

DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD**Microsoft Teams****Tuesday 16 April 2024****Present:**

Angela Howey (AH) - Chair	
Chris Mains (CM)	Mark Ladyman (ML)
Naomi Jenkins (NJ)	Ian Williams (IW)
Yvonne Richardson (YR)	Brett Nielsen (BN)
Peter Gibson (PG)	David Gartland (DG)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Gary Hutchinson (GH)
Stephen Fenwick (SW)	Adam Suleiman (AS)
Lucy Simms (LS)	Charlotte Robson (TVCA) (CR)

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
1.	Apologies: Chris Farlow	
2.	Minutes from previous meeting Agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the meeting held 27 th February 2024.	LS
3.	Bank Top Station Update (TVCA) CR from TVCA shared a presentation to the group with an update on Bank Top Station project Current progress of the Eastern Gateway progressing as planned. £0.98m Town Deal funding for the Eastern Gateway Confirmed in March TVCA to receive £1.3m from Active Travel England TVCA now confident they can deliver the full planned scheme for the Eastern Gateway	

	<p>Target is to have all works completed by Spring 2025.</p> <p>Town Board supports the extra funding, but need to confirm the timeline.</p> <p>CR to keep the group updated.</p> <p>Communication will be made to residents, and as there are further design works to be done, TVCA are happy to take on feedback/comments from residents.</p> <p>CR happy to arrange site visits with the board if requested.</p> <p>The cattle market will become a development site likely to be a residential/commercial area</p> <p>Group agree they would like a site visit and CR to return with another update.</p>	<p>CR</p> <p>CR/LS</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Long Term Plan for Towns</p> <p>ML shared presentation to the group</p> <p>Announced in March 2024 budget that Darlington will be getting £20m over a 10-year period</p> <p>The initiative is based on 3 overriding principles:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Development of projects will be devolved to grassroots - It is a long-term plan (10 years) therefore can adjust to meet changes in demand - The access to funding is flexible and light touch <p>And 3 Thematic Areas for intervention:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Crime & Security - High Streets, Heritage & Regeneration - Transport & Connectivity Interventions <p>The fund can be used on a wider geographical area compared to the Towns Fund</p> <p>Key dates –</p> <p>Mid-April DBC will receive £50k capacity funding.</p> <p>1 June 2024 required to submit new Town Board including the following:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Independent Chair • MP • 2 Councillors (This can increase but limited) • Increase in community group representation • PCC Rep. <p>1 November 2024 a new 10-year vision and initial 3-year intervention programme</p> <p>Can use existing Town Board with changes to reflect the community role</p> <p>ML to have a meeting with community groups/representatives</p> <p>ML to keep the board up to date and present further update at May meeting</p>	<p>ML</p> <p>ML</p>
<p>5.</p>	<p>Update presentation & PAR update</p> <p>CM shared presentation to the group</p> <p>Update on finance/budget management following PAR approval.</p> <p>156 Northgate</p> <p>Town Fund display boards are now up</p> <p>CM to enquire why there is not an artist impression of the completed building on hoardings.</p> <p>Northgate House</p> <p>Pre-application submission made to Planning Authority</p> <p>Outline Planning Application is to be submitted, based on pre-application responses</p> <p>Planning will include along areas adjacent to Gladstone Street and Northgate House</p> <p>Discussions were had about the CPO for Northgate house and where we are at with this.</p>	<p>CM</p>

<p>Linear Park Area</p> <p>Requested that CM keeps Friends of the Railway involved/updated</p> <p>Victoria Road</p> <p>Now on site</p> <p>Skinnergate/The Yards</p> <p>Improvements still happening, and more in the pipe-line</p> <p>Coniscliffe Road</p> <p>NJ met with businesses and residents of the area, and the proposals were received well. Comments/feedback were taken on board.</p> <p>Anticipating work to start in October 2024 and finish early 2025.</p> <p>RHQ</p> <p>On site</p> <p>T-Levels</p> <p>Complete</p> <p>Adult Skills (Northen Echo Building)</p> <p>Capital funding now approved.</p> <p>Developers selected following procurement.</p> <p>Lower floor aiming to be complete by Summer 2025</p> <p>Rest of building to be completed in 2026</p>	<p>CM</p>
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