

ACTION LOG

Meeting

NEWCASTLE TOWN DEAL BOARD

Date

Thursday 21 January 2022
(Start Time: 1.00pm – Finish Time: 2.45pm)

Attendees: Trevor McMillan, Cllr Stephen Sweeney, Simon McEneny, Elaine Burgess, Mark Laywood, Richard Corfe, Sarah Wilkes, Dan Dickinson, Cllr Philip White, Gail Edwards, Phil Butters, Jane Tunnicliff, Dan Gray, Fiona Wallace, Rob Lawley, Sandra Parker, Lucy Sefton, Henry Adamczuk, Bernard Greep, Jack Hobbs, Megan Beattie, Steven Findlay, John Tweed

Minutes: Jeanette Ayres

Distribution: Attendees & Apologies

Apologies: Stefan Brzozowski, Aaron Bell MP, Lisa Healings, Beverly Sampey, Richard Moore, Alex Taylor, Sandra Parker, Chris Colgan, Jo Reilly, Eddie Leligdowicz, Jack Stevens, Carl Copestake, Kyle Barrie, Cllr Graham Bibby, Cath Ralph

REF.	ISSUE	ACTION	RESP.	DATE DUE	COMPL.
1.	Welcome & Introduction <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All were welcomed to the meeting. 				
2.	Declaration of Interest <ul style="list-style-type: none"> It was noted that a number of people had interests in projects to be delivered. 				
3.	Action Log from 11 November 2021 (accuracy and matters arising) <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Agreed. 				

<p>4.</p>	<p>Update On Sub-Groups Development (Stantec)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stantec have updated the Highlight Report which was circulated to the Group and discussed at the meeting. • Stantec have been attending the Sub-Group meetings and have produced a Synopsis Report which was circulated to the Group and discussed at the meeting. <p>Each section of the Synopsis Report concentrates on a Project and shows an operating model and outlines any key risks for that project. The following areas were discussed at the meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Putting the Heart Back into Knutton • Sustainable Public Transport Solutions: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Cycle Path ➤ Bus Information Totems/Panels • Investment in Key Gateway Sites <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Zanzibar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • There is a risk that funding is required from Homes England but Stantec noted that they do not believe the risk is significant. • Annabel Chell from Staffs CC will be providing a map showing where the new cycle path will be going. • Stantec are currently awaiting the specification and will need to see if this will fit within the current budget. • The group remain keen that the hospital site is included in the project unless legal procurement issues prevent it. • This is progressing well and has now been demolished. An Architect has been appointed and feasibility plans are being prepared. 	<p>Stantec</p> <p>AC</p> <p>Stantec</p> <p>Stantec</p> <p>Stantec</p>		
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	<p>➤ Midway Car Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Astley Centre for Circus and Performing Arts 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Another developer is now interested in the site and a decision needs to be made on whether a total or part demolition of the site is carried out. Stantec have had a meeting with the CEO of the National Centre for Circus Arts in London and they gave positive support for this project. There is an opportunity for members of this Board to undertake a site visit to London and anybody interested needs to let Jack or Megan know. Since the board meeting, Stantec has had a meeting with Ann Pittard to discuss potential involvement of Keele University in the operation of the Astley Centre but it is not clear that anything might be possible. Stantec has also had a meeting with Serenity Smith Forchion founder of the New England Centre for Circus Arts to discuss their operator model and how aspects could be replicated by the Astley Centre. A call is being arranged with Vicki Amedune to discuss contacts within other circus centres to gain a further understanding of operator models. Also, a meeting is being arranged with Newcastle College to understand whether they have any aspirations to utilise the centre. 	<p>Stantec</p> <p>Stantec</p> <p>Stantec</p>		
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Smart Newcastle Digital Connectivity Project 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Arts Council of England (ACE) is determining how much of a role they can play in the creation of the Astley Centre without jeopardising any potential for future funding. Stantec is continuing to chase ACE for a response as they want to discuss potential grant funding opportunities. The project team continue to review the property market in order to identify buildings which would be capable of being converted to a circus centre, in the event that the Roebuck Centre is not for sale when the funds are able to be drawn down. An Open Market Research (OMR) Report was expected to be published by the Department for Digital Culture, Media and Sport (DCMS) outlining gigabit broadband provision but this has been delayed and is now due out in early summer. A meeting has been held with an Openreach Manager from outside the area, a leading expert from the Independent Networks Cooperative Association Limited, a telecoms specialist who works at Stantec as well as experts on the subgroup to look at what the Fibre First Programme would deliver for the Town Deal. Future options now need to be looked at and a report brought 	RC		
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		<p>back to this Group. Meetings are also lined up with the Openreach Manager from the local area and Crawley Town Deal board, who are in a similar position, to get a better understanding of available options.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> A meeting will be arranged with the experts within the sub group to develop options before producing an options paper for sign off by the board as this is seen to represent a potential opportunity for Newcastle to develop a forward looking approach to digital connectivity in the Town. 	Stantec		
5.	<p>Update on Stantec Community Panel Engagement Sessions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stantec have prepared a Proposed Engagement Response document which was circulated to the Group and discussed at the meeting. There will be 4 Community Panels for Newcastle: CP1: Sustainable Public Transport Solutions/ Town Centre Permeability/Electric Charging Infrastructure CP2: Town Centre Gateways CP3: Astley Centre CP4: Knutton Village The Panels will be arranged for mid-end February 2022 and will either be held in person or virtually depending on any Covid restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stantec will be asking the Board if they have any individuals or groups they would wish to be on a Panel. 	Stantec		

6.	NTDB Community Consultation Drop-In Event – Feedback/Review <ul style="list-style-type: none"> This was scheduled for Friday 21 January 2022 to be held in Newcastle Library but had to be postponed due to Covid restrictions. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Richard has asked if any Board members would be able to attend when the new event has been arranged to offer advice, etc. Anyone wishing to participate please let Richard know. Richard met with Jane Tunnicliff following the NTDB meeting to discuss Keele University assistance with promoting the NTD Community Consultation. JT discussed focussed mail outs and other locations for information distribution. 	All		
7.	Any Other Business <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Nothing raised. 				
8.	Date of Next Meeting Friday 18 March 2022 @ 3.00pm	Microsoft Teams	All	18.03.22	