

TOWN DEAL BOARD

Meeting of the Town Deal Board held on 17th April 2020 via Teams

Present -

CHAIR -John Tabern – Local businessman and Ambassador
Mick Allen -Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Geoffrey Appleton – CCG
Richard Aylett – Local Business
Sophie Bevan - CA Investment Manager
Julia Callaghan - St Helens College
Glenys Chalk - Headteacher Rivington Primary
Andrew Darron - Groundwork Trust
Philip Fell - Associate Pastor St Helens CLC
Ron Helsby - World of Glass
Justin Hill - YMCA – Chief Executive
John Hodkinson – 2K Supplies
Chris Jones - Developer
Councillor David Baines – Council Leader
Andy Lock – Coalfields Regeneration
Tracy Mawson – St Helens Chamber Deputy CE
Councillor Richard McCauley – Cabinet Member Economic Regeneration and Housing
Conor McGinn MP
Chris O’Dea – OD’s
Stephen Palfrey – Palfrey Greer
Dyan Clegg St Helens & Knowsley Health Trust
Fay Lamb – Citadel Arts
Patrick Fox - Heart of Glass
Steve Coffey – Torus
Steve Roberts – Communication Plus
Emma Howarth – MITE
Lance Flor – Local business

Council Representation

Roy Benyon, Head of Place and Delivery
Kath O Dwyer Chief Executive
Mike Poulter – Place Services Executive
Steve Littler – Senior Assistant Director
Gary Maddock – Town Centre Manager

ECF/CBRE Representation

Phil Mayall ECF
Nick Hague ECF
Rhian Davitt Jones CBRE
John McHugh CBRE

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WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

John Tabern Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and introductions were made.

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APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Alex Dawson - BEIS, Superintendent Tami Garvey-Jones. Marie Rimmer MP CBE. Sharon Bridge – Sabroso Restaurant Owner, Howard Lawrenson – Lawrenson Associates, Stephen Lingard – SL Consultancy

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST FROM MEMBERS

No Declarations of Interest from those present were made.

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MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

The Minutes of the meeting held on 28th February 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

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PRESENTATIONS TO THE BOARD BY ENGLISH CITIES FUND AND CBRE

(1) ENGLISH CITES FUND – PHIL MAYALL REGIONAL DIRECTOR

John Tabern introduced Phil Mayall and Nick Hague to the meeting to present the recently announced agreement the Council had announced with English Cites Fund.

Phil and Nick gave a visual presentation giving a background to ECF and their details of their partnerships to date. They went on to explain to the Board the reasons why ECF have chosen to partner with St Helens on a Borough Wide Partnership.

At the end of the presentation the feedback would very positive. Specific questions raised were –

S Coffey -Torus – Will ECF will be working with Local developers such as Torus?

P Mayall – Confirmed that ECF will engage with Local developers in the delivery of projects

T Mawson -Chamber – Will ECF include Social Value and access the local market

P Mayall – Confirmed that ECF on all their projects have a social value commitment and their record of doing this on past and current schemes is excellent and improving with every development.

John Tabern thanked John for his presentation which was very welcomed by the Board.

(2) ENGLISH CITES FUND – PLACEMAKING STRATEGY -JOHN MC HUGH CREATIVE PLACE DIRECTOR CBRE

John McHugh CBRE gave a visual presentation on a Place Making Strategy. This is a piece of work supported by ECF which was a result of the consultation events held for the creation of the Board earlier in the year. The content included vision and objective work, stakeholder feedback and a narrative around opportunities for placemaking for St Helens.

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6 **PROGRAMME – SUB WORKING GROUP FEEDBACK**

As agreed at last Board, members were divided into the following four areas:

- Skills and business;
- Heritage and Culture;
- Transport and Connectivity (physical and digital);
- Regeneration and Land Use.

Four Groups were then formed with representation from different sectors where possible, and to share thoughts. Each group then reported back to the rest of the Board with their findings on background, context, and evidence for suggested strategic intervention.

The next stage involved identifying gaps:

- Between this Town Vision and current situation;
- What had caused the gaps;
- What changes were required to the physical environment to achieve the vision; and
- How we could support locals to join in and contribute to the vision.

ACTION – It was agreed at the request of Chair that leads on each group would start to meet up separately from the main Board and provide a full update of the meeting at the next Board meeting.

ACTION - it was agreed to defer the next Board Meeting scheduled for 29th May to allow the working groups to develop ideas and thoughts around projects and outputs for the Town Deal.

14 **CO OPTION OF NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

John Tabern requested that Phil Mayall ECF and Steve Roberts Communication Plus are co opted onto the Board. Steve Roberts was nominated for his expertise in Digital and Comms infrastructure. The dates for future meetings had been emailed to Board members as follows:

15 **DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS Fridays at 2.pm To be agreed**

17 July 2020; 11 September 2020; 9 October 2020; 13 November 2020; 8 January 2021;
16 12 February 2021; 12 March 2021; 16 April 2021; 21 May 2021; 25 June 2021;
17 23 July 2021; 17 September 2021; 15 October 2021; 26 November 2021;
18 14 January 2022 and 18 February 2022.

NOTE POST MEETING ACTION - Board members are reminded to submit a Code of Conduct form sent out by Democratic Services.