

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWNS FUND BOARD

NOTE OF MEETING

FRIDAY 24TH JULY 2020

WEBEX

Present:

Kevin Parkes, MBC
 Andy Preston, Mayor, MBC
 Tony Parkinson, MBC
 Louise Antill, MBC
 Sam Gilmore, MBC
 Cllr Mieka Smiles, MBC
 Adrian Coates, BEIS
 Andy McDonald MP
 Gary Macdonald, TVCA
 Chris Smith, Thirteen
 Sharon Paterson, Teesside University
 Marc Watterson, Arup
 Thomas Smith
 Adam Suleiman
 Paul Wright, New River
 Zoe Lewis, Middlesbrough College
 Nicholas Baumfield
 Simon Clarke MP

1.	Apologies	Professor Croney, Laura Sillars, Ian Wardle	Actions
2.	Overview / Update on Government funding opportunities: Future High Streets Fund / Towns Fund / Brownfield Homes Fund – Kevin Parkes (verbal)	<p>KP advised that the Future High Street Fund (FHSF) bid has been submitted for £20.5m.</p> <p>Government recently launched a Brownfield Homes Fund with £19m allocated to TVCA who are working with the four Boroughs to put submissions together. Middlesbrough put forward seven schemes. This programme could add significant value if aligned to</p>	SG to chase confirmation of Brownfield Land Fund opportunity.



		<p>the objectives of the FHSF and Town Investment Plan (TIP).</p> <p>AP enquired when we would hear back regarding the Brownfield Homes Fund - SG advised that the TVCA allocation of £19m has been approved but there is some breakdown and distribution from Tees Valley and currently waiting to hear. AC currently doesn't have any information but will find out and report after the meeting. AP stressed that they would like to hear asap on when and how much Middlesbrough will be getting.</p>	
3.	<p>Future High Streets submission <i>(Circulated for comment)</i></p>	<p>AP invited people to ask questions. AMcD enquired about capacity and finding alternative locations for businesses to relocate. SG explained that due diligence regarding acquiring the Captain Cook Square had taken place. Also the Council are in regular dialogue with businesses. Some main companies are reconsidering their operational scale and discussions are taking place to ensure businesses are kept in the town.</p> <p>SC enquired about the timelines and the plan over the next year. AP advised of exciting plans with a major leisure provider. SG advised that they are working through the leases.</p> <p>SC asked about the House of Fraser building and would it remain a retail outlet. AP advised of some ideas and aspirations regarding the building and the need for a quality retailer and the need for rental income.</p>	<p>SG/TS/KP to discuss community engagement options further</p>



4.	Towns Fund draft overview of submission – Sam Gilmore	<p>SG advised that cohort 1 submissions were due by the end of July. A presentation was shared.</p> <p>TP enquired how strong the public engagement process was. SG advised that engagement has taken place through the MyTown website and a great deal of recent / current consultation/engagement data (via Town Centre Strategy work etc) was used to inform project development for the projects in the submission.</p> <p>KP advised that further community engagement is ongoing and will form a key role of the Board.</p>	SG - Draft TIP to be shared with Board for comment
5.	ARUP (representing MHCLG) feedback on Towns Fund Bid – Marc Watterson / James Gore	<p>Marc Watterson shared screen and advised Middlesbrough are aiming for submission to the first cohort and ARUP's role is to support the town in developing the bid. MC stated Middlesbrough was advanced compared to other towns.</p> <p>MW went through the presentation detailing the Boards role, recommendations on the first draft of the submission and next steps.</p>	
6.	Community Engagement	Discussed earlier in meeting. Public involvement and the integration of public design, development and consultation on investment will be critical.	SG/TS/KP to discuss community engagement options further
7.	Any other business	KP thanked everyone for helping put the bid together and SG's team for getting everything prepared.	
8.	Date and time of next meeting	TBC - after submission.	SG will circulate

