

SOUTHPORT TOWN DEAL BOARD

MEETING HELD ON MICROSOFT TEAMS ON FRIDAY 27TH NOVEMBER, 2020

PRESENT: Rob Fletcher (in the Chair)
Andrew Booth, Damien Moore, Robert Agsterribe,
Rob Anderson, Mark Basnett, Sophie Bevan,
James Brayshaw, Peter Hampson, Alex Hatchman,
Dwayne Johnson, Mark Lawler, Agnes Ng,
Susannah Porter, Ian Raikes and Stephen Watson

72. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from:

- Greta Fenny
- Marion Atkinson
- Graeme Robson
- Kim Cooper
- Norman Wallis
- David Head
- Michelle Brabner

73. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Declarations of interest were received from:

- James Brayshaw – interested in an undertaking in the future

74. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

No comments or corrections received and signed off as a true record. Any matters arising are covered in the agenda.

75. PROJECT UPDATES

- SW gave thanks to the Board on the quality of the bid submitted in October.
- Good feedback locally and from the private sector on the clarity of vision and the opportunities therein
- Accelerated Grant projects – both on site and scheduled for completion in first quarter of 2021
- Next steps largely contingent on feedback on the bid

MAllen gave some feedback on TIP progression

- It has been through its first assessment and is now with the analysts. From there will be moderated to agree overall assessment
- Heads of Terms expected in January 2021

- MA will keep the Board updated.

76. NEXT STEPS

SW opened up a discussion on feedback and views from the Board on their role going forward:

- DM the Board is important to keep the enthusiasm we need to deliver what we have put forward. There will be future funding opportunities available. Positive feedback being received from ministers and the progress we have made
- RF advised that he has also received good feedback
- *MBasnett: Vital we keep this excellent Board together to support, inform, develop and constructively challenge where needed to drive this important programme forward.*
- RF: The next steps in the process are that Heads of Terms will be issued and Business cases to be submitted for each project, fast tracked businesses cases can be submitted. Developing the businesses cases will give focus and also targeting further funding
- JB: The Board should carry on through next year with a clear purpose and goal
- AB: The Board have achieved the first objective to submit the TIP – now time to look at the board and subgroups could be task and finish orientated to add focus
- SW: There are some cross-cutting themes such as clean growth and skills. Also, keeping the conversation going through consultation and engagement to sustain the momentum gained – keep this through the voice of the Board rather than just the council
- SW: The mechanisms for business case development will be on a case by case basis, depending on the project but will be mix of internal and external resource and technical expertise where required. The board role would be strategic/governance focused and oversight of the process
- *ML: hold the group until we get HOT's and review then. I agree with Mark & Damien the strength of our bid is the strength of the group. Be a mistake to disband at this point.*
- *AH: From my perspective, we're moving into a new phase of this vitally important programme. Agree we need to keep the energy and momentum going. It's natural that new and different skills may be needed in this next phase, and we should adapt if that's the case, without losing any of the "magic" that have gotten us this far.*
- SW noted that projects have the project development costs built into the ask, but we will welcome any additional capacity funding if it is made available from MHCLG
- PH: The Board have a duty to see the projects through to delivery. Important to act on the oversight – the strength of our submission is that it is a partnership and not just the council or the private sector
- PH: Do the Board deliver the other projects which weren't in the submission?
- RF: Continued communication between the Town Deal board and council required, and the wider conversation with the town and all stakeholders must continue.
- RF: It is important to keep focused on business case development and delivery

Agreed to hold next meeting in January based on the feedback on the TIP submission and at that meeting map out next steps, sub committees and next steps of business case development.

Continued consultation and engagement activities:

- Build on the momentum we have
- Shadow Board will be retained as this goes beyond the TIP submission. At the next meeting they will be asked to map out their role going forward
- The opportunity is being developed working in partnership with Liverpool John Moore's University for an undergraduate intern to work on a research project. The current proposal being to link in with Southport commuter students and the Enterprise Hub projects. ML and MBasnett both offered their support and expertise to this intern opportunity given the talent connection schemes they both have in place already.
- Schools engagement – want to continue this conversation and build on their involvement and enthusiasm
- Public version of TIP – draft to be circulated before finalising.

77. GOVERNANCE

SW shared a breakdown of the Capacity Funding revenue spend, which the Board reviewed and agreed.

SW noted that some additional work has been funded through the council, the LCR Combined Authority and Universal Rides Limited.

78. AOB

None raised.

79. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

January 2021 - TBC