CHEADLE TOWNS FUND BOARD MEETING

Date	10th June 2022 at 3.30pm	
Venue	MS Teams	
Present	Sharon Seville - President, GM Chamber (Stockport) Mary Robinson, MP - MP for Cheadle, Conservative Simon Elliott - Head of Rail Programme, TfGM Cllr. David Meller - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Labour Cllr. Tom Morrison - Councillor Cheadle Hulme N. Lib Dem Rob Munro - Chair of Cheadle Village Partnership Paul Richards - Director of Development & Regeneration, SMBC *Observers / Presenters* Oliver Williamson - (for Mary Robinson MP) Grace Popplewell - Cities & Local Growth Unit, BEIS & DLUHC Robert Goulsbra - Head of Development and Regeneration, SMBC Michael S. Fisher - Development and Regeneration, Manager, SMBC Adam Richmond - Project Manager, SMBC	
Apologies	Dr Viren Mehta - Cheadle Medical Practice David Hodcroft - GMCA	
Item		Actions
1.	**Welcome and Introductions**	
	It was agreed that Sharon Seville would act as Interim Chair and Chair the meeting Paul Richards was introduced as Stockport Council's representative on the Board to replace Caroline Simpson Apologies received as above	**Agreed** Noted
2.	**Actions from Last Meeting**	
	MR asked if a response had been received as to whether any further TF funds could be advanced to avoid stop / start on project development PR – mentioned the importance of keeping a design team together on a project to maximise continuity and minimise cost SE to see if there is any bridging funding available if required MSF / AR - to consider how much may be required	Noted **Action:** SE **Action**: AR

	SE - also raised the issue of current construction inflation, especially if there are delays GP – advised that DHLUC is not currently supporting cost increases due to inflation and are advising building in contingencies to the cost model (e.g. station includes 40%)	Noted
3.	**Governance Arrangements, Michael Fisher, SMBC**	
	MSF - reminded the Board of the Town Fund guidance concerning the Board's composition and the role and requirements of the Chair (to be from the private sector) and its members MR - asked if anyone else could attend from the LEP and agreed that a representative from the Circle Health Alexandra Hospital would be useful SS – suggested some potential local business representatives who may be able to fulfil the role of Chair or become members RM – suggested that there was an optimum size for the Board to be effective. MR and PR agreed. RM - noted that there no representation from the education or the disability sectors. RM – agreed to scope out a suitable representative PR – agreed that the Council would follow up with invitations, including local businesses, the LEP and Alexandra Hospital It was agreed that going forward meetings would be required less frequently, and that some of these will be held in person.	Noted **Action: RM** **Action:** PR/MSF/RG Noted
4A.	**Station Project Update: Adam Richmond, SMBC**	
	AR – reminded the Board of the Station's component parts and that extensive work had been undertaken to minimise the impact of any replacement parking RM – mentioned that there would be a CVP meeting in early July and it would be useful to have an update briefing note [this meeting has since been postponed] TM – asked about mitigation measures for local residents AR – mentioned the tree replacement policy and that this would form part of the next stage of design work	 **Action:** AR via MSF

	TM & RM – asked whether a visual could be made available that would be more understandable than a plan. AR to explore this option with the design team MR – asked about the Restoring Your railways submission SE – replied that the bid was not successful as the dualling of the Mid Cheshire Line was regarded as too large a scheme to be delivered by 2025 AR - confirmed that the planning application for the Station was validated on the 24th April. (DC/084801). That technical questions have been raised by DfT assessors around the details of the business case and methodology. These have been reviewed and answered. Further ecological assessments have been undertaken. AR – also mentioned that the Council and Network Rail have entered into a Basic Asset Protection Agreement (BAPA) and that the role of the Industry Working Group and other partners will continue to be paramount as the project enters delivery stage. AR - following further clarification a DHLUC decision on the business case is now expected in July 2022	**Action:** AR Noted Noted
4B.	**Active Travel Project Update: Michael Fisher, SMBC**	
	MSF – provided the Board with a reminder of the proposed route and its phased implementation. The 1.5km north-south route includes crossings, signage, widenings, and redesignations. Works are to be divided into three packages with a potential start later in 2022, subject to approvals. MSF – all clarifications from DLUHC have been answered MSF – also noted that all land required is within Council ownership, detailed design for the three work packages is nearing completion, and contractor information is being drafted MR – asked who the contractor might be. MSF - answered that they would probably be more than one and that they would be sourced from the Council's framework of preferred contractors.	Noted

4C.	**Eco Business Park Project Update: Robert Goulsbra, SMBC**	
	RG - outlined the current design indicating c.110,000 sqft of new build light industrial employment space with clean energy generation and sustainability as a core focus. RG - Business case clarifications had been answered. RG - also mentioned that the wider design process has now paused to explore the option of bringing in a Development Manager service to secure external expertise. SS – suggested a contact who may be useful for the low carbon technology. RG to investigate if relevant.	Noted **Action:** RG
5.	**Accelerated Fund Project Update, Michael Fisher, SMBC**	
	MSF – provided a progress summary of the Accelerated Fund projects by exception. <u>Learn to Ride</u> – now complete <u>Ashfield Road Active Travel</u> complete apart from the community garden to follow. <u>School Streets pilot</u> – trail to start 13th June <u>Digital Information Point</u> – RM confirmed that a Community Interest Company was being formed to manage the DIP. An application had also been made of Area Committee for support with the initial operational costs. Expected decision 21st June.	Noted
6.	**Looking Forwards/ AOB, Michael Fisher, SMBC**	
	MSF summarised the next steps as: • Seek a new Chair / Vice Chair for Town Board as discussed • Submit final feedback on clarifications for the Station Business Case • Expect grant determination for all projects – July 22 • Agree Chair has authority to sign off the Towns Fund Monitoring & Evaluation Return due 10/06/22	Noted

	Provisional next Towns Fund Board meeting is arranged for <u>Friday 5th August 2022 at **3.30pm**</u> via MS Teams (since rearranged to 9th September 2022)	

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