

## Shipley Town Deal Board Meeting Notes

04<sup>th</sup> February 2021, 5pm-7pm (via Webex)

## Attendees:

Adam Clerkin (Chair), Philip Davies MP, Cllr Alex Ross-Shaw, Cllr Mike Connors, Sophie Brown, Soo Nevison, Nav Chohan, Adrienne Reid, Rebecca Greenwood, Barry Cooper, Dom Pix, James Skirrow, Joy Hart, Joe Ashton, Angela Mcvay, Margaret Kalaugher, Mark Wilkinson, David Moore, Lorraine Wright, Paul North, Alena Horvathova, Richard Bayley, Fayyaz Qadir, Hugo Bessis, Ariel Jorre De St Jorre, Phoebe Annett

## **Apologies:**

Lily Hall, Lorraine Coates

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1	Housekeeping			
	Minutes of the last meeting were agreed as an accurate record.			
	All actions from the previous meeting were marked as completed.			
	It has been noted that David Tindall has stepped down from the Board due to the other pressing commitments.			
2	Governance/Declaration of Interests/Conflict of Interests		All	
	Board members were reminded of the obligation to declare their interests using the form and to highlight any conflict of interests that arise at any point in the process or in the course of a meeting.			
3	Review Town Investment Plan – Outcome – endorse content of TIP (subject to any amendments identified at the Board Meeting)			
	Richard updated the Board with the following:			
	<ul> <li>Work since last Board meeting 06 January 2021:</li> <li>Check &amp; Challenge session held on 13 January 2021</li> <li>Further drafting of Section 1 &amp; Section 2 + review session with Board 'reviewers'</li> <li>Focus Groups held on 18 &amp; 19 January 2021</li> <li>Government extension of deadline to 12 February 2021</li> </ul>			
	Current short-list of projects:  • Further refinement of projects (removal of digital following			



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	Deliverability needs to be demonstrated – show partners are on board; set out challenges that need to be overcome			
	Discussion took place and some comments were made by the Board on different sections of the document as follows:			
	Executive Summary     add wording around the commitment not to reduce the existing parking spaces/make it balanced/frame it strategically. Not an anti-car document - need electric charging points.			
	<ul> <li>Vision         <ul> <li>move the word 'sustainably' from the first sentence and place it further down in to 'transform into well connected, creative, sustainable '</li> <li>take out the word 'furthermore'</li> <li>add the word 'shop' at the bottom</li> </ul> </li> <li>Objectives</li> </ul>			
	<ul> <li>in B section – change the 'creating a heart of activity' in to something like 'thriving centre or hub of activity'</li> <li>Golden thread</li> <li>first bullet point – keep the reference to 'covid 19' in a</li> </ul>		BMDC/ Atkins	
	<ul> <li>bullet point and move the rest of the text above it</li> <li>Check the document for consistency of wording in reference to project description throughout the document.</li> </ul>			
	Richard noted that we are in process of securing letters of support for Development Investment Fund.			
	Apart from the above points (that will be incorporated in to the final version of the document), the draft TIP was very well received.			
	Adam thanked Atkins team and Bradford Council officers on behalf of the Board for all the hard work and support during the process.			
	Lorraine thanked everyone on behalf of Bradford Council and said that it was a good team work between all parties involved to bring us to the point where we are now.			
	Richard and Fayyaz also thanked everyone on behalf of Atkins and said that it was a great joint effort.			
	Board to send any additional comments by end of play tomorrow 05/02/2021		Board Members	05/02/21



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4	<ul> <li>Press release/website and stakeholder update issued to report back on the consultation and thank people for taking part</li> <li>2 Focus Groups held on 18<sup>th</sup> January (Town Centre + Active Travel) and 19<sup>th</sup> (Health and Wellbeing)</li> <li>Further press release/website and stakeholder update to announce TIP submission and what happens next</li> <li>More detailed public and stakeholder engagement as TIP process continues</li> </ul>			
5	Recommendations  Board to endorse content of TIP (subject to any amendments identified at the Board Meeting)	Agreed		



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6	Next Steps			
	<ul> <li>Week commencing 8<sup>th</sup> February 2021:</li> <li>Section 1 – final feedback from Delivery Partner on 'Golden Thread'/Section 1</li> <li>Section 2 – review session with Grant Thornton (Government consultants on the economic case)</li> <li>BMDC governance procedures</li> <li>Submit TIP – Friday 12th</li> </ul>			
	Should a Town Investment Plan be successful, MHCLG will offer Heads of Terms for a Town Deal.			
	<ul> <li>The Heads of Terms are an agreement in principle for funding between the government, the lead council and the Town Deal Board.</li> <li>The Heads of Terms will include:</li> <li>Allocated Towns Fund budget and financial profile;</li> <li>List of projects to receive funding and recommended assurance route for business cases;</li> <li>List of support agreed by other government departments (where applicable); and</li> <li>Key conditions and requirements.</li> </ul>			
	Discussion took place about the next steps.			
	Richard noted that group should start thinking ahead on working together to deliver.			
	This was also echoed by Margaret Kalaugher, who said that we have to keep the momentum going as once we receive the announcement and agree Head of Terms, we will have one year to develop the full business case. The government will be looking for some shovel-ready projects.			
	Subgroups to be worked on by CBMDC for different themes with the appropriate people involved to focus on work that can be done during this 'in-between' period.		CBMDC	
	Adam asked about continuity of the support from consultants. It was not known when a formal response to the submission (a result) would be known.			
	Lorraine responded that the Aktins commission extends to any clarifications post submission. In addition, there will be a need for to further support in developing the Green Book compliant business cases at the next stage.			



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	There was also a query raised by the Board member about what happens in the event that TIP is not successful and if there will be an option to resubmit. Margaret Kalaugher to find out and come back to us.		Margaret Kalaugher	
	[Post meeting note – Guidance is clear there is an opportunity to resubmit.:			
	All towns will have a second chance to submit their TIP if they are not successful the first time, no matter which cohort they first come forward in.]			
	Lorraine queried if a foreword in the document counts towards the word count. Margaret confirmed that it does not.			
	Discussion about the logo/branding took place. It has been noted that this is private/public partnership and the reference to that effect will be used in the document to reflect this.			
	MP Philip Davies thanked everyone for the passion to improve Shipley Town, he said that the people of Shipley will be very grateful.			
	Richard Bayley thanked everyone for the professional and considerate approach which had made the consultants lives easier and thanked Bradford Council.			
	The Chair thanked Atkins, on behalf of the Board for the professionalism which had been much appreciated.			