

MAKING MANSFIELD PLACE BOARD

Subject:	Item 7 Urban Greening Report
Presenting authority / representative:	Mansfield District Council
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Value of decision: n/a	
Partners affected: Place Board	Date of consultation 28/04/2021
Purpose – This report is intended to provide a brief relating to the additional £1m offered by the MHCLG to be spend this financial year on a capital project aligned with our TIP and Town Fund objectives.	
Background – On August 14 th MDC applied for £1m of Accelerator funding to progress the Urban Greening proposals put forward by the Place Board. In line with the requirements of MHCLG that the funding must be spent to deliver one or more of the following: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improvement to or new parks and green spaces and sustainable transport links• Improvements to town centres including repurposing empty commercial properties• Demolition or site remediation where this will have an immediate benefit MDC formally accepted the funding to deliver our Urban Greening proposals on October the 13 th 2020. Following acceptance of the funding, Via Ltd were appointed to begin feasibility and pre-development work ahead of an options appraisal process by MDC and delivery.	
Current Situation – Overview on the current position: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Feasibility and high level options/costing report completed and received by MDC on 16/03/2021• 5 sites prioritised for most impact	

- Walkden Street Pocket Park – greening plus dwell time encouraging public realm features with options around children’s play and scope to value engineer costs down if required
- Bus station underpass – general clean and tidy including repainting and repair of any damage to lighten the area and to encourage footfall through the route (particularly effective once SGN is completed)
- Stockwell Gate Gateway – General public realm improvements
- Stockwell Gate bridge (Beales) – installation of lighting to improve aesthetic and brighten dark underpass
- Town Hall Car Park – 3 options proposed at higher cost with significant scope for value engineering. MDC proposal to bring project into the budget envelope a lighter touch greening approach is necessary, this approach also retains maximum parking income and seeks to green and enhance the existing route from the bus station along Exchange Row to the Market Place.

Next Steps

- All of the above will now move to detailed design, mobilisation and delivery stage with first sites coming online summer 2021, with completion expected by April 2022.
- Via an Edge team to be retained through procurement framework – administrative process to set this up is ongoing with County Procurement.
- MDC to confirm internal project lead arrangements and will be fully involved in design choices and will maintain control of overall costings

Exempt information:
None

Recommendation(s):

N/A

5 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

6 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

N/A

7 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 N/A

8 DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

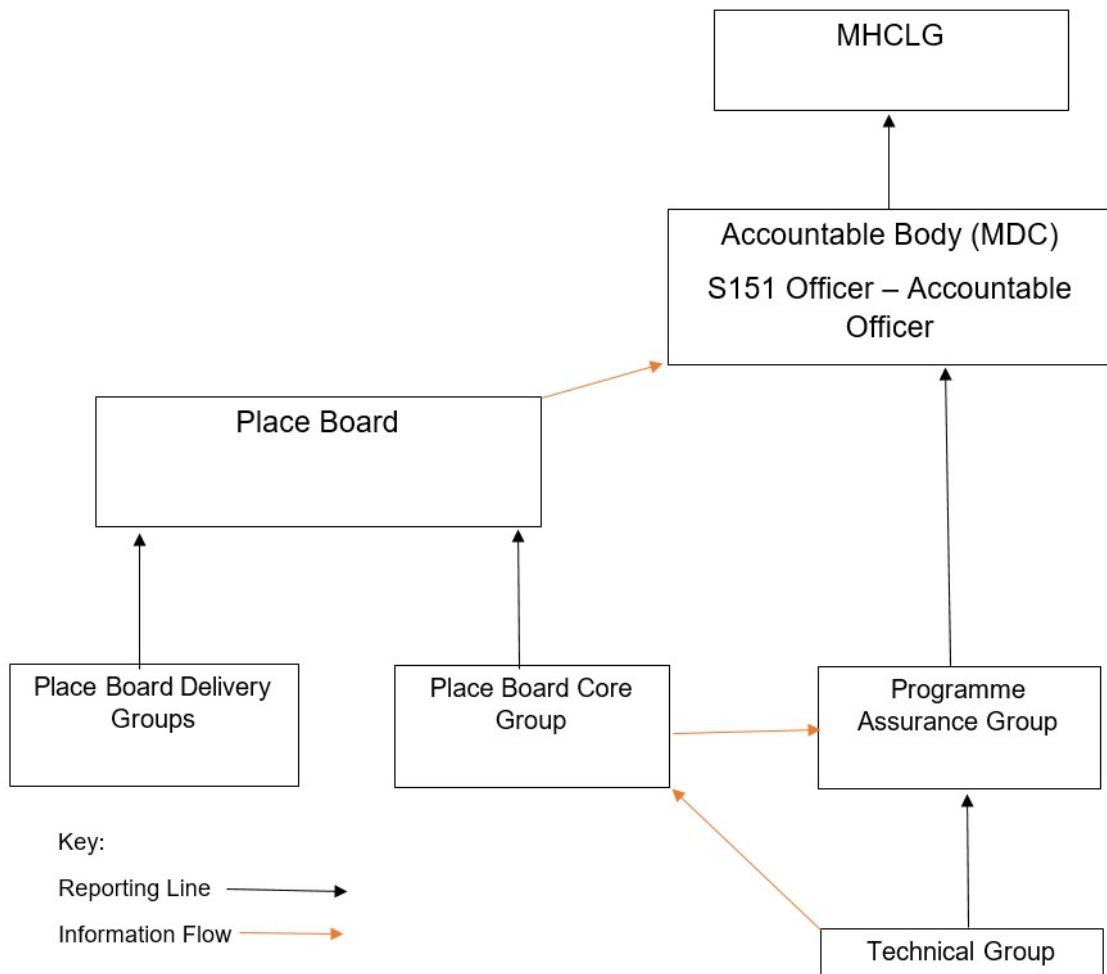
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Appendix A

