

# MAKING MANSFIELD PLACE BOARD

## Agenda Item 3

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Towns Fund – Progress and Endorsements</b>
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<b>Value of decision:</b> n/a	
<b>Partners affected:</b> All	<b>Date of consultation:</b> 21 <sup>st</sup> July 2022
<b>Purpose</b> <p>This report provides an overview on the Towns Fund, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- the latest on the development of the Full Business Cases (FBC) for each project</li><li>- presentations and endorsement of the Place Board of three projects.</li></ul>	
<b>Background</b> <p>The report to the April Board meeting set out the background of the Government’s award of £12.3M to support the Town Investment Plan. At that meeting, an overview on the status of each project was offered with the ambition to complete the FBCs before the beginning of June.</p> <p>Attached as an <b>appendix</b> to this report is the latest state of play with all the Town Deal projects, noting that 3 are to be presented at this meeting for endorsement.</p>	
<b>Assurance and Approval Process</b> <p>As a reminder to the Board, the following confirms the process.</p> <p>Each project’s FBC is the subject of assessment by the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) allowing for an external check and review, with the Council’s Section 151 Officer having responsibility for the final sign-off and approval. Each project will also be subject to review by the Place Board, securing their endorsement and this process is outlined in the section below.</p>	
<b>The Place Board Role</b> <p>In order to facilitate the Place Board’s engagement in reviewing and endorsing the respective projects, a two stage process has been factored in, as follows:</p> <p>Firstly, specific members of the Place Board have kindly each been requested to support the overview of one of the FBCs, having been introduced to the project lead. They have or will be offered the opportunity to comment on completion and the sharing of a project summary and any additional details. This has or will be facilitated at a meeting with each, accompanied by a presentation on the project. The “linked” Place Board members involved are as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Jane Box – Future Skills and Technology Centre</li><li>- Richard Crisp – Destination Branding project</li><li>- Michael Fisher – Berry Hill Park</li></ul>	

- Steve Morris – SMART Mansfield
- David Ainsworth – Warsop Health Hub
- David Smith – MW Station Gateway

Secondly, on conclusion of the above and after consideration and anticipated approval by the Section 151 Officer, an opportunity will be offered to the Board to endorse the decision taken.

Finally, a summary of each endorsed project will be offered to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) alongside wider required programme details such as the Monitoring & Evaluation Plan. These have been drafted pending the response to today's project presentations. Support and guidance on developing this process has been gratefully received from the East Midlands Team of Cities and Local Growth Unit.

Today's meeting sees the following projects being brought forward for endorsement:

- Destination Parks Berry Hill
- Destination Branding
- SMART Mansfield

Each project will be presented to the Board, supported by officers and linked consultants as appropriate. A copy of a summary document for each project has also been shared in advance.

It will be noted from **Appendix A** that the remaining projects are very close to being considered for approval, and thence endorsement. The Board may wish to consider the following options for securing their endorsement, given the next full Board meeting is not until October:

- A written procedure, circulating the summaries and allowing set timetable for a majority response;
- A special meeting whereby all remaining projects are presented for endorsement. Those Board members unable to attend may offer their views in advance for consideration at the meeting.

### **Accelerated Funding**

Under the accelerated funding, a full programme schedule has been received from the contractor and works are expected to be completed on all five sites by the end of October 2022. As a reminder, the five sites that are included in this project are:

- Memorial garden (former Old Town Hall car park)
- Walkden Street pocket park (formerly known as Tesco Valley, between Four Seasons and old bus station)
- Quaker Way (area in front of the entrance ramp to the car park)
- Stockwell Gate road bridge (lighting scheme)
- Concourse (old bus station between Walkden Street car park façade and hotel / leisure development site)

### **Exempt information:**

None

### **Recommendation(s): It is recommended that the Board:**

- **Notes the progress towards completion of the Full Business Cases;**
- **Endorses the decision to approve each of the projects presented today, being subject to the conditions referenced;**
- **Agrees to a process to endorse the remaining projects based on the options set out in the report.**

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 N/A

## Appendix A

Project	Brief Description and Progress on the Full Business Case (FBC)	Towns Fund Resources
Destination Parks	<p>A masterplan and improvements to Berry Hill Park. Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBC complete</li> <li>- External assurance secured and endorsed</li> <li>- Linked Place Board member consulted and agreed</li> <li>- Project approved by S151 Officer</li> <li>- Subject to endorsement by full Place Board</li> </ul>	£2,994,000
Mansfield Woodhouse Station Gateway	<p>The provision of 3 industrial units. Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBC complete</li> <li>- Currently circulated to the Linked Place Board representative and external assessor for consideration</li> <li>- Thence to be considered by the Section 151 Officer and on to the Place Board for endorsement</li> </ul>	£506,000
SMART Mansfield	<p>The installation of a district wide LoRaWAN infrastructure and associated applications. Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBC complete</li> <li>- External assurance secured and endorsed</li> <li>- Linked Place Board member consulted and agreed</li> <li>- Project approved by S151 Officer</li> <li>- Subject to endorsement by full Place Board.</li> </ul>	£1,000,000
Destination Branding	<p>The establishment of a Mansfield place strategy, branding and events programme. Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBC complete</li> <li>- External assurance secured and endorsed</li> <li>- Linked Place Board member consulted and agreed</li> <li>- Project approved by S151 Officer</li> <li>- Subject to endorsement by full Place Board</li> </ul>	£500,000

<p>Vision West Notts College</p>	<p>The development of a future technology, knowledge &amp; skills exchange. Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBC complete</li> <li>- External assurance secured and endorsed</li> <li>- Linked Place Board member views awaited</li> <li>- Date for consideration by S151 Officer being arranged</li> <li>- Subject to endorsement by full Place Board</li> </ul>	<p>£4,300,000</p>
<p>Warsop Health Hub</p>	<p>The development of a new health hub, co-locating a range of physical and health opportunities for the benefit of the Warsop community. Status:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- FBC complete</li> <li>- External assurance secured and endorsed</li> <li>- Linked Place Board member consulted and agreed</li> <li>- Date for consideration by S151 Officer being arranged</li> <li>- Subject to endorsement by full Place Board</li> </ul>	<p>£3,000,000</p>