

CHEADLE TOWNS FUND BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date	4 th March 2022 at 3.30pm	
Venue	MS Teams	
Present	Marge Falconer - former Executive Director, Circle Health, Alexandra Hospital Cllr. David Meller - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Labour Cllr. Tom Morrison - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Lib Dem Rob Munro - Chair of Cheadle Village Partnership Sharon Seville - President, GM Chamber (Stockport) <i>Observers / Presenters</i> Oliver Williamson - (for Mary Robinson MP) Jesse Garrick - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & DLUHC (advisor role) Robert Goulsbra - Head of Development and Regeneration SMBC Michael S. Fisher - Development and Regeneration Manager, SMBC Jamie Carruthers - Head of Capital Programme, SMBC Nigel Wilcock - Mickledore	
Apologies	Mary Robinson, MP - MP for Cheadle, Conservative Caroline Simpson - Chief Executive, SMBC Simon Elliott - Head of Rail Programme, TfGM Dr Viren Mehta - Cheadle Medical Practice	
Item		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	MF chaired the meeting and introduced the agenda Apologies received as above Jesse Garrick (JG) introduced his role within the Cities & Local Growth Unit Key actions from the last meeting are covered in the items below	Noted
2A.	Project Business Case Update: Eco Business Park, Robert Goulsbra, SMBC & Nigel Wilcock, Mickledore	
	RG – outlined project progress as below and an initial programme: Mechanical and Engineering Consultants and Structural Engineers have now been appointed to scope sustainable design solutions	Noted

	• A report demonstrates excellent potential for energy generation from solar PV and other renewable options • A BREEAM consultant has been appointed to help maximise the rating of the buildings • Initial engagement with potential end users has been positive • Provisional development appraisal work demonstrates a viable scheme with Towns Fund support NW - outlined the five elements of the Green Book Business Case. This includes a strong strategic case, with good links to economic strategy objectives, and potentially 110,000 sqft of new employment space supporting c.200 jobs. This generates a good Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR). The Board noted progress <u>The Board agreed:</u> That, subject review, and feedback of board members by 14/03/22, the Cheadle Town Board agrees to delegate sign-off of the Eco Business Park business plan submission to the Town Board Chair It was agreed that MSF would: • share the draft final with the Town Board w/c 7th March. • Board Members to review and raise any queries / clarifications by 14th March • Sign off Business Case by Chair of Town Board w/c 14th March • SMBC internal review and sign off w/c 14th March • Submission on or before 24th March	Agreed Action: MF & MSF and Board Members
2B.	Project Business Case Update: Station, Jamie Carruthers, SMBC	
	JC - outlined the Station business case including the strategic case, objectives, and measures of success. These build on those presented in the Town Investment Plan and at the last Board meeting. JC - provided the following scheme overview: • A single platform located to the north of the existing Chester to Manchester railway line. • Associated car parking with Electric Vehicle (EV) charging spaces and accessible spaces • New vehicular and pedestrian access off Manchester Road • Passenger drop off facilities	Noted

	• Board Members to review and raise any queries / clarifications by 14th March • Sign off Business Case by Chair of Town Board w/c 14th March • Letters of Support to be drafted as appropriate • SMBC internal review and sign off w/c 14th March • Submission on or before 24th March	
2C.	Project Business Case Updates: Active Travel, Jamie Carruthers, SMBC	
	JC - provided a scheme overview of the proposed 1.5km north / south route and its component parts including crossings, signage, widenings, and redesignations. Works are to be divided into three packages with a potential start in 2022, subject to approvals. JC – reiterated the strategic case for the scheme including its objectives and measures of success. Key elements of the business case were then highlighted JC – noted that the BCR is 1.95, a cautious assumption without the step change in usage a new station could bring The Board noted progress <u>The Board agreed:</u> That, subject review, and feedback of board members by 14/03/22, the Town Board agrees to delegate sign-off of the Active Travel business plan submission to the Town Board Chair It was agreed that MSF would: • share the draft final with the Town Board w/c 7th March. • Board Members to review and raise any queries / clarifications by 14th March • Sign off Business Case by Chair of Town Board w/c 14th March • SMBC internal review and sign off w/c 14th March • Submission on or before 24th March	Noted Agreed Action: MF & MSF and Board Members
3.	Accelerated Fund Project Update, Michael Fisher, SMBC	
	MSF – provided a progress summary of the Accelerated Fund projects by exception. <u>Learn to Ride</u> – awaiting a dry spell for final surface painting	Noted

	<u>Ashfield Road Active Travel</u> civil works completed end of February 22. Tree planting programmed for March 22, with the community garden to follow later in the year. <u>School Streets pilot</u> – meeting held with local school 28/02/22. Consultations to take place across March. If consultation positive then official letters, promotion material to be prepared along with equipment and a temporary TRO (Traffic Regulation Order) for Ashfield Crescent. Pilot to run for a 4-6 week period across late spring / early summer. <u>Digital Information Point</u> – advertisement consent in place, agreement with CVP being progressed RM – mentioned that the CVP now had officials in place with delegated authority for this project SS – raised that she could send out any comms to a wider network as required to promote the use of the DIP	
4.	Looking Forwards/ AOB, Michael Fisher, SMBC	
	MSF summarised the next steps as: • Business case submissions to DLUHC by 24th March 2022 • Feedback and clarification - spring / summer 2022 • Each case will be reviewed separately and have a separate Town Deal offer • DLUHC to forward draft HoTs when available • Further support from the Delivery Partner Arup to be explored CM – raised the point that although cases are assessed separately the projects were interlinked in terms of impact and benefits JG – replied that if there was an issue or need for further clarification with a business case there would be an opportunity to submit further information MSF - suggested not holding the April and May Board meetings as there would unlikely to be any feedback on the business case submissions, and also local elections are held in early May. RM - agreed. MSF - to update Board members of any progress meanwhile MSF - thanked, on behalf of everyone, Marge Falconer for Chairing the Board so successfully for what is now its 20th meeting.	Noted Action: MSF

	Next Towns Fund Board meeting is arranged for <u>Friday 10th June 2022 at 3.30pm</u> via MS Teams.	
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Abbreviations:

Aew - Architects
 AF – Accelerated Fund (Towns Fund)
 BCR – Benefit Cost Ratio
 BEIS – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
 BREEAM - Building Research Establishment's Environmental Assessment Method
 CBRE – Property advisors
 CVP – Cheadle Village Partnership
 DIP – Digital Information Point
 DJP – Diamond Jubilee Park
 DfT – Department for Transport
 FBC – Full Business Case
 Green Book – a five point business case tool used by Government
 HMT – Her Majesties Treasury
 HoT – Heads of Terms
 LEP – Local Economic Partnership
 DLUHC – Dept. for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities (formerly MHCLG)
 MCL – Mid Cheshire Line (railway)
 M&E Plan – Monitoring & Evaluation Plan
 NR – Network Rail
 NSF – New Station Fund (Round 3)
 S / OBC – Strategic / Outline Business Case
 PF – Pell Frischmann
 RYR – Restoring Your Railway (Ideas Fund)
 SMBC – Stockport Metropolitan Council
 SOBC – Strategic Outline Business Case
 SWOT – Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats
 SuDS – Sustainable Drainage System
 TfGM – Transport for Greater Manchester
 TIP – Town Investment Plan
 ToR – Terms of Reference