Towns Fund Governance Framework

This Governance Framework considers how our Towns Fund programme will be managed to successfully deliver our Mansfield Town Investment Plan. It outlines how decisions will be made, the sources of assurance and considers how Mansfield District Council will fulfil its responsibilities as Accountable Body. It reflects the requirements set out in the Towns Fund Guidance, published in June 2020, as well as Mansfield District Council’s own regulations and procedures in line with their responsibility as Accountable Body.

1. Programme Governance Structure:



2. Roles, Responsibilities and Accountability:

2.1 MDC

- Accountable to MHCLG for the delivery of Mansfield's Town Investment Plan.
- Work closely with the Place Board to deliver the vision for the town
- Oversees management of performance against targets in partnership with the Place Board
- Monitors delivery against business plan in partnership with the Place Board
- Approves Business Cases and allocation of funding (Section 151 Officer)
- Approves the six monthly claim forms to MHCLG on financial and output performance (Section 151 Officer)

2.2 Place Board

- Sets the strategic vision and steers the direction to be delivered by Mansfield District Council as the accountable body
- Oversees management of performance against targets in partnership with MDC
- Monitors delivery against business plan in partnership with MDC
- Business Cases presented post approval
- It will also act as Project Board for Prince II requirements.

2.3 Place Board Core Group

- Accountable to Place Board
- Key changes to the programme and projects come here for discussion and review with feedback to Programme Assurance Group
- Review of Business Cases prior to approval

2.4 Place Board Delivery Groups

- Accountable to the Place Board
- Each group represents one of the key themes as identified in the Town Investment Plan
- Develops Business Cases and submits to MDC for approval
- Monitors the delivery of projects and monitors outputs.
- Provides project updates to Place Board
- Will act as Project Steering Group for Prince II requirements

2.5 Programme Assurance Group

- Accountable to Mansfield District Council
- Provides financial and output updates to the Place Board
- Responsible for the financial and output monitoring of the overall programme
- Responsible for submission of six monthly claim forms to MHCLG on financial and output performance
- Responsible for the implementation of the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework.
- Responsible for the day to day running of the programme

2.6 Technical Group

- Accountable to the Mansfield District Council
- Responsible for establishing the level of detail required for each Business Case.
- Responsible for the appraisal of Business Cases and feedback to the Core Group

3. *Terms of Reference:*

3.1 Mansfield District Council -Terms of Reference for the Delivery of the Towns Fund Programme

Membership:

Mansfield District Council.

Responsibilities:

To act as Accountable Body to MHCLG for the delivery and implementation of the Mansfield Town Investment Plan.

To work with partners to set the strategic vision for the town and support the Mansfield Place Board.

To be responsible for overseeing the management of performance against targets for the Towns Fund Programme in partnership with the Mansfield Place Board.

To ensure financial probity in approving businesses cases and allocation of funding for the Towns Fund.

To ensure Financial Management of the Place Board work Programme is in accordance with the requirements of the Council's own Financial Regulations and the requirements set out by MHCLG.

To be responsible for the approval and submission of six monthly claim forms to MHCLH on financial and output performance.

10	Youth Investment Fund	TBC	£500 million available over the next five years to support young people into work and build new youth centres across the UK.	Fund not yet launched	
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