**Mansfield Place Board**

**Core Group Meeting**

**3rd April 2025**

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| Agenda Item No. |  |
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**Funding Update**

**1 Purpose of Report**

1.1 To confirm the latest summary on the revenue and capital funding made available via the external funding programmes as previously summarised at the 6th February 2025 Core Group meeting, with members requesting further insight at the next appropriate meeting.

1. **Background** 
   1. The Board will recall that the then titled Levelling Up Partnership (LUP) was secured in negotiation with the government by Mansfield District Council in collaboration with the County Council and Nottingham Trent University, seeing a set of capital and revenue projects brought forward at a total of £20.4M.
   2. Now renamed as the Community Regeneration Partnership (CRP), the revenue funding offers the opportunity to bring forward developmental aspects that could support the bringing forward of future projects from other funding sources or support the next steps with existing projects, linked to the Mansfield Place Strategy’s ambitions.
   3. Two specific revenue elements were agreed with MHCLG under the CRP, being:

* Funding for culture-led regeneration planning - £50,000
* Visioning commissions, enabling Mansfield to identify key economic opportunities and to develop strategies for development - £200,000
  1. Progress with the CRP is facilitated through quarterly meetings with MHCLG officials being committed via the CRP process, and the summary position on each and the breakdown of the funding for the visioning aspects is referenced in the attached Appendix 1.
  2. Appendix 2 summarises the position regarding the remaining capital projects. The Towns Fund and the Levelling Up Funding are subject to separate reporting arrangements and the attached relates to the most recent cycle of reporting for each, plus a forecast to the 2024/25 year end.

1. **Recommendation** 
   1. It is recommended that the Board notes the latest position on the projects supported by the external funding and that further progress reports are brought to future meetings on a quarterly basis, with the updates provided around the submission of information to MHCLG in line with the established reporting cycles for each funding source.

**Appendix 1**

**CRP Summary Revenue Position**

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| **Project** | **Description** | **Budget** | **Status** |
| Culture-led Regeneration | The development of a business case for the better integration of the Theatre and Museum, known as the Mansfield Cultural Hub project with the scope including preparation of RIBA Stage 1 (Concept) designs, structural and building service design input, the development of a robust business case and capital cost estimations for future bids for external funding. | £50,000 | Committed. Following a procurement process, Maber Associates with Focus Consultants now appointed. Work commenced, to be concluded by the end of May 2025. |
| Place Board Manager | Support the salary costs of the Place Board Manager over the initial 12 months | £48,000 | Completed. Further 6 months’ salary costs to be met via the Plan for Neighbourhoods capacity funding and subject to an agreement as to partner contributions going forwards. |
| Creative and Digital Sector Review | NTU sector study confirms a strong and growing creative and digital sector in Mansfield. The ambition is to review the strength of the sector, promote its opportunities in Mansfield, develop and influence business support provision and explore events and the potential for venue development. Baseline review undertaken, based on NTU sector study. Initial discussions on the scope of the review commenced following meetings with NTU, MDC Cultural Services and the National Portfolio Organisation team, alongside local creative business engagement. Other partners to be engaged to establish a steering group. | £50,000 | Allocated. Draft scope in development, with procurement to be facilitated in April. Anticipated completion in October 2025. |
| Inward Investment Playbook | Supporting the development of an inward investment playbook, to be aligned with the newly established inward investment functions within EMCCA and developed in close engagement with the Destination Mansfield project’s ambitions. The project is linked with the Vision and Pipeline project referenced below. | £25,000 | Allocated. Materials / web-data to be developed subject to the parallel progress with the Vision and Pipeline project and embracing the new brand adoption. Anticipated commencement July 2025, concluded November 2025. |
| Visitor Economy Narrative | A commission to set out Mansfield’s approach to the visitor economy, linked to the inward investment playbook and the Destination Mansfield approach. The ambition will be to establish Mansfield’s unique offer and how that might be developed and exploited in the context of a new regional offer within EMCCA. | £25,000 | Allocated. Scope to be developed. Tying in with Destination Mansfield and inward investment project, anticipated commencement July 2025, concluded November 2025. |
| Hotel / Accommodation and Bed-space Review | The review will focus on hotel / bed space approach that addresses the current viability challenges with hotel schemes and support wider opportunities for Mansfield as a stay-over location in a wider visitor economy context.  It will show-case Mansfield as a hotel destination by producing a hotel investment prospectus for use in approaching the principal hotel operating brands with a view to securing potential delivery partners, notably for the site at Stockwell Gate. It will also offer an overview of potential delivery models and interventions that have been used elsewhere to overcome current funding / viability gaps in hotel development | £10,000 | Committed. Hotel Solutions commissioned. Work to be concluded towards the end of July 2025. |
| Developing the Mansfield Vision and Pipeline | A study and action plan to set out investment priorities for the Mansfield area, its key priorities and potential projects, to include:   * Vision, strategy, data provision and economic case development * Establishing the route to delivery and understanding key site capacity and risks, the market-facing opportunities and best routes to delivery * Identifying the funding ‘asks’, viability issues and the approach to market via a delivery plan to engage with core funders.   This Vision will be aligned with the Destination Mansfield work as well as being integrated with the preparations for the revised Local Plan | £100,000 | Committed. Draft scope concluded. Soft market testing undertaken on likely value of the commission. Subject to contract, completion by end November 2025. |

