



Blackpool Town Deal Board meeting 15

Friday, 12 November 2021

Via Microsoft Teams

Blackpool Town Deal Board

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| Paul Smith (PS) | Business in the Community |
| Anna Blackburn (AB) | Beaverbrooks |
| Jane Cole (JC) | Blackpool Transport |
| Kate Shane (KS) | Merlin Entertainments |
| Neil Jack (NJ) | Blackpool Council |
| Paul Maynard (PM) | MP for Blackpool North |
| Peter Cole (PC) | Chartered Surveyor |
| Peter Swann (PS) | Coolsilk |
| Richard Fee (RF) | Nikal |
| Steve Williams (SW) | Force Technology |
| Tracy Hopkins (TH) | Blackpool, Fylde and Wyre VCFS |

Also in attendance

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| Nick Gerrard (NG) | Blackpool Council |
| Robert Latham (RL) | Blackpool Council |
| Antony Hill (AH) | Blackpool Council |
| Kevin Sturley (KS) | Blackpool Council |
| Mark Gillingham (MG) | Blackpool Council |
| Carl Ritson (CR) | Blackpool Council |
| Andy Divall (AD) | Blackpool Council |
| Michael Hodgson (MH) | Blackpool Council |
| Graham Cowley (GC) | BITC |
| Graham Russell (GR) | Amion |
| Ian Griffiths (IG) | CBRE |
| Edward Blight (EB) | Avison Young |
| Nicola Rigby (NR) | Avison Young |
| Rosie Jenkins (RJ) | Cities and Local Growth, BEIS/DHLUC |

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| 1. Welcome, apologies and introduction a) Apologies for absence received from the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Alan Cavill (Blackpool Council) • Scott Benton (MP for Blackpool South) | |



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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bev Robinson (Blackpool & The Fylde College) • David Gaffney (England Arts Council) • Heather Murray (DWP) • Tina Redford (Left Coast) • Dick Cartmell (Together in Lancashire) • Ben Mansford (Blackpool Football Club) • Steve Fogg (Blackpool Teaching Hospital NHS Trust) • Trish Armstrong-Child (Blackpool Teaching Hospitals NHS Trust) | |
| <p>2. Declaration of Interests</p> <p>a) The following declarations of interest were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Neil Jack: In respect of Blackpool Council-led projects and Revoe (Member of Blackpool Football Community Trust). • Jane Cole: Multiversity (Member of the Blackpool & Fylde College Board). • Richard Fee: Multiversity (Member of the Blackpool & Fylde College Board). | |
| <p>3. Minutes of meeting 14, 5 November 2021 and matters arising</p> <p>a) The Board approved the minutes of meeting 14, 5 November 2021.</p> <p>b) Update on local MPs’ meeting with Michael Gove (Secretary of state) – PM informed the Board that the meeting is yet to take place.</p> | |
| <p>4. Land acquisition for Multiversity business case</p> <p>a) SW gave a presentation in which he summarised the land acquisition for the Multiversity business case and explained the appraisal process undertaken by the Town Deal Investment Panel. The Board received a recommendation paper in addition to the Business Case appraisal summary, the independent appraiser’s full appraisal and the full business case.</p> <p>a) GC noted his support for the Multiversity project and its importance as an opportunity for Blackpool and the improvements. He queried the additional large amount of funding required to deliver the Multiversity campus and if this needs to be secured prior to the Town Deal investment, and enquired as to whether there was a ‘Plan B’ for the</p> | |



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| <p>proposed Multiversity site in the event that subsequent funding for the building was not secured.</p> <p>b) It was explained that the allocation agreed by the Government and the Town Deal Board was always earmarked for the first phase of the project related to land acquisition and that a condition of the approval was that the Council and the College would be committed to seeking to secure the funding as part of the next stage of development, and the need now to commit to moving the project forward. As is normal in business case development a 'Plan B' has been written into the business case together with a justification for alternative use of the proposed site if the Multiversity project were not to go ahead. A funding strategy had been developed as part of the business case and would be utilised to develop a further business case to support the overall delivery of the Multiversity in line with Green Book Business Case requirements.</p> <p>c) The Board were satisfied that the business case process was thorough, fit for purpose and robust and approved the Land acquisition for Multiversity business case for sign off by Blackpool Council and submission to DLUHC subject to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The MOU between the council and Blackpool and the Fylde College to include a commitment to address the key issues outlined as requiring further attention by the appraisers in their recommendations within the scope of a second stage business case e.g. detail on student demand and curriculum options, a clear delivery structure etc. • The signing of the finalised MOU to be a condition of the grant funding agreement. | |
| <p>5. Revoe Community Sports Village business case</p> <p>a) SW gave a presentation in which he summarised the Revoe Community Sports Village business case and explained the appraisal process undertaken by the Town Deal Investment Panel. The Board received a recommendation paper in addition to the Business Case appraisal summary, the independent appraiser's full appraisal and the full business case.</p> <p>b) The Chair thanked SW and the TDIP Panel for their work.</p> | |



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| c) The Board were satisfied that the business case process was thorough, fit for purpose and robust and approved the land acquisition for Revue Community Sports Village business case for sign off by Blackpool council and submission to DLUHC. | |
| 6. Public sector equality duty programme a) The Board noted the public sector equality duty programme which would be submitted to DLUHC. | |
| 7. Any other business a) None | |
| 8. Dates of next meeting <ul style="list-style-type: none">Friday, 11 February 2022, 1:00pm to 2.30pm | |

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