

TOWN DEAL

21 JANUARY 2021

Members present:

Carole Dixon (Co-chair)	Hastings Community Network
Graham Peters (Co-chair)	Team East Sussex/SELEP
Andrew Harvey	NewRiver REIT
Catherine Parr	Hastings Business Improvement District
Clive Galbraith	Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Cllr Kim Forward	Hastings Borough Council
Dan Shelley	East Sussex College Group
Dawn Dublin	Unveiled
Francis Lucien Brown	Hastings Youth Council
Helen Kay	Hastings Opportunity Area
James Harris	East Sussex County Council
James Leathers	Heritage Action Zone
Jane Hartnell	Hastings Borough Council
Jess Steele	Heritage Action Zone
John Bownas	Hastings Business Improvement District
Liz Coleman	Hastings and Rother Interfaith Forum
Liz Gilmore	Hastings and Rother Cultural Leaders Group
Sally-Ann Hart	MP for Hastings and Rother
Sean Dennis	Hastings Area Chamber of Commerce
Sonia Blizzard	Sea Change Sussex
Stuart Mitchell	NewRiver REIT

Others in attendance:

Iain McNab	Cities and Local Growth Unit
Jo Simmons	South East Local Enterprise Partnership

HBC project team present:

Hannah Brookshaw
Pranesh Datta
Stephen Dodson

39. WELCOME, APOLOGIES AND MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

Apologies were received from: Darrell Gale, Kate Adams, Rich Moore, Steve Manwaring, Terry Hume and Victoria Conheady

Members yet to return their completed declaration of interest forms were reminded to do so as soon as possible. **Action: ALL**

40. TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN (TIP) DISCUSSION AND APPROVAL

The board was thanked for returning their comments on the draft Town Investment Plan which was first circulated on 7th January, followed by an updated copy on 18th January.

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Comments were received from Kate Adams regarding the visual accessibility of the design copy, due to the colour scheme, images and icons. The board was assured that a Microsoft Word accessible version will be available alongside the design copy.

The board was reminded that the TIP is still confidentially sensitive and confidential at this stage.

Pranesh Datta explained that a “Check and Challenge” session was held on 8th January and good feedback was received from the Towns Hub following this session with them. The TIP was updated and re-circulated to the board on 18th January. Further feedback has been received from board members and worked into the document.

There was agreement from board members that the TIP is a good document, which looks at investing in a breadth of projects benefitting people and places. There was a suggestion that the need for improved connectivity and better transport links to and from the town needs more emphasis within the document.

Key decision: Board to approve the TIP for submission

The board agreed to unanimously approve the TIP documentations for submission subject to minor editing, corrections and final agreement by the Executive Delivery Group.

The TIP is a culmination of a huge amount of work by the project support team and everyone was thanked for their contributions.

41. ENGAGEMENT - POST-SUBMISSION

Hannah Brookshaw updated:

- The Town Deal blog and social media channels will go live on Monday, 1st February. A press release will accompany this celebrating the submission of the TIP
- Board members and project delivery leads will be provided with the social media handles and guidance and all were asked to follow the channels and share where possible
- The stakeholder engagement working group will be established shortly and thanks were extended to those who have volunteered to be part of the group
- A ‘live’ communications calendar for online and offline engagement for 2021 will be developed over the next month, being mindful of ongoing COVID restrictions
- A project delivery leads meeting will be arranged to further develop conversations and relations between organisations involved

42. FUNDERS MEETING UPDATE

The funders meeting took place on 14th January. The Town Deal vision, challenges, and projects for investment were explained to those who attended.

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Organisations represented were:

- Arts Council England
- Department for Education
- Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
- Historic England
- Homes England
- National Lottery Community Fund
- National Lottery Heritage Fund
- Public Health (East Sussex)
- South East Local Enterprise Partnership
- Sport England
- One Public Estate (Cabinet Office/LGA)

The funders were very supportive of the programme, provided good feedback, particularly on the projects being submitted for investment and are keen to keep the dialogue going considering ways for further collaboration and support for the Hastings Town Deal

43. TIMESCALES FOR NEXT STAGE AND MEETINGS

The next meeting is on 27th April and it is hoped that by this time we will have received a positive response to the TIP from government and heads of terms will have been received from them to allow us to proceed to the next stage in the Town Deal programme.

Other items for discussion:

- Stage 2 business case guidance
- Code of conduct which will need to be reviewed and amended in the next phase
- Programme for the next 12 months based on the heads of terms
- Engagement to date and how we moved forward

All board members were thanked for their commitment, participation and support in this process. The co-chairs were thanked for their support and for taking the board through the process. Officers were also thanked for working on the TIP over the Christmas period.

44. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Jess Steele shared details of Hastings Emerging Futures Events. For further information, see: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/hastings-emerging-futures-project-32183046317>

45. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: TUESDAY, 27TH APRIL AT 10AM