



Town Deal Investment Panel Meeting No 3

Wednesday, 23rd June 2021

Via Microsoft Teams

Blackpool Town Deal Investment Panel

- Steve Williams (Chair) (SW) Force Technology and Town Deal Board Member
- Ben Mansford (BM) Blackpool Football Club
- Daryl Platt (DP) Blackpool & The Fylde College
- Cllr Mark Smith (MS) Blackpool Council
- Martin Long (ML) Naphthens Solicitors
- Wendy Swift (WS) Chair of Blackpool Football Community Trust

In Attendance

- Nick Gerrard (NG) Blackpool Council
- Rob Latham (RL) Blackpool Council
- Ian Morris-Illiffe (IMI) Blackpool Council
- Richard Williams (RW) Blackpool Council
- Mark Gillingham (MG) Blackpool Council

Apologies

- Lynn Saggerson (LS) Blackpool Volunteer Centre
- Jane Cole (JC) Blackpool Transport
- Graham Russell (GR) Amion
- Michael Hodgson (MH) Blackpool Council

Notes and Actions	By Whom
1. Welcome, Introductions and Apologies a) The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologies were received	
2. Minutes of Meeting No 2, 17th March 2021 and Matters Arising a) The Panel agreed the minutes of meeting no. 2 as a correct record b) The enhanced TDIP meeting dedicated Community Renewal Fund meeting held on the 7 th May 2021 was referred to. NG noted that the outcome of that meeting had been incorporated into the 14 th May report to the Town Deal Board (a copy of which had been circulated to the TDIP) but minutes of the	NG



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<p>meeting including declarations of interest would be circulated to the TDIP and signed off at the next meeting.</p>	
<p>3. Matters Arising</p> <p>a) Community Renewal Fund</p> <p>The paper provided to the 14th May Town Deal Board had previously been shared with the TDIP and was circulated again with the papers for this meeting for information. The bid had been submitted by the June 18th deadline in accordance with the recommendations of the TDIP, the outcome of which would be known by “late July onwards.”</p> <p>RL referred to how due diligence had not raised any issues with the Council’s finance team involved in reviewing recent accounts to confirm applicant solvency etc. RL noted that of the 12 schemes put through 7 were to be undertaken by a combination of Blackpool Council, UCLAN, Lancaster University and Blackpool and The Fylde College all of which had strong delivery experience and assurance systems in place and hence risk was minimal with these.</p> <p>MS noted his disappointment in the number of business support schemes submitted. SW responded in agreement but reiterated we could only appraise the schemes that were submitted.</p> <p>BM referred to the fact that it was clear some applicants had good ideas but perhaps did not have the bid writing experience necessary to support a strong submission. RL added that some applicants provided seemingly unrealistic outputs and outcomes for the timescales which scored against them.</p> <p>b) Levelling Up Fund</p> <p>The paper provided to the 14th May Town Deal Board was shared prior to the meeting for information and NG confirmed that a £20m bid had been submitted by the June 18th deadline for the schemes set out in the report.</p>	



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<p>4. Town Deal business case development and presentation dates</p> <p>a) The TDIP noted the timetable as scheduled below:</p>						
Project Name	TDIP Meeting Date – Project Presentation	TDIP Meeting Date - Initial Bid Review	TDIP Meeting Date - Appraisers report and approval	Town Deal Board Meeting Date – Project Presentation	Town Deal Board Meeting Date – Project Sign Off	
Illuminations	23 June	30 July	01 September	09 July	10 September	
EZ	30 July	30 July	01 September	09 July	10 September	
Youth Hub	17 March	01 September	22 September	14 May	12 November	
The Edge	30 July	01 September	22 September	14 May	12 November	
Southern Quarter / Revoe	01 September	22 September	27 October	10 September	12 November	
Blackpool Central Courts relocation	23 June	22 September	27 October	9 July	12 November	
Multiversity	01 September	22 September	27 October	10 September	12 November	
<p>5. Blackpool Central /Courts Relocation Project Presentation</p> <p>a) IMI provided a detailed presentation focused around the following :-</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Brief overview of the existing site and buildings and their condition • A high level breakdown of the scheme costings and Town Deal funding split • The proposed new Courts site location • Rationale for relocation • The wider Blackpool Central scheme proposals and timescales • Current position and next steps <p>b) ML queried the amount of parking spaces in the new development. IMI noted that a multi storey car park of 1306 spaces will be provided initially with an additional 4-500 spaces anticipated in phase 3.</p>						



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<p>c) DP queried if there was any breakdown of where the likely £75m annual additional spend may be distributed across the town. IMI stated that a further study report was due on this.</p> <p>d) SW queried the biggest risk to delivery. IMI noted HMCTS obtaining the £30m approx. co-funding for the new courts development.</p> <p>e) A copy of the presentation will be circulated.</p>	<p>MH/ RL</p>
<p>6. Blackpool Illuminations Project Presentation</p> <p>a) RW gave a presentation on the Blackpool Illuminations project which focused on</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 3km of infrastructure upgrades • New features • Investment in plant and vehicles to support the expanded illuminations • Upgrading of existing features <p>b) ML queried how the new proposals will encourage visitors to leave their cars and be enticed into the town centre. RW noted that the new infrastructure in the town centre will directly support the capability to install additional features in the town centre only accessible by foot.</p> <p>c) A copy of the presentation will be circulated. NB: it was noted that the detailed plans for the illuminations were confidential at this stage and should not be shared.</p>	<p>MH / RL</p>
<p>7. Next steps</p> <p>a) The 30TH July meeting will incorporate presentations of the EZ and Edge projects and review of the Illuminations and EZ business cases.</p> <p>b) NG noted how discussions were to be held on the format and content of the business case paperwork to be provided prior to the relevant meetings.</p>	<p>NG/RL</p>
<p>8. 8. AOB</p> <p>a) None.</p>	



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<p>9. Date of Next Meetings</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">a) 30th July 2021. 11.15- 13.15b) 1st September 14.45 -16.45c) 22nd September 11.15 - 13.15	