Cllr Rob Waltham MBE; Holly Mumby-Croft MP; Julian Free, University of Lincoln; Jonathan Evison, Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner (HPCC); Simon Green, Deputy Chief Executive North Lincolnshire Council; Becky McIntyre, Director of Governance & Partnerships, North Lincolnshire Council; Roxanne Asquith, British Steel; Alex Seale, North Lincolnshire NHS Place Director; Mark Fuller, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service.

Board Advisors: Helen Manderson, Director Business Development, North Lincolnshire Council; Lesley Potts, Head of Economy & Growth, North Lincolnshire Council,

Debbie Frary, North Lincolnshire Council, was also in attendance.

APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Peter Campey, Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy; Diana Taylor, Marketing Humber; Gurpa Singh, 2Sisters Food Group; Ruth Carver, Greater Lincolnshire LEP; Jo Corney, Department of Work and Pensions (DWP); Andrew Percy MP; Roj Rahman Community Representative; Samantha Cook, Hilton by Hampton; Duncan Willey, PPH Commercial

The meeting was held as a Teleconference via MS Teams.

165 WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed all those present to the meeting and introductions were made to new board members Jonathan Evison, Humberside Police & Crime Commissioner and North Lincolnshire Councillor for Barton Ward, and Mark Fuller, North Lincolnshire District Manager, Humberside Fire & Rescue Service.

166 NOTES AND ACTIONS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

The minutes of the meeting of the Scunthorpe Towns Fund Board held on 6 May 2022, be approved as a correct record. An update on actions from the previous meeting was given:
Minute 156 - Additional board member suggestions. It was confirmed the board was now sufficient following the recent 3 new members.

Minute 156 – TF004 timeline – It was noted that the timeline is not yet finalised but will be circulated to the board as soon as it is complete.

Minute 156 –TF003 Cooperative Board Members. It was confirmed the Board is now complete

Minute 159 – FHSF001 3D Model – It was noted the model is not yet finalised but will be circulated to the board as soon it is complete.

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

Faisel Baig, NLCCG, informed the group he is currently the interim Clinical lead providing support during the transition period of the Local Clinical Group transferring to the Health and Care Partnership. Jonathan Evison, Humberside PCC, confirmed his role at Humberside PCC and Councillor within the region. There were no other declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests and personal or personal and prejudicial interests raised.

168 REVISED TERMS OF REFERENCE (INCLUDING YKSPF/LUF)

The draft revised Terms of Reference were circulated to the Board with the agenda and comments/approval were requested from the Board. Simon Green, North Lincolnshire Council, informed the board that the expansion of the role of the TFB had been approved by Central Government and broadening the role rather than reinventing an additional board had been welcomed. Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, confirmed the agenda would be split going forward and would be very clear in respect of the different funds being discussed. A suggestion was made with regard to changing the name of the Board due to the additional funding streams not being solely Scunthorpe Town Centre focussed. It was, however, agreed to continue using the current board name at present but board members to consider if there is a more suitable all-encompassing name that could be used going forward. Cllr Rob Waltham reiterated the big picture of the board and the aims and vision, highlighting the Board was not a council board but a board to make decisions in the best interest of the place of North Lincolnshire. Therefore, using the broader intelligence and integrity that is brought from our partners to ensure we are influencing how the funding is spent and driving change. Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, agreed to update the governance framework to ensure it is strong and strategic within the core aims around the spend of funds as per the discussion to ensure it is clear going forward. **Resolved** – The Board name to remain as Towns Fund Board at present unless an all-encompassing name is suggested. Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, to update the governance framework. The Revised Terms of Reference were accepted by the Board.

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169 ENABLING A FUTURE FOR CLEAN GROWTH TF003

The board were informed the Annex C for this project had been submitted and had been accepted by Central Government. The project therefore will now begin to emerge into the delivery stage. **Resolved** – Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire council to provide an update on the first stage of delivery at the next Board meeting.

170 PROGRAMME SUMMARY REPORT

Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, presented the latest summary report outlining the progress to date of all projects and highlighted the following exceptions to the Board:

TF001 – Advanced Manufacturing Park – It was reported the site has not yet been acquired, however, attempts are continuing and North Lincolnshire Council were currently working with Homes England and the Administrator of the site to progress this. The Board were informed that central government have advised the submission of the Business Case be extended to 5 August 2022. It was noted that this would not affect the spend profile.

TF002 – Creating 21st Century Connectivity - It was confirmed this project was now complete and in the demand stimulation stage and work is being undertaken with the

market on the take up of the offer available. Following a discussion regarding the uptake it was agreed for Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, to discuss with the Comms Team for further comms/advertising campaign to be undertaken to assist with the uptake. It was also noted that ITS had confirmed the uptake so far had hit their target and they were currently satisfied with the uptake.

TF004 – Transforming the Scunthorpe Housing Market – The Board were informed the Annex C had been submitted to central government and was now awaiting a decision for approval to commence. Clarity had been requested on the condition with Homes England, however, it was noted this had now been resolved.

