

**CHEADLE TOWNS FUND
INTERIM BOARD MEETING
FINAL MINUTES**

Date	7 th August 2020 at 3.30pm	
Venue	MS Teams	
Present	<p>Marge Falconer - Executive Director, BMI Alexandra Hospital Mary Robinson, MP - MP for Cheadle, Conservative Cllr. David Meller - Councillor Cheadle Hulme North, Labour Cllr. Tom Morrison - Councillor Cheadle Hulme North, Lib Dem Rob Munro - Chair of Cheadle Village Partnership Simon Elliott - Head of Rail Programme, TfGM Rosie Jenkins - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & MHCLG Caroline Simpson - Corporate Director of Place, SMBC Sharon Seville - Stockport Vice-President GM Chamber of Commerce</p> <p><i>Observers / Presenters</i> Robert Goulsbra - Head of Development and Regeneration SMBC Michael S. Fisher - Development and Regeneration Manager, SMBC Donald Ross - Managing Consultant, SQW Simon Noakes - GMCA David Hodcroft on - GMCA</p>	
Apologies	<p>Dr Viren Mehta - Cheadle Medical Practice Suzanne Jones - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & MHCLG Lou Cordwell - GM LEP Stuart Bradley - Stockport President GM Chamber of Commerce Luke Delahunty - Director, SQW</p>	
Item		Actions
1	Welcome and Introductions	
	The attendees present introduced themselves Apologies received as above MF outlined the agenda	Noted
2	Actions from Last Meeting by Caroline Simpson, SMBC	
	<p>MSF confirmed that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Previous minutes had been published • SMBC are meeting the Arup Delivery Team (including Savills) on the 12th Aug. to seek technical property support • Pell Frischmann are making contact with BMI Alexandra Hospital's new Director of Operations Ben Tomlins. • Other actions are addressed below under items 3 and 4 	Noted

3	Towns Fund Advanced projects by Caroline Simpson, SMBC	
	CS provided a recap on the £500k capital advanced funding, the criteria, especially delivery by March 2021 and the need to submit by 14/08/20. A table and map were provided of suggested project ideas designed to provide tangible impact, to spread the deliverability risk and to fit wider Town Fund objectives. These proposed projects are aligned to the direction from the board for investment in walking and cycling, green infrastructure, the high street and community engagement.	Noted
	DM supported the package but also suggested that the row of shops on Councillor Lane be considered for potential area improvement and better access / parking arrangements CS to explore options	Noted CS Action
	MR asked how the projects had been scoped and how they related to the Town Fund CS replied that they came from local knowledge of need, what can be delivered and visual impact. There is additional information linking the strategic fit of the proposals to the projects that will be shared to the board before finalising the selection. MR requested that a new access from Councillor Lane to either St. David's Road or Brookfield Drive, to make public transport more accessible for residents, be considered. CS to explore options	Noted CS Action
	RM queried the need for flood mitigation works in Jubilee Park and would prefer a cycle link on Park Road. CS noted the challenge on the flood mitigation investment but that it could be potential investment in an identified need that could not be funded in other ways. CS to consider and explore options	Noted CS Action
	SN supported the proposed project package	Noted
	RJ reiterated that the projects need to be capital and have the Council's S151 Officer sign off.	Noted
	MF - It was agreed that in principle the Board supported the proposed package of projects. That, after investigating the suggested options, CS would email Board members with a final suggested project list on the 12th August . Allowing for any objections within a 24 hour period, MF would have delegated authority to agree the final project package before it being submitted to MHCLG by the Council on 14 th August.	MR / CS Action
4.	Cheadle Town Investment Plan – Vision and Context by Donald Ross, SQW	
	DR updated the Board on the further eight 121 consultations, the long term vision for Cheadle and the draft context text.	Noted
	DR invited any comments on the Vision and Context text and to forward these to MSF by 21st August .	All Action

	MF suggested that a 'healthy' Cheadle should be incorporated into the vision. This was generally agreed by the Board. MR also questioned whether 'resilient' was the right word for the future vision and if an alternative such as sustainable would be more appropriate.	Noted DR Action
	DR summarised strong support from consultees for a rail station and for last mile cycling and walking. DR also mentioned strong support in principle from Cheadle College to the innovation centre/co-working concept.	
	DR feedback, from Council investigations, that the Gately Exchange (the British Telecom) building is not available for conversion to employment use. It is a live site, operational and not underused.. There would also be security issues with mixed occupiers in the building. DR stated that other property option were being explored. MR asked what could be done to improve the appearance of the building. RM mentioned that previously window displays have been used and seating provided outside the building CS confirmed that the Council would get in touch with the owners again to explore what opportunities there might be.	Noted CS Action
	DR confirmed consultees' suggestion that an Eco-Business Park should focus on sustainable buildings not necessarily the green sector. RM asked about the Demmings Road / Brookfield Industrial Estate which may require some investment. DR noted that if the estate was in multiple ownership it would be difficult to bring forward as deliverable for a TIP proposal. CS agreed that the Council would find out more to see if it might be an opportunity for the TIP.	Noted CS Action
	All - to feedback any further thoughts on the four priority project areas, and related project ideas, to include in the TIP to <u>MSF by 21st August</u> . These will then be considered along with the results of the public survey.	All Action
5	Community Consultation Update by Rob Munro, CVP	
	RM presented the timeline to the public survey which formally closed on 4 th August.	Noted
	RM was pleased to report the high response rate of over 1,300 coming from a mix of on-line, household returns and from a high street presence. [Please note that following the Board meeting DJS Research have confirmed that there was some double counting. Total responses are 1,204, comprising 1,025 on-line and 179 hard returns). Early analysis shows an overall a good age mix of respondents, more females than males and 81% were residents and 70% use the local shops / facilities.	Noted
	RM outlined some early results based on on-line responses only. This included: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 86% wanted improvements to accessibility by rail/Metrolink 	Noted

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 88% of people are supportive of a rail station <p>Further results to follow, on all aspects, by the end of August.</p>	
6.	Looking Forwards by Caroline Simpson, SMBC	
	<p>CS summarised the immediate actions as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> SMBC seeking specialist support from the Arup Delivery Team Advanced £500k project ideas to be recirculated and signed off by the Chair before submission on 14/08/20 SQW and SMBC to explore what options there may be concerning the Demmings Road / Brookfield Industrial Estate SQW to develop logic model & projects for the TIP SQW to draft the Investment Plan DJS to issue draft report on the public survey findings An update on rail and station matters, including liaison with BMI Hospital, to be provided at the next Board meeting Board Governance arrangements being developed. Board to feedback to MSF by 21st August on the SQW proposed 1) Cheadle TIP Context and Strategy working draft document, and 2) on the four priority project areas and related ideas. 	Noted and Agreed
	MR thanked everybody on the good progress being made	Noted
	Next meeting now arranged via MS Teams for <u>Friday 4th September 2020 at 3.30pm.</u>	All Action

Abbreviations:

BCR – Benefit Cost Ratio
 BEIS – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy
 CVP – Cheadle Village Partnership
 DfT – Department for Transport
 LEP – Local Economic Partnership
 MCL – Mid Cheshire Line
 MHCLG – Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government
 NR – Network Rail
 NSF – New Station Fund
 SMBC – Stockport Metropolitan Council
 SOBC – Strategic Outline Business Case
 TfGM – Transport for Greater Manchester
 TIP – Town Investment Plan