

Burton upon Trent Town Deal Board Minutes

Tuesday 26th July 2022

Board Members Present

Ben Robinson	Chairman
John McKiernan	Parish Council Representative
Mick Clifford	Burton Civic Society
Cllr George Allen	East Staffordshire BC
Cllr Steve Sankey	East Staffordshire BC
Cllr Adam Clarke	East Staffordshire BC
Lynette Howgate (via Zoom)	Cooper Square Shopping Centre
Nik Hardy (via Zoom)	Business Representative
Dennis Fletcher	Parish Council Representative
Kate Griffiths (via Zoom)	Member of Parliament

In Attendance

Andy O'Brien	East Staffordshire BC
Mark Rizk	East Staffordshire BC
James Abbott	East Staffordshire BC
Thomas Deery	East Staffordshire BC
Mark Wright	East Staffordshire CC
Wayne Mortiboys	Staffordshire CC
Kelly Kerr-Delworth (via Zoom)	East Staffordshire BC
Monica Henchcliffe	East Staffordshire BC

Apologies

Cllr Bev Ashcroft	East Staffordshire BC
Shaïd Hussain	Business and Community Representative
Philip White	Staffordshire CC
Cllr Victoria Wilson	Staffordshire CC

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1	Welcome and Apologies	The Chairman welcomed the Board to the meeting and noted that apologies for absence had been received from Councillor B Ashcroft, Shaïd Hussain, Philip White and Victoria Wilson.		
2	Minutes of 24 th March 2022 Town Deal Board meeting and Matters Arising	The minutes of the previous meeting were approved as a correct record.		
3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Membership 	<p>The Chairman reported that Valerie Burton (Civic Society) has resigned from the Board.</p> <p>He also reported that Chris Plant was happy to stay on the Board although he is now part of the Staffordshire Chamber of Commerce, moving from the Birmingham Chamber of Commerce. It was noted that representation from the local chamber is also covered by Nik</p>		

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="315 336 483 395">• Town Fund Update <li data-bbox="315 469 483 528">• Levelling Up Fund Update <li data-bbox="315 963 483 1023">• UK Prosperity Fund Update 	<p data-bbox="521 237 757 261">Hardy's membership.</p> <p data-bbox="521 336 1514 427">AO'B reported that he had received a positive email from the Government's Lead Local Civil Servant regarding the submitted summary documents, though the Council is still awaiting formal confirmation of any award from the Government.</p> <p data-bbox="521 469 1525 624">TD reported that the Council would be submitting an application to the second round of the Levelling Up Fund, launched by the Government on 23rd March 2022, detailing the process for bidding for up to £20m of grant funding for regeneration initiatives. This was due to close on 6th July 2022 but opened until 2nd August 2022 following a delay to the submission portal being launched, giving around 4 months for the development of a funding application.</p> <p data-bbox="521 665 1529 786">During April 2022, Members of the Council were consulted on LUF2, inviting all to submit ideas for possible projects. These ideas were categorised into themes, which were consulted upon, with the funding bid being developed over June and July. The Council's bid would be for £20m towards the delivery of three projects, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="573 799 965 823">• Revitalising the Market Quarter <li data-bbox="573 831 1167 855">• Creating a new, multi-activity indoor leisure facility <li data-bbox="573 863 875 887">• Investing in Bass House <p data-bbox="521 895 1503 954">If the bid is successful, the conditions of the funding award would be taken to a meeting of Full Council, for Members consideration.</p> <p data-bbox="521 995 1514 1117">TD reported that the UKSPF was a three year funding programme designed to replace the European Structural Investment Funds, which will come to an end in 2023. The programme runs from April 2022 to March 2025 with a primary goal of building pride in place and increasing life chances across the UK.</p> <p data-bbox="521 1158 1503 1217">East Staffordshire Borough Council's allocation from the UKSPF fund is £3,822,892, profiled across three years, to be allocated to three investments priorities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="573 1230 875 1254">• Communities and Place <li data-bbox="573 1262 898 1286">• Supporting Local Business <li data-bbox="573 1294 797 1318">• People and Skills <p data-bbox="521 1359 1496 1449">In order to access the funding, the Council must submit an investment plan by 1st August 2022 with a response from the Government being issued within three months. The investment plan must show intervention themes that the funding is to be allocated to and</p>		

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		<p>identify any local priorities that could be addressed through the fund. The UKSPF also allows local authorities to use about 4% of their allocation on delivery and administration. It is also proposed that the Council uses 3.6% of the fund to support the delivery of initiatives under the Communities and Place. Although the investment plan summaries how the funding is to be allocated, funds can be reallocated to different intervention themes and projects if the local priorities change.</p> <p>Following submission delivery partners will be identified via a competitive process, which would be approved through a separate decision.</p>		
5	Date of Next Meeting	The next meeting would take place on Thursday 1 st September 2022 at 3.00pm		
6	Any Other Business	Mick Clifford raised a query about if and how the governance structures of the Town Deal Board and project leads may change following Government approval, as the projects move forward into their delivery phase. TD confirmed that this would be considered further, with possible advice from the Lead Local Civil Servant.		