

TOWN DEAL BOARD

**Notes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 2 December 2021
5.00p.m. via Zoom**

Board Members in Attendance:

<p>Name:</p> <p>Craig Moule (Chair) Very Revd Peter Atkinson Cllr Marc Bayliss Sally Ellison MBE Cllr Simon Geraghty Professor David Green CBE Mohammed Iqbal Cllr Roger Knight Cllr Jan Scrine BEM Mark Stansfeld Robin Walker Nicki Williams</p>	<p>Representing:</p> <p>Sanctuary Dean of Worcester Leader, Worcester City Council Worcester Community Action Leader, Worcestershire County Council University of Worcester Community Representative St Peters Parish Council Warndon Parish Council Worcestershire LEP Member of Parliament for Worcester Heart of Worcestershire College and Worcester BID</p>
<p>Also in Attendance:</p> <p>David Blake David Sutton</p> <p>Julian Pugh Simon Donlon Ian Smith</p>	<p>Managing Director, Worcester City Council Deputy Director – Policy and Strategy, Worcester City Council Democratic Services, Worcester City Council Mott MacDonald West Midlands and South-West Cities and Local Growth Unit</p>

Item No.	Notes	Action
1.	<p>Welcome and Apologies</p> <p>Craig Moule welcomed everyone to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Councillor Chris Mitchell, Laura Worsfold and Victoria Hurst (Mott MacDonald).</p>	
2.	<p>Declarations of Interest</p> <p>No personal pecuniary interest was declared. From the chair, Craig Moule made it clear that the usual interests arising from employment and/or responsibility were declared.. Whilst none of the Board members have a disclosable pecuniary interest, most or all have a non-pecuniary interest in the agreed projects by virtue of their employment or vocation.</p>	JP to note

3.	<p>Minutes of Previous Meeting</p> <p>The notes of the meeting held on 25 August 2021 had been previously circulated and were noted. There were no matters arising.</p>	
4.	<p>Severn Centre for Health and Well Being - Business Case</p> <p>David Sutton presented the business case for the Severn Centre for Health and Well Being. The document confirmed the feasibility, deliverability and value for money of this project. The proposals are unchanged from those outlined in the Town Investment Plan and the submitted project confirmation documents.</p> <p>The business case includes a Value for Money assessment which highlights the total benefits attributed to Towns Fund funding. This is comprised of the additional students which are enabled to graduate from the Centre due to the increased capacity, and the labour supply benefits of the additional jobs supported.</p> <p>Subject to the support of the Board and approval by the Council, a Summary Document will be submitted to Government to trigger the release of funding of the remaining £2.25M for this project.</p> <p>In the ensuing discussion, David Sutton explained that the summary business case must follow a prescribed format.</p> <p>Board Members acknowledged the work done in preparing this comprehensive document and in particular the benefits which have been quantified as part of the Value for Money assessment.</p> <p>The Board unanimously agreed to endorse the proposed business case for the Severn Centre for Health and Well Being, and to recommend it to the Council's Policy and Resources Committee for approval.</p>	<p>DS/All to note</p>
5.	<p>Business Case Programme Update</p> <p>David Sutton provided an update on the programme to bring forward the remaining four business cases, namely:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community Skills • Shrub Hill Regeneration • Heritage and Riverside Destination • Active Travel <p>These will be presented between now and March 2022. The Community Skills and Shrub Hill Regeneration projects are more complex due to the number of partners involved and these are scheduled for March. Should any of these projects require further significant development or amendment, this will be reported to the Town Board in advance of presentation of the final draft business cases.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

	<p>In the ensuing discussion, Mark Stansfeld asked what support Board Members can provide and made reference to the links which Gary Woodman, Chief Executive of Worcestershire LEP, has with education and training providers. Gary may be able to help with preparation of the Community Skills business case.</p> <p>Marc Bayliss and David Blake gave an oral update on discussions which have been taking place with landowners and tenants at Shrub Hill. These are ongoing and the information is commercially sensitive, so should remain confidential for now.</p>	<p>DS/SD to note</p> <p>All to note</p>
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There were no items of any other business. David Sutton thanked everyone at Mott MacDonald for the work done in preparing the Severn Centre business case, as well as David Green and the University of Worcester team for their input in ensuring the progress of this key piece of work.</p> <p>Peter Atkinson gave an update on the recent storm damage to the Cathedral, which will require a long period of repair but has not impacted on services or activities.</p> <p>Craig Moule concluded by thanking all Board members for their support and wished everyone a Happy Christmas.</p>	
7.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Thursday, 20 January 2022 at 5.00 p.m. via Zoom.</p>	<p>All to note</p>

The meeting closed at 5.30pm

Key:

DS = David Sutton

SD – Simon Donlon

JP = Julian Pugh