

Making Mansfield Place Board
Date of Meeting: 21st July 2022 2.30 pm
West Notts College Boardroom and Microsoft Teams

Chair: Andrew Cropley - Vision West Notts; **Vice Chair:** Richard Crisp - Mansfield Building Society
 Elected Mayor Andy Abrahams MDC Board representative, Ella McManus - Mansfield and Ashfield 2020; Councillor Stuart Richardson – MDC, Fiona Anderson – NTU, Helen Davis – Active Partnership Trust, Will Morledge - D2N2, Councillor Andy Burgin - MDC, Matthew Neal - NCC, Vanessa Whitton - Mansfield CVS, Michael Fisher - Linneys, Cllr Ben Bradley MP, Andy Dean – Independent Business Consultant, Kath Jephson – B Jephson Mansfield Ltd, Stephen Marwood – Environment Agency, Jean Sharpe – DWP, David Ainsworth – Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust, Sue Rogers – Mansfield BID, Adam Jeffrey – Chimera Consultants, Stephen Escritt – Counterculture, Victoria McGregor-Riley – ICB, Rebekah O’Neill – Four Seasons Centre, Jon Sheaff – Jon Sheaff and Associates, Daniel Partridge - PRD

Mansfield District Council Officers:

Adam Hill - CEO Mansfield District Council (starting 1st August 2022); Mariam Amos Co- Chief Executive Officer (Interim); Michael Robinson Co-Chief Executive Officer (Interim); Geoff George - Regeneration Programmes and Projects Manager; Martyn Saxton - Head of Planning and Regeneration

Apologies: Sharon Huttley – NTU, Melanie Pythian – BEIS, Frank Horsley D2N2, Jay Rowlinson – Mansfield BID, David Smith – Oxin, Ilana Freestone – Active Partnership Trust

Item:	Discussion Notes:	Actions:
Introductions Andrew Cropley	Andrew Cropley welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Declarations of interest Andrew Cropley	Fiona Anderson declared an interest in the Levelling up Fund, UKSPF and Smart Mansfield.	Board members should generally declare an interest when it comes to

	<p>Andrew Cropley declared an interest in the Mansfield Connect Project and the Towns Fund.</p> <p>There were no further declarations of interest but it was noted that Board members have on going interests in the success of Towns Fund, UKSPF and Levelling Up Fund programmes.</p>	<p>specific individual financial or decision-making responsibilities over individual projects</p>
<p>Towns Fund</p> <p>Progress and Board Endorsements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview - Destination Parks – Berry Hill - Destination Mansfield - SMART Mansfield <p>Report: Geoff George</p>	<p>Report circulated on Towns Fund progress.</p> <p>Overview</p> <p>Geoff George outlined the current state of play with the bringing forward of the Full Business Cases (FBC) for all the Towns Fund projects. All 6 projects were now the subject of completed FBCs, being at the subsequent stages referenced in the report’s Appendix.</p> <p>Three of the projects were now ready for the Board’s endorsement with a project summary having been circulated to all. Each of these projects was to be the subject of an individual presentation and thence consideration at this meeting, as follows.</p> <p>(1) Destination Parks – Berry Hill. John Sheaff and Stephen Escritt presented to the Board. Comments of note from the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Links to health and wellbeing were noted and integrated into projects and offers of links with Health partners were welcome • The park and facilities could be used for a range of activities and ideas were welcome, including for example as a temporary pop up vaccination centre • Mansfield and Ashfield Cultural Compact could usefully be linked with the project, reflecting the potential for an arts, culture and heritage offer • Links with NTU Brackenhurst (School of Animal, Rural and Environmental Sciences) at Southwell could be explored 	<p>Geoff George would ensure that all presentations would be placed on the website</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Good access, cycle routes and public transport links to the park were essential • Many DWP claimants were experiencing mental health issues and the value of getting out into safe space parks and open spaces could usefully be highlighted to them, alongside wider social prescribing ambitions • The recent Jubilee event in the park was very successful attracting significant numbers, suggesting that more family events and entertainment would be welcome, noting the challenges of managing high numbers <p>The Mansfield Place Board AGREED to endorse the Destination Parks – Berry Hill project, noting the conditional release of initial funding.</p> <p>(2) Destination Mansfield. Helen Sisson presented to the Board. Comments of note from the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Contact be made with Inspire to review a potential involvement in the events programme • Links with the County Council to be pursued on the wider tourism and visitor attraction dynamic • Need to ensure we are marketing Mansfield well and positively, looking at a USP and creating a long term legacy • It was recognised that Mansfield has assets that other surrounding areas do not have, but we need to know how to attract the visitors and to keep them coming • Local suppliers and companies should be engaged to support the project’s delivery • The project needs to have longevity and to be sustainable after the funding has gone 	<p>Helen Sisson to offer details and reflections</p> <p>Geoff George to confirm with DLUHC</p>
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emphasis was placed on the fact that this is a Mansfield project, not a Mansfield District Council project; all partners need to engage, reach a consensus on branding and promote Mansfield accordingly • If the offer in the town was good, then students will be attracted to visit and stay socially as well. Links with the young and student community could be key <p>The Mansfield Place Board AGREED to endorse the Destination Mansfield project.</p> <p>(3) SMART Mansfield. Andy Dean presented to the Board. Comments of note from the discussion:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A visit to NTU's Clifton site to look at LoRaWAN technology in action at the SWIFT Facility could be arranged • On street parking will not be included within the SMART parking development • The opportunities for a range of partner involvement in the potential use of the network was welcomed and will be reflected in the project roll-out. A number of partners had already been contacted regarding their participation, subject to the project's endorsement • Mansfield and Ashfield 2020 would be happy to deliver an event/programme to let businesses know what is coming and seek their engagement <p>The Mansfield Place Board AGREED to endorse the SMART Mansfield project, noting the conditional release of the funding.</p> <p>On concluding the 3 presentations and their endorsement by the Board, Geoff confirmed that the formal project summary documents would now be submitted to DLUHC alongside wider related documents, notably the Monitoring & Evaluation Plan in line with requirements.</p>	<p>Geoff George to confirm with DLUHC</p> <p>Geoff George to liaise with Andy Dean and NTU to arrange with Board members</p> <p>Geoff George to confirm with DLUHC</p>
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	<p>The covering report also referenced that the other remaining projects were close to being considered by the Council's Section 151 Officer and subject to that, potentially ready for Board endorsement. On discussion, it was AGREED that if approvals were made prior to the next Board meeting, endorsement could be facilitated through a written procedure, rather than await the next meeting in October.</p>	
<p>The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)</p> <p>Presentation: Geoff George</p>	<p>A presentation was offered on the development of the Investment Plan (IP), a pre-requisite of the draw down of the Council's allocation under the UKSPF. The presentation confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The preparation of the IP by the deadline of the 1st August 2022 • The three themes set by Government, the financial profile and the wider restrictions that apply • The challenges and opportunities that would inform the approach to the use of the resources over the two and half years of funding • The proposed approach, reflecting a combination of a Community Grant Fund, individual project applications and co-commissioning • The core underpinning principles in driving a successful programme <p>Decisions on the IP are expected sometime in October 2022 but in anticipation of a positive decision and the tight timescale to ensure spend within the current financial year, work will be progressed at risk to develop the approach to the Community Fund and the project application process for the Communities and Place theme.</p> <p>The Business Growth and People and Skills commissioning would be the subject of engagement with local and sub-regional partners, including those representatives on the Place Board. The Board would play an active role in overseeing the IP's delivery.</p>	<p>Geoff George to ensure the presentation was placed on the website</p>