**Appendix 2 - Financial Summary - Capital Schemes**

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| **Project[[1]](#footnote-1)** | **Status / Notes** | **Programme** | **External Funding** | **Budget** | **Forecast** | **Spend to Date[[2]](#footnote-2)** |
| Smart Mansfield | Smart Parking Evaluation Pending | Town Deal[[3]](#footnote-3) | £1,000,000 (Cap) | £1,000,000 | £1,000,000 | £54,140 |
| Warsop Health Hub | Complete | Town Deal | £3,000,000 (Cap) | £9,940,129 | £9,326,105 | £9,466,876 |
| Future Tech Exchange (WNC) | Underway | Town Deal | £4,150,000 (Cap)  £150,000 (Rev) | £9,010,823  £150,000 | £9,010,823  £150,000 | £3,847,499  £0 |
| Destination Branding | Underway | Town Deal | £500,000 (Rev)  £25,000 (Cap) | £715,000  £25,000 | £715,000  £25,000 | £315,850  £0 |
| Berry Hill Park | Underway, commenced March 2025 | Town Deal | £3,500,000 (Cap) | £3,777,000 | £3,777,000 | £384,117 |
| Mansfield Connect | Design Phase Underway, demolition / asbestos removal approved met from LUF | LUF[[4]](#footnote-4) / CRP | £30M | £33.5M  Approved budget £8M | £33.5M  £8M | £1,132,635 |
| Bellamy Estate Regeneration | Complete Autumn 25 | CRP[[5]](#footnote-5) | £2,000,000 | £8,840,159 | £8,840,159 | £8,784,846 |
| South Mansfield  Family Hubs (NCC) | 2 locations – Oak Tree / Ravensdale | CRP | £300,000 | - | - | - |
| Getting Ready Pilot | Funding transferred to NTU | CRP | £250,000 | £250,000 | £250,000 | £250,000 |
| Youth Investment Project (NCC) | Development and options stage | CRP | £3,200,000 | £3,200,000 | £3,200,000 | - |
| Streetscaping | Concept planning completed / project management appointed | CRP | £2,000,000 | £2,170,000 | £2,170,000 | £5,000 |
| Sainsbury’s Junction (NCC) | Latest estimated costs due | CRP | £2,000,000 | - | - | - |

1. All projects managed by MDC unless stated in brackets [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. Based on the last returns to MHCLG plus projections to 2024/25 year end [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. The Towns Deal funding is managed through a claims process with part actual expenditure / part forecasting, maximising the grant [↑](#footnote-ref-3)
4. LUF funding is managed through a claims process with part advanced funding as agreed with MHCLG [↑](#footnote-ref-4)
5. CRP received for all projects. CRP for the Bellamy Estate project part allocated to Mansfield Connect agreed with MHCLG, rest found via MDC HRA [↑](#footnote-ref-5)