

**DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD
TEAMS
Tuesday 26th November 2024**

Present :

Angela Howey (AH) (CHAIR)	Seth Pearson (SP)
Naomi Jenkins (NJ)	Sarah Bentley (SB)
Yvonne Richardson (YR)	Ant Hewitt (AH)
Mark Ladyman (ML)	Sarah Small (SS)
Cllr Harker (SH)	Hilary Bevan (HB)
Brett Nielsen (BN)	Sarah Everett (SE)
Graham Hall (GH)	Sarah Bentley (SB)
David Gartland (DG)	Gordon Pybus (GP)
Chris Mains (CM)	Cllr Garner (JG)
Adam Suleiman (AS)	Joseph Passman (JP)
Shaun Campbell (SC)	Martin Short (MS)
Janine Brown (JB)	

No.	DISCUSSION	ACTIONS
	<p>Apologies : Chris Farlow Cllr Riley Lola McEvoy MP Stephen Fenwick Yvonne Beattie</p>	
1.0	<p>Minutes of previous meeting – 15th October 2024</p> <p>Minutes of the meeting were agreed.</p>	
2.0	<p>Update presentation</p>	
2.1	<p>Finance and Reporting: - Latest position and the necessary returns have been shared with the responsible government departments. A few questions have been raised which have been addressed. Overall, the spend is on track however Northgate House and North Road being the areas of risk.</p> <p>While some progress has been achieved along Victoria Road it has been difficult to engage with property owners. It is therefore requested that an element of this allocation is subject to a virement/project adjustment (£150,000) into Skinnergate and the Yards. It was agreed to progress with the delegated Project Adjustment Request process to enable this.</p>	

2.2	<p>Project progress updates</p>	
	<p>Northgate: -</p> <p>Edward Pease House currently progressing through planning.</p> <p>156 Northgate is currently out for tender. Tender submissions due early December 2024. Evaluations will take place for allocation of contract. Expecting 12-month completion programme.</p> <p>ML has been in contact with the owners of Northgate House on a weekly basis. However, despite this ongoing contact the Council has not received a response from the owners. It is proposed to allow the current planning application to progress then once (if) approved withdraw the Council offer and commence CPO process.</p>	
	<p>Victoria Rd, Town Centre: -</p> <p>Coniscliffe Road improvements have commenced and are progressing well.</p> <p>Victoria Road – Some work has been progressed however it has proved difficult to engage with several of the owners of the building.</p> <p>Linear Park – Urban green space is progressing with residents and the Arts Council.</p> <p>Indication that additional money may be available for cycle schemes and public realm improvements.</p> <p>Skinnergate and the Yards. Over 50 properties improved, with 17 underway and 15 pending. In addition to improvements to lighting, CCTV etc.</p>	
	<p>Adult Skills (NEB)</p> <p>Progressing well with agreed designs for future use of the ground floor. Scaffold now in place and asbestos removed.</p>	
3.0	<p>Long Term Plan for Towns update</p> <p>Board members were reminded of the previous iteration of LTPfT which was paused on the announcement of the general election. The new government have commenced a review of the initiative.</p> <p>A new prospectus to be announced before end of the year. Seth Pearson will attend a briefing meeting in the next few days and will brief the Board at the January 2025 Board meeting.</p>	

4.0	AOB No other business.	
5.0	Future meeting Next meeting Tuesday 7 January 2025.	