

Blackpool Town Deal Board Meeting No 10

Agenda Item 4

Report to: Blackpool Town Deal Board

Subject: Town Deal Activity Update

Relevant Officer: Nick Gerrard, Growth and Prosperity Programme Director

Date of Meeting: 14th May 2021

1. Purpose of the report

To provide the Board with an update on the Town Deal Programme.

2. Recommendation

To note the report.

3. Activity Update

3.1 Business Case Development Process

The development of business cases continues for each of the seven projects outlined in the HoT, in line with HM Treasury Green Book Business Case guidance. Extensive work is ongoing to develop the schemes as outlined in the table below. Activity incorporates both Council officers and retained external consultancy support via AMION Consulting who provide business case development advice and critical friend support. All seven must be developed and appraised by 17th November 2021. The table below sets out the initial presentation to the Town Deal Board, and the dates of the proposed respective TDIP and Town Deal Board dates for review and signoff.

| Scheme name | Introductory presentation to Town Deal Board | TDIP Sign off meeting | Town Deal Board Project Sign off |
|---------------|--|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Youth Hub | 14 th May | 30 th July | 10 th September |
| Illuminations | 9th July | 1 st September | 10 th September |

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| Enterprise Zone | 9th July | 1 st September | 10 th September |
| The Edge | 14 th May | 22 nd September | 12 th November (TBC) |
| Southern Quarter/ Revoe | 10th September | 27 th October | 12 th November (TBC) |
| Blackpool Central/ Courts Relocation | 10th September | 27 th October | 12 th November (TBC) |
| Multiversity | 10th September | 27 th October | 12 th November (TBC) |

3.2 Additional Capacity Funding

As noted at the last Board at the invitation of MHCLG a bid for further capacity funding was made to support the considerable costs involved in getting the business cases evidenced and completed for which an award of £70,000 has now been received against a bid of £120,000. In making the award they stated that the grant fund was heavily oversubscribed and funding has been prioritised to towns where there is a clear and obvious risk of failing to complete a Town Deal without capacity grant support.

3.3 Monitoring and Evaluation

On 1st April MHCLG requested that each Town Deal complete a base Monitoring and Evaluation Plan in the form of a template to be completed by the 30th April.

This template required for each of the seven projects to note which reporting indicators projects will deliver against once approved and in the delivery phase. This was completed and submitted on the 28th April. It was noted to MHCLG that it was not possible at this time to confirm “definitive” deliverable figures as the business case were still being worked up. The completed template can be viewed in the attached spreadsheet. Please note indicators outlined in red are proposed additional indicators which projects expect to be able to deliver but which were not in the official MHCLG long list.



Annex 2_Towns Fund
ME Plan template Blac

3.4 Engagement Activity

Agenda Item 8 provides a separate more detailed update on engagement activity.