

CHEADLE TOWNS FUND BOARD MEETING

MINUTES

Date	1 st October at 3.30pm	
Venue	MS Teams	
Present	Marge Falconer - Executive Director, BMI Circle Health, Alexandra Hospital Mary Robinson, MP - MP for Cheadle, Conservative Cllr. David Meller - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Labour Rob Munro - Chair of Cheadle Village Partnership Sharon Seville - President, GM Chamber (Stockport) Caroline Simpson - Deputy Chief Executive, SMBC Simon Elliott - Head of Rail Programme, TfGM Dr Viren Mehta - Cheadle Medical Practice <i>Observers / Presenters</i> Rosie Jenkins - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & MHCLG (advisor role) David Hodcroft - GMCA Robert Goulsbra - Head of Development and Regeneration SMBC Michael S. Fisher - Development and Regeneration Manager, SMBC Jamie Carruthers - Head of Capital Programme, SMBC	
Apologies	Cllr. Tom Morrison - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Lib Dem Simon Jenkins - GMCA	
Item		Actions
1.	Welcome and Introductions	
	MF chaired the meeting Apologies received as above CS introduced the agenda Key actions from the last meeting covered in items below	Noted
2A.	TIP Spend Update, Caroline Simpson, SMBC	
	CS outlined that an opportunity had become available to all towns to revise their original Town Fund spend profiles. This was submitted on 27/09/2021. The totals against each project remain unchanged, the Station and Active Travel spend have been phased back slightly. Awaiting BEIS approval. RJ – suggested that it was wise not to over commit to early expenditure.	Noted

2B.	Project Business Case Updates: Station, Simon Elliott, TfGM	
	SE – outlined progress on the Station. • The OBC work continues, including engaging with the industry through technical workshops being held with Network Rail, Northern, TfGM & SMBC to enable design. The rail timetabling work has commenced. • Planning application likely to be submitted December 2021 / January 2022. • Site surveys have commenced. • DfT contact meeting held and was positive. DfT to confirm governance arrangement between Government departments regarding assessing the business case. • Work continues to interface with the active travel package. Looking ahead SE outlined continued work on the design of both the Station and highway junction to support a planning application, further surveys, land agreement with BMI Circle Health and public consultation.	Noted
2C.	Project Business Case Updates: Active Travel, Jamie Carruthers, SMBC	
	JC - outlined the main proposed north / south route and its components including options for a connection to the proposed Station. JC – confirmed that the design proposals will form part of the public consultation exercise later this month.	Noted
2D.	Public Consultation, Jamie Carruthers, SMBC	
	JC – outlined the main messages for the public consultation exercise for the Station and Cycling & Walking and shared early content on the leaflet. Detailed drawings will be made available on-line. JC – outlined the methodology, including a leaflet drop in the Town fund area, letters to those along the proposed cycling / walking routes, social media, Cheadle Post, drop-in sessions and direct contact with key stakeholders. JC – sought feedback from the Board, details to be circulated, before the consultation goes live. RM – mentioned that the Library or Trinity maybe better locations for footfall than the Village Hall.	Noted

	RM – although outside the formal timescale the Christmas Market (4th December) could also be an opportunity to raise awareness MF – stressed the importance of consultation and confirmed the need to consult with BMI patients and staff via the Operations Manager MR – supported on-going awareness as it would bring the proposals to the attention of people outside of Cheadle MR – mentioned the Micker Brook area and that there may be a new fund that could potentially support tree planting along the water course to enhance the route DM – mentioned that the next Cheadle Post was mid-October MR / DM – agreed to do something for Cheadle Post on behalf of the Board SS – confirmed that she would circulate to local businesses with chamber membership RM – noted that it would be useful to show how the cycling routes fit into wider provision. Need to confirm that The Green is not affected and engage with the Civic Society. SE – to explore TfGM data held on travel patterns to ascertain what other organisations could be consulted. Agreed: Draft leaflet to be circulated to the Board for final comments	Action: DM / MR Action: JC / MSF Agreed MSF / JC
2E	Project Business Case Updates: Eco Business Park, Caroline Simpson, SMBC	
	CS – outlined the current feasibility work being undertaken and that detailed design will follow this work CS – reiterated the importance of the scheme to Stockport's wider Economic Plan (in preparation) and that demand is strong for a quality offer MR – suggested building in good practice construction skills and learning around green technology e.g., through including it in the procurement process CS – confirmed that there would be scoping of industry expertise so that good practice is included in the project and shared with the Board SS – mentioned the role of digitalisation in engineering and how this project may be able to act as a pilot.	Noted

3.	Accelerated Fund Project Update, Michael Fisher, SMBC	
	MSF – provided a progress summary of the Accelerated Fund projects which had not yet completed. <u>Parklet</u> MSF – confirmed that planting would go into the parklet RM – confirmed that people were already using the bike stands and that planting had commenced DM – comments will need to be put into context once the parklet has been established <u>Councillor Lane</u> Cycle stands to be replaced w/c 11/10/21. Traffic count results being analysed. <u>Learn to Ride</u> – in progress. <u>Ashfield Road Active Travel</u> currently on site, redesign undertaken to account for Japanese Knotweed. MSF – described the community garden proposals that could be managed by the Civic Society <u>School Streets pilot</u> – start date to be confirmed. <u>Digital Information Point</u> – supplier identified, and operational arrangements being finalised.	Noted
4.	Looking Forwards, Caroline Simpson, SMBC	
	CS summarised the next steps as: • Draft final consultation leaflet to be shared with the Board • Station Working Group to be held 11th October • Continue to develop the projects and associated business cases	Action: MSF & project leads
	Next Towns Fund Board meeting was arranged for <u>Friday 5th November 2021 at 3.30pm</u> via MS Teams.	

Abbreviations:

AF – Accelerated Fund (Towns Fund)

BCR – Benefit Cost Ratio

BEIS – Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy

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