

MAKING MANSFIELD PLACE BOARD

Agenda Item 5

Subject:	Agenda Item 5 - Towns Fund Update		
Presenting authority / representative:	Mansfield District Council		
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Value of decision: n/a			
Partners affected: Full Place Board		Date of consultation: 6/10/21	
Purpose – This report provides an update on the Towns Fund and Town Investment Plan programme progress.			
Background – On 27 July 2019, the Prime Minister announced that the £3.6 billion Towns Fund would support an initial 101 town deals across England. The Towns Fund provides public investment of up to £25m in Town Deals, with the objective of driving economic regeneration of towns to deliver long term economic and productivity growth through: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Urban regeneration, planning and land use - ensuring towns are thriving places for people to live and work, including by: increasing density in town centres; strengthening local economic assets including local cultural assets; site acquisition, remediation, preparation, regeneration; and making full use of planning tools to bring strategic direction and change.• Skills and enterprise infrastructure - driving private sector investment and ensuring towns have the space to support skills and small business development.• Connectivity - developing local transport schemes that complement regional and national networks, as well as supporting the delivery of improved digital connectivity			
Current Situation – Following the short listing of projects, project summaries and financial profiling have all been completed and submitted to MHCLG for each scheme. Project initiation documents have been completed for all six projects and business cases are beginning to be progressed. Business cases have now also begun to be created for each project and working groups have been set up. In addition, a programme assurance group has been set up to oversee the programme management of the funding.			
Destination Mansfield Parks: A tendering exercise has been undertaken to appoint a consultant to undertake as masterplan of what works should be undertaken as part of the project. Five tenders were received and evaluated and progress is now being made to appoint the winning contractor. Questions for the stakeholder consultation survey are currently being revised and finalised, the survey will be key in shaping the masterplan and future of the park.			

Key Milestones:

- Stakeholder Engagement (subgroup steering) – August
- Business Case Submission – January
- Begin Delivery (dependent upon acceptance of funding) – March 22

Project Outputs:

- 2 new community leisure facilities comprising 1 destination park, details to be confirmed
- 1 new cycle path, length to be confirmed
- Public Sector match to be confirmed

Destination Mansfield Branding:

The business case is currently being developed and a branding brief is being prepared for soft market testing, which will help to finalise the financial case for the project. MDC has discussed its position with regards to future branding and how this links to the town centre masterplan to form a vision for that long-term future strategy for the district. This concept will build on Mansfield's industrial heritage and reflect on the feedback that was ascertained from the research undertaken by Linney.

Key Milestones:

- Stakeholder Engagement Completed – July 2021
- Business Case Submission – November 2021
- Begin Delivery of Brand Creation - March 22
- Begin Delivery of Events – 23/24

Project Outputs:

- Public Match Funding £204,000
- Private sector Match (sponsorship of events) £27k min estimate
- 1 Full Time events-co-ordinator role.

Mansfield Woodhouse Station Gateway:

A planning application has been submitted for the scheme and costings have been produced. These have come in over budget and we are working with the architects to see where these can be reduced. A discussion has been held with Homes England regarding the repayment of the Derelict Land Grant on the site we are awaiting further feedback.

Once the revised costings are received we will be able to finalise the business case, undertake value for money assessments and send it to the LEP for assessment.

Key Milestones:

- Business Case Submission – October 2021
- Begin Delivery – January 22

Project Outputs:

- Public Match £0.046m
- Commercial floor space created- 290 sq.m
- Business Supported – 6
- Jobs Created – 10

SMART Mansfield:

MDC regeneration have drafted a PID for the project and will be taking this forward to the subgroup for review ahead of business case creation. Some soft market consultation has been undertaken with potential suppliers and a SMART project “long list” has been produced for discussion.

MDC continue to assess smart parking following prioritisation of this by place board. Between parking and Lorawan Network (£550k) there is £450k remaining which needs to be allocated by way of report to subgroup. This report will focus on technologies that focus on green and eco interventions as well as data collection software.

Key Milestones:

Soft market testing – August/September
Business Case Submission – March 22
Begin Delivery – Summer 22

Project Outputs:

- 1- 2 specialist digital technologies (cost limited)
- 1 LPWAN network installed
- SMART infrastructure testbed projects including wayfinding and car-parking
- Public match funding
- Private match funding

Warsop Health Hub:

An internal officers delivery group has been established for the Warsop Health Hub Project, to ensure key milestones are met. A further meeting has been arranged on 28th Sept with Sport England to determine the level of subsidy support from Sport England for capital and or revenue funding. Consultant support quotes have been received and are currently being assessed, for their support in the planning and build element of the project. Draft Project Initiation Document (PID) has been produced along with a draft Procurement Strategy to support the build element of the project. Fields in Trust have been consulted to discuss trust status of 2 parks in the Warsop area and work continues on the business model for the Towns Fund application.

Key Milestones:

- Business Case Submission – December 21
- Begin Delivery – March 2022

Project Outputs:

- 1 new community centre
- New commercial floor space- xm2 (TBC)
- Public Match Funding - £3.6m
- Public Match – Revenue – TBC
- New jobs created – estimated 10 FTE TBC

VWNC Future Tech and Skills Exchange:

The business case is almost complete, with value for money assessments now being undertaken. Once these are complete, it will be sent to the LEP for external assessment. The match funding bid to ESFA (£3.8m) will be submitted by 8th October. Site surveys, heritage surveys and design works are now complete and it is anticipated that the planning application will be submitted by the end of September.

Key Milestones:

Submission of business case – October

Submission of planning application - September

Begin Delivery – January 22

Project Outputs:

- Increased capacity and access to 1 new and improved training facility, user numbers to be confirmed
- Availability of 3 new specialist equipment, equipment to be confirmed
- Increased and closer collaboration with 8 employers
- Increased breadth of local skills offer to be defined
- Public Sector match £4.95m (to be confirmed)

Exempt information:

None

Recommendation(s): To note progress on Towns Fund projects

1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

N/A

2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)

N/A

3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS

3.1 N/A

4 DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT

4.1 Project Initiation Documents (Appended)