

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWNS FUND BOARD

NOTE OF MEETING

FRIDAY 17TH APRIL 2020

WEBEX

Present:

Andy Preston	Elected Mayor of Middlesbrough (Chair)
Tony Parkinson	CEX Middlesbrough Council
Rachel Anderson	North East Chamber of Commerce
Andy McDonald	Member of Parliament
Chris Smith	Thirteen Housing Group
Zoe Lewis	Middlesbrough College
Alex Bell	Marks and Spencer
Miranda Jupp	On behalf of Simon Clarke MP
Margaret Coates	BEIS
Paul Wright	New River
Thomas Smtih	Public Engagement
Nicholas Baumfield	Arts Council
Gary McDonald	TVCA
Ian Wardle	Thirteen Housing Group
Laura Sillars	Teesside University - MIMA

Also present:

Kevin Parkes	Middlesbrough Council
Sam Gilmore	Middlesbrough Council



1.	Apologies	Ben Houchen, Nick Knox, Melinda Baxter	Actions
2.	Introduction	AP – Welcomed everyone to the meeting and provided a headline summary of the Future High Street Fund (FHSF) and the Towns Fund.	
3.	Middlesbrough Strategic Investment	<p>SG – Made a presentation detailing Middlesbrough’s plan for investment, COVID-19 in the economic context and the proposed schemes for submission to the FHSF and Towns Fund.</p> <p>The proposal was well received by board members:</p> <p>AMc – a good response to COVID-19, the town must grow faster and stronger. Housing – wellness and green space need to be of the highest standard.</p> <p>TP – The framework and Middlesbrough’s recent progress places the town in a strong position to deliver a transformational programme based on commercial investment.</p> <p>LS – arts sector is fragile, need to share ambition and aim for opportunities and how this can be integrated as a theme within the investment design.</p> <p>TP – TVCA have a priority theme for the sector and funding opportunities are being explored by TVCA.</p> <p>NB – impressive ambition that culture must form part of. Young people and diverse communities also need to be reflected throughout and involved in the investment design and implementation.</p> <p>PW – vision is accurate and could be applied nationally.</p>	Board to submit any further proposals



		MJ – positive progress is being made and Covid 19 will form a major, contextual part of the response.	
6.	A.O.B	MC – Further Towns Fund Guidance will be available in May. Government are keen for quick wins and are looking for shovel ready projects.	SG to explore feasibility of any appropriate projects to be brought forward.
8.	Future meetings	Friday 24 th July 2020	