	<p>Following discussion, the Board NOTED the presentation, welcomed the potential investment and the approach being taken.</p>	<p>A further update would be offered at the next Board meeting</p>
<p>Mansfield Connect and Levelling Up Fund</p> <p>Presentation: Geoff George and Daniel Partridge of PRD</p>	<p>A presentation was offered on the development of the submission to the Government of a bid under Round 2 of the Levelling Up Fund (LUF) for Mansfield Connect. The presentation confirmed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The development of the bid remaining positively aligned with previous reports to the Board, with continued strong positive engagement by partners including required letters of support from partners and Ben Bradley MP • The core pitch to government reflecting the 3 delivery strands and ambitions • How the submission would address the LUF criteria and what elements the submission would have to address • The on-going and welcome support from stakeholders and the expertise offered via the specialist advisors • How the submission would address the issues prevailing against its consideration under previous submissions, notably about the ownership of the site and a strong cost benefit analysis • The submission would make a case for £20M of investment • The overall timetable for delivery of the project should the submission be successful <p>The Board was requested to note the delayed launch of the on-line portal through which LUF submissions were to be made. The revised submission date was now the 2nd August 2022 and the Council and the team were fully engaged to ensure a quality submission was made. A decision is anticipated towards late October.</p>	<p>Geoff George to ensure the presentation was placed on the website</p>

	<p>It was noted that the governance arrangements previously in place to oversee the development of the submission had been paused during the final stages of preparation of the submission. Geoff George confirmed they would be subject to revision and refresh dependent upon the success of the submission.</p> <p>Following discussion, the Board NOTED the presentation and welcomed the submission.</p>	<p>A further update would be offered at the next Board meeting</p>
<p>Mansfield Place Board - Forward Plan</p> <p>Presentation and Facilitated Discussion: Adam Jeffrey of Chimera Consulting</p>	<p>A presentation was offered on the development of a forward plan for the Place Board. Geoff George confirmed that Adam had been appointed by the Council to support the Board in developing its approach going forwards, reflecting on the report taken to and agreed by the Board at its last meeting in April. This report was formed on the back of an initial consultation with the Board members, and the agreement that an independent facilitator be appointed to take this work forwards on the Board's behalf.</p> <p>Adam's presentation sought the Board's engagement on establishing a vision; exploring partners' views on the challenges and opportunities and how the Board might engage and prioritise them; how they might be delivered and how the Board may be set up to achieve them.</p> <p>Following a healthy and positive discussion, the next steps were outlined. It was AGREED that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A series of separate / individual meetings would be held with as many Board members as possible to expand on the discussion; • A smaller group session be held before the next Board meeting to develop the emerging ideas further; 	<p>Geoff George to ensure the presentation was placed on the website</p> <p>Geoff George and Adam Jeffrey to work together to progress the meetings</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A report and presentation be made to the next meeting in October to reach initial conclusions and advise on the next steps. 	
Any Other Business	<p>Related to the forward planning item, a number of Place Board representation changes were brought forward and the following actions were AGREED:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • That David Ainsworth, previously representing the NHS Integrated Care Board, be welcomed to participate in the Board in his new role, representing the Sherwood Forest Trust • That Inspector Kylie Davis be welcomed to the Board, representing Nottinghamshire Police • That Joanne Godson of Fidler and Pepper be welcomed to the Board as a private sector representative • That school representation be reviewed 	Sarah Patrick to add the members to the mailing list
Date of Next meeting	3pm 5th October 2022	Venue to be confirmed