

Making Mansfield Place Board
Date of Meeting: 5th October 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, Sharon Huttley – NTU, Will Morledge - D2N2, Vanessa Whitton - Mansfield CVS, Michael Fisher - Linneys, Kath Jephson – B Jephson Mansfield Ltd, Nick Wakefield – Environment Agency, Jean Sharpe – DWP, Jay Rowlinson – Mansfield BID, Adam Jeffrey – Chimera Consultants, Victoria McGregor-Riley – ICB, Inspector Kylie Davis – Nottinghamshire Police, Laura Simpson – NCC, Melanie Pyhtian – BEIS, Joanne Godson – Fidler and Pepper, Jane Box – Mansfield and Ashfield 2020

Mansfield District Council Officers:

Adam Hill - CEO Mansfield District Council; Mariam Amos Strategic Director, Michael Robinson Strategic Director; Geoff George - Regeneration Programmes and Projects Manager; Sarah Troman, Head of Neighbourhood Services, Helen Sisson, Marketing and Communications Manager, Sarah Bryan – Senior PR Officer

Apologies: Councillor Andy Burgin – MDC, Cllr Ben Bradley MP, Stephen Marwood – Environment Agency

Item:	Discussion Notes:	Actions:
Introductions – Andrew Cropley	Andrew Cropley welcomed everyone to the meeting.	
Minutes of 21st July Meeting and matters arising, including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Update on Mansfield Connect - Visit to NTU Swift facility – Andrew Cropley 	<p>The minutes of the meeting held on 21st July were agreed as a true and accurate record.</p> <p>Mansfield Connect – awaiting an announcement regarding the LUF submission, thought to be towards the end of October. A detailed business case is being developed in anticipation of a positive decision including involvement with all</p>	

	<p>partners looking to join the project. Options will be explored in case the required funding isn't forthcoming.</p> <p>Michael Robinson advised there is sufficient flexibility for additional potential partners if they are interested in the scheme. If anyone knows of an organisation or partner that is interested, please pass to MDC to follow up.</p> <p>SWIFt – a visit to the SWIFt facility at NTU's campus is being arranged to support an understanding of the SMART Mansfield project and the impact and opportunities of a LoRaWAN for Mansfield.</p>	<p>Geoff George</p>
<p>Mansfield Place Board Forward Plan – Progress</p> <p>Adam Jeffrey of Chimera Consulting</p>	<p>Presentation by Adam Jeffrey, Chimera Consultancy:</p> <p>Adam presented to the Board following his individual and collective meetings with the Board members. The presentation will be placed on the MDC website alongside other papers from today's meeting. Adam offered reflections on:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The key messages and where consensus was reached on the Board's purpose, its likely priorities and potential changes to structure which may enable greater engagement, participation and action. - The significant enthusiasm from members to engage and repurpose the Board. - The opportunities to work collaboratively across key themes (as presented and to influence each other's and wider agendas for a successful Mansfield. - The development of revised governance arrangements that maximised partners' input but reflected the practical realities of partners' own workloads <p>Comments from the Place Board (PB) were welcomed and included the following in summary:</p>	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• the aim should be to plug the gaps and explore how they can be responded to• ensure we are not duplicating what is already out there• roll out best practice what we can learn from them• we need to engage with young people• Our business representatives need to reach out to other businesses and respond on their behalf• branding needs to come later, once we know what it is that we want it to achieve and what the PB wants to be;• the lack of a tourism offer in Mansfield, not being promoted as a destination place; there is a growing opportunity to build the town as a student destination• smaller specialist theme groups can be set up for specialist projects/idea• the need to ensure Mansfield's presence is felt in the devolution deal discussions• need to ensure wellbeing, holistic, physical and mental health are included in the Board's discussions, with health inequalities having a huge impact on the Mansfield area as a whole and its localities• the need promote the work of the PB so its businesses, residents and organisations in the district are aware of it• the PB requires a consistent and descriptive vision and an end point on which to focus• the PB could reach out to other PB's across the immediate area to explore links and develop a coherent voice on funding and devolution opportunities• that at its heart, the PB would be required to ensure that it had the Towns Fund and any related responsibilities (such as supporting UKSPF if approved) retained within its terms of reference	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In order to manage the process, a series of theme groups should look to take specific work areas forward, with potentially the full group of partners should meet annually to review progress and set out its future agenda <p>Andrew Cropley summed up that the Place Board has the combined power of its various partners; is a challenging but supportive body to its respective members and other agencies impacting in Mansfield; a conduit to ensure information is shared widely and will look to be pro-active and ready to respond to funding opportunities.</p> <p>It was agreed that:</p> <p>Andrew would work with Adam and Geoff to conclude the initial thinking, reflecting on the Place Board members' comments and develop a set of proposals around the priorities and themes and how the revised governance arrangements could be set out. This would be shared and discussed at the next meeting.</p>	<p>Andrew Cropley, Geoff George and Adam Jeffrey</p>
<p>Nottinghamshire County Council's Visitor Economy Strategy</p> <p>Laura Simpson NCC</p>	<p>Laura Simpson presented the County Council's Visitor Economy Strategy. Feedback is via on-line survey. This reflected a revised approach as the previous strategy focused principally on the Council's assets; the new strategy will be more widely inclusive.</p> <p>The consultation process ran from June – August 2022, with districts and boroughs, the public, visitor economy businesses, strategic partners and key stakeholders open to respond.</p> <p>The draft strategy document will be signed off at the Council's Economic Development Committee. The outcome of the consultation will be reported to the Place Board.</p>	<p>Geoff George in consultation with Laura Simpson</p>

