

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWNS FUND BOARD

NOTE OF MEETING

FRIDAY 24TH JANUARY 2020

MIDDLESBROUGH TOWN HALL

Present:

Andy Preston	Elected Mayor of Middlesbrough (Chair)
Tony Parkinson	CEX Middlesbrough Council
Rachel Anderson	North East Chamber of Commerce
Simon Clarke	Member of Parliament
Andy McDonald	Member of Parliament
Miles Crossley	Thirteen Housing Group
Zoe Lewis	Middlesbrough College
Alex Bell	Marks and Spencer
Thomas Smith	
Nicholas Baumfield	Arts Council England
Nick Knox	Arriva

Also present:

Margaret Coates	MHCLG
Kevin Parkes	Middlesbrough Council

1.	Apologies	Paul Wright: New River Retail
2.	Introduction	Mayor Preston provided an overview of the Board and its role Kevin Parkes provided an overview of the Towns Fund and future high streets fund.
3.	Terms of Reference, Code of Conduct and Membership of the Group	Presented and agreed.
4.	Presentation from Kevin Parkes on Future High	I. All Board Members offered one to one to discuss the opportunities of the Towns Fund /



	<p>Streets Fund and Towns Fund</p>	<p>Future High Streets Fund and Town Investment Plan.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> II. The resources for developing the Towns Fund and the Future High Streets Fund and proposed use to be circulated to Board Members – next meeting. III. List of all areas receiving Towns Fund and Future High Streets Fund to be circulated. IV. Government to provide further guidance on the development of the Town Investment Plan. V. Need to avoid ‘Dead Weight Investment’. VI. Potential opportunity to use investment to generate income generating assets that can be used as an investment to help support long term opportunities in the town. VII. Need to include environmental sustainability as a key objective, including sustainable transport; VIII. Transport infrastructure and housing should be included as a Middlesbrough objective. IX. Arts and events should be included as potential areas for funding in the Investment Plan. X. Council to brief stakeholder groups, such as Town Centre Board. XI. Middlesbrough should build on its digital opportunities, particularly to present the future. XII. The Investment Plan should use infographics and potential of fly threw etc. XIII. Potential to look at how to positively impact on health. XIV. Need to be positive about the town and not doom and gloom.
5.	Future meetings	Friday 28 th February 2020

