

# MAKING MANSFIELD PLACE BOARD

## Agenda Item 3

<b>Subject:</b>	<b>Making Mansfield Place Board Review</b>	
<b>Presenting authority / representative:</b>	Mansfield District Council Michael Robinson, Strategic Director	
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<b>Value of decision:</b>	n/a	
<b>Partners affected:</b>	All	<b>Date of consultation:</b> 24 <sup>th</sup> January 2023
<b>Purpose</b> <p>This report requests partners to consider the discussion and debate around the future proposed structure and governance of the Place Board, following the appointment of Chimera Consulting to assist with this work. A decision is required in terms of the recommendations proposed within this report so that the future working arrangements can be agreed.</p>		
<b>Background</b> <p>Chimera Consulting presented their observations and facilitated discussions with partners around the current Board structure and options for the future organisation and delivery of Place Board work. This was set within the context of the existing structure which was established and agreed from the inauguration of the Place Board at the initial February 2020 meeting. Although the initiative to establish the Place Board was directly in response to the prescribed governance requirements of the Government as part of the Town Fund management, Mansfield District Council as accountable body, also wanted to direct the partnership to work to the wider objectives of the then recently launched Making Mansfield, Towards 2030 Corporate Plan. In particular the Growth, Skills and Aspirational objectives as the Wellbeing objectives have been acknowledged as primarily falling under the Health Partnership objectives.</p> <p>It is timely to review the Place Board structure given 3 years have passed since it was set up and significant progress has been made in securing Town Fund resources and with project implementation plans. The value of the Partnership has been unanimously supported but partners do agree there needs to be changes in respect of structure, forward work planning, delivery against an agreed vision with clear objectives and priorities set for the future. There is a clear consensus that the current Board is too large with too many partners working at this strategic governance level. As such a new streamlined Board is proposed of the organisations listed below:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Vision West Nottinghamshire College Principal – Chair</li><li>2. MDC Mayor</li><li>3. MP for Mansfield</li><li>4. D2N2 LEP</li><li>5. Mansfield Business Improvement District</li><li>6. Mansfield Community and Voluntary Service</li><li>7. Nottingham Trent University</li></ol>		

8. Mansfield and Ashfield 2020
9. NHS (Sherwood Forest Hospitals NHS Foundation Trust)
10. Nottinghamshire County Council
11. Private sector representative 1
12. Private sector representative 2

In addition, a number of sub-groups are proposed which will be supported with the wider partnership representatives and Chaired by one of the core partners so as to maintain a key reporting link to the Board. The following list of thematic groups is proposed:

- Skills
- Business & Enterprise
- Transport
- Town centre
- Identity & Visitor
- Environmental

Core Board representative Chairs will need to commit to driving forward the agreed work priorities for these themes and ensure progress is reporting through the Board. Mansfield DC will continue to offer secretarial support for group work where this is needed if the respective Chairs' organisations cannot meet this. Reference is made to potential support towards the Place Board within the report.

Four Place Board meetings (core group) are proposed each year with an additional annual meeting of the wider partnership group (all other partners represented through the sub-groups) taking place to reflect on progress and consider future priorities.

The Partnership Place Board Terms of Reference need to be reviewed to reflect the changes and agreed vision and priorities. This will be undertaken by Mansfield DC and circulated for comment by partners if the recommendation in this report are supported. This will ensure that the explicit requirements of reporting on and engaging with Towns Fund (and other government related matters) is maintained.

It is proposed that there is a visioning session organised with the support of Chimera Consulting to agree the Vision of the partnership and future priorities and work plan. This will be organised at the before the end of the financial year.

**Exempt information:**

None

**Recommendation(s): It is recommended that:**

- 1. The Board reviews and agrees a proposed new structure of the Board, Core and Theme groups and of the including proposed partner representatives;**
- 2. Partners consider which of the theme groups they could commit to chairing and potentially resourcing;**
- 3. Partner organisations consider which theme groups they would like to be represented on.**

**1 REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To ensure that the Making Mansfield Place Board has the appropriate structure and governance for the future.

**2 BACKGROUND (INCLUDING OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION)**

Chimera Consulting Place Board and Forward Planning report (appended).

**3 OTHER OPTIONS CONSIDERED IN MAKING RECOMMENDATIONS**

3.1 No change and continue in current form.

**4 DOCUMENTS REFERRED TO IN THIS REPORT**

4.1 Chimera Consultancy report.