TF005 – Integrated Health, Innovation and Emergency Services Hub. It was noted this project had now progressed from Red to Amber and work was currently being undertaken with the Police to progress building a new police station. A preferred site within the town centre was being worked on with approvals in place from the Police and the PCC and the Business Case to be submitted by 23 July 2022 to take this project forward.

TF006 – Creating a new Cultural Arts and Heritage Offer (Project Horizons) – The Board were informed the Annex C had been submitted to Central government and is now awaiting a decision. Clarification questions had been received but it was reported they have now been responded to.

FHSF002 – Urban Park Phase 2 - The Board were informed the laying of the Yorkstone paving had now commenced and the opening of the Urban Park would take place in early Autumn.

FHSF001 – Project Anchor – The Board were informed that work with the approved contractor is continuing to get to RIBA stage 4. The significant uplift in material costs was reported to the Board which is causing issues for the project.

Becky McIntyre, North Lincolnshire Council, requested the overarching programme risk register be updated with the financial risk. It was noted that each Project Lead owns a project risk register, however, it was agreed to ensure the overall programme risk register was updated and circulated to the Board.

Resolved – the Board noted the summary report and highlighted exceptions. Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council to update the overall Programme Risk register and circulate to the board. North Lincolnshire Council Comms Team to undertake further Comms to assist with the uptake of the digital connectivity offer. The summary report presentation to be circulated to the Board with the minutes. The Business Case for TF005 to be submitted to central government by 23 July 2022 and the Business Case for TF001 be submitted b 5 August 2022.

LEVELLING UP (LUF)/UK SHARED PROSPERITY FUND (UKSPF)

- 171 UKSPF MULTIPLY** – Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, outlined in summary the UKSPF details and confirmed North Lincolnshire Council were the accountable body for the fund. The UK Government has committed that the first priority of the UK Shared Prosperity Fund, will be Multiply. Multiply has the potential to reach adults across the whole of the UK over the next three years. North Lincolnshire has an indicative allocation of £1,007,785 over 3 years. Multiply is aimed at helping people improve their ability to understand and use maths in daily life, home, and work. The Board were informed that all potential interested parties were invited to attend a Webinar by North Lincolnshire Council to inform them of the funding and what it can fund. Following the Webinar, 93 formal proformas were received from interested parties which were analysed and from these a number of Interventions to be achieved were developed which were highlighted to the

Board. The following 3 Investment Priorities and Strands within each of those priorities were also developed:

Priority - Community and Place

Strands:

Clean and Green – projects that deliver improvements to place creating a vibrant and safe environment for residents and visitors

Health and Well Being – projects that provide access to arts, leisure, sports and heritage

Community Action – projects that support and grow the volunteer base and local ownership and delivery of initiatives

NL Events Programme

Priority - Supporting Local Business

Strands:

Business Advisors - generic and specialist support, and access to bespoke training and development

Business Grants Schemes

Green and Decarbonisation Start Up or Diversification

Priority - People and Skills

Strands:

Step Change People – projects that deliver individual progression (eg unemployment to work, progression in skills, new business creation)

NEET 2 EET – projects that secure positive progression of young people, provide advice and guidance and support to make choices

A discussion took place on these priorities and strands and comments received; A comment was raised with regard to ensuring the message around these opportunities was broadcasted widely to ensure they are taken advantage of. It was reported that an engagement plan is currently in progress which will look at engagement through a variety of sources across partners, communities, work places and schools. The Probation Service was also highlighted as a partner to engage with, and it was noted that HF&RS were currently visiting schools and have a commitment to reach every child in Humberside and offered their support for this to become a conduit to parents to inform/emphasis the opportunities available. A discussion also took place regarding using the engagement on these opportunities as a conduit for a range of conversations about what other opportunities North Lincolnshire Council offer/provide. Julian Free, University of Lincoln, offered support within the arts sector. The Board were requested to consider and agree the proposed Strands to enable an Investment Plan to be written and circulated to the Board.

Resolved – The Board agreed the proposed Investment Priorities and Stands. Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council to write a draft Investment Plan and circulate to the Board via email by mid July. Becky McIntyre, North Lincolnshire Council to ensure the Engagement plan is put into place and capitalises on all the opportunities in line with the One Place One Council Vision. Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, to ensure the Probation Service are involved. Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council to inform Julian Free of the Arts detail for further support.

signed off by NLC by 7/7/22 to be submitted to government by 8/7/22. However, it was noted there was currently a delay in the launch of the portal therefore there may be a possible 2-week extension to the submission deadline. It was noted there is still some work to be undertaken with the local MPs around the bids. It was requested for details regarding the bids to be shared with the Board at the next meeting. **Resolved** - Lesley Potts, North Lincolnshire Council, to provide bid highlights at the next meeting.

173 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Chair thanked Lesley Potts and the team for the continuous work on the Towns Fund Projects and thanked the Board for their input and commitment.

174 DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The Chair confirmed the date of the next Board meeting as Friday 2 September 2022, 11.00am, MS Teams. The Chair offered his apologies for this meeting.