<p>Towns Fund – Progress</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Overview and project status - DLUHC Reporting - Re-profile <p>Geoff George MDC</p>	<p>Geoff George introduced a paper circulated to members providing the latest on the Towns Fund, referencing:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Confirmation of the latest project endorsements by the Board by written procedure - Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (DLUHC) reporting arrangements and specifically, confirmation of the submission of a re-profile for the programme - A programme overview and project status summary <p>The recommendations were agreed as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Board noted and agreed the endorsement of the full business cases of two further projects, being the Mansfield Woodhouse Station Gateway and the Warsop Health Hub and the submission of the project summaries to DLUHC; - The Board also noted the submission made to the Towns Fund Team detailing progress on the spend profile and the Project Adjustment Requests alongside a completed Monitoring & Evaluation Plan - the overall progress with the programme was noted. 	<p>Geoff George</p>
<p>The UK Shared Prosperity Fund</p> <p>Geoff George MDC</p>	<p>Geoff George presented to the Board on the Council's submission of its Investment Plan (IP) required to secure its potential allocation under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). Board members were informed about:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the scope of the IP and the allocation of resources under the respective priorities and themes • how this would be managed through a combination of a call for projects, a Community Grant Fund and the potential co-commissioning approaches to be developed with partners • Proposed governance arrangements and how the Board would be afforded strategic management and oversight of the IP 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The anticipated timetable, assuming announcements would be made towards the end of October <p>In support of the delivery, the Board was alerted to opportunities to support the governance. Board members were requested to consider participating in the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A UKSPF Sub-group to act on behalf of the Board; - Respective sub-groups to oversee priority-based activity; - A Community Grant Panel 	Members interested in participating to contact Geoff George
Any other business	<p>Martyn Saxton spoke about the Pathfinder Design Code, being developed following a successful submission to Government, aligned with the Town Centre Masterplan.</p> <p>An innovative approach to consultation will be effected over October – November and will involve stakeholders, residents and businesses with participation is via an app with QR code technology.</p> <p>Partners were encouraged to engage, download the app and visit the town centre to leave comments. There will also be face to face opportunities for consultation to ensure all can access.</p> <p>An update on the Code will be offered at a future meeting.</p>	Martyn Saxton
Next meeting agenda items / date of next meeting	Members are encouraged to offer agenda items for future meetings. The date of the next meeting will be sent out to Board members.	Geoff George