

## **Dewsbury Town Board Minutes Meeting 15th July 2020**

### **1. Key Introductions and Apologies**

Cllr Shabir Pandor - Chair

Attendees: Nancy Barratt (NB); Martyn Broadest (MB); Paul Burnett (PB); Cllr John Taylor (JT); Marie Gilluley (MG); Heather Waddington (HW); Charles Smith (CS); Bruce Bird (BB); Carles Palermo (CP); Barney Mynott (BM); Peter Mason (PM); Richard Thorpe (RT); Elle Dodd (ED)

Officer Support from Kirklees : Naz Parkar – Service Director; Simon Taylor; Angela Blake; Chris Duffill; Stuart Howie – Avison Young; Mark Harris Avison Young

Formal Apologies: Martin Hathaway; Mark Eastwood, Iqbal Bhana

### **2. Minutes/Items for Recording**

Minutes from 29<sup>th</sup> January agreed

### **3. Latest On Government Support – Elle Dodd and Richard Thorpe**

Short introduction from Richard Thorpe and Elle Dodd on their roles moving forward.

### **4. Investment Fund – Introduction to Avison Young and the forthcoming work – Stuart Howie/Mark Harris**

Presentation attached as minutes. Key questions raised:

- Query for RT and ED regarding other town board bids and whether information from Phase 1 can be passed back to board. This will be possible at a later date.
- Need to set out clearly stakeholder work particularly hearing the voice of young people and disabled and a strong cross section of the community. There was a desire to share widely.
- In terms of any advantage to submission date of October or January. Board were advised that this is not a competitive process and that there was no particular advantage of going to either date
- General comment that timeframes are very challenging
- Board were advised that there is a need to produce a vision that then links to a strategy that covers potentially beyond the £25m investment envelop and even the 10 year framework although the funding should fit the 5 year envelop identified.

## **Action/Agreement – January 2021 deadline felt more achievable and realistic**

### **5. Advance funding – Simon Taylor/Chris Duffil**

Several suggestions made in the meeting relating to potential projects linked to:

- College
- Gigabit Town linked to Pioneer House
- Public Art
- Heritage programmes in particular HAZ

Officers will circulate list of projects once discussions held and in advance of 14<sup>th</sup> August deadline.

### **6. Chair/Membership – Angela Blake**

Suggestions invited from Board. Council officers will follow up with letters of invite before the next Board. Suggestion that Bill Grimsey be a potential candidate to approach given involvement in Dewsbury Blueprint and High Street work nationally.

### **7. Support for Board Work - Simon Taylor/Chris Duffil**

Use of Town Board funds to recruit support agreed. Officers will report progress at the next meeting

### **8. AOB**

Point raised by BB regarding ensuring that there is a clear vision and that this is owned by the community.