

## NORWICH TOWN DEALS BOARD

MONDAY 6 June, 2PM

Via MS Teams

### Attendees:

Andrew Dernie (CHAIR) (AD) – Aviva  
Chris Sargisson (CS) – Norfolk Chamber of Commerce  
Roisin Buckley (RB) – Office of Chloe Smith MP  
Chloe Smith MP  
Stefan Gurney (SG) – Norwich BID  
Ellen Tilney (ET) – Norwich City Council  
Sarah Collins (SC) – Norwich City Council  
Graham Nelson (GN) – Norwich City Council  
Chris Starkie (CS) – New Anglia LEP  
George Denton (GD) – South Norfolk & Broadland Council  
Sarah Steed (SS)- NUA  
Tony Jones (TJ) – Norwich City Council  
Cllr Alan Waters (AW) – Norwich City Council  
Tim Bishop (TB) – The Forum  
Nathan Wallwork (NW) – Metro Dynamics  
Alexandra Curran (AC) – Avison Young

### Apologies:

Julie Schofield – UEA  
Julia Nix – Jobcentre Plus  
Cllr Mike Stonard – Norwich City Council  
Juliana Meyer – Supapass  
Clive Lewis MP  
Stephen Evans – Norwich City Council  
Vince Muspratt – Norfolk County Council  
Kris Jones – Techvelocity  
Jerry White – City College Norwich  
Phil Courtier – South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils  
Shan Lloyd – DLUHC

Ref	Item	ACTION
1	<b>Welcome, Actions, Apologies, Minutes</b>  AD gave a summary of the 25 April board meeting minutes and actions. The minutes were approved.	
2	<b>Towns' Fund Projects Predicted Completion Dates</b>  SC gave an overview of Norwich's eight Towns' Fund projects and their predicted completion dates.	

	<p><b>Digitech Factory</b> – completed September 2021. In its first nine months of operation the new facility has supported 335 learners, 61 apprenticeships, 65 businesses and created 5 new full-time jobs. During development the project supported 200 construction sector jobs.</p> <p><b>East Norwich Master Plan</b> - whilst work will continue on the ENMP, the delivery of the Town Deal portion will be complete by end June 2022.</p> <p><b>Branding</b> – expected completion September 2022.</p> <p><b>ACE Centre</b> – expected completion/opening October 2022.</p> <p><b>Revolving Fund</b> – the fund is operational. The nature of the RF means that NCC hope to continue the availability of funding through the sale of land purchased past the March 24 date. However, the initial Town Deal funding is predicted to be spent by this date</p> <p><b>Carrow House</b> - planned opening by December 2022.</p> <p><b>Public Realm</b> - completion by September 2023.</p> <p><b>The Halls</b> – anticipated completion by June 2024.</p> <p><b>The Digital Hub</b> – scheduled completion by March 2024.</p> <p>For projects that are in the early stages, these predicted completion dates may change due to the known construction industry resource and cost issues, however the Board will be continually updated on progress.</p> <p>Five of the eight projects will be delivered before the end of 22/23.</p>	
3	<p><b>East Norwich Master Plan Update</b></p> <p>Cabinet will be asked to approve Stage 2 of the masterplan on 8 June.</p> <p>East Norwich has the scale to put Norwich on the national radar with government and to highlight the challenges and opportunities in the city.</p> <p>The combined sites will deliver a new urban quarter for Norwich but this requires significant and sustained large scale investment in supporting infrastructure and long term vision to fully deliver.</p> <p>Regeneration of East Norwich will significantly improve the amount of affordable housing in the City and the improved infrastructure</p>	

	<p>significantly improves the movement around the City and access to open spaces and amenities such as Whitlingham Broad current residents.</p> <p>A copy of the full presentation will be circulated with minutes of today's meeting.</p>	SC
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Branding</b></p> <p>SG presented an overview of the research, conclusions and branding assets which are being developed to support investment and attracting relocations of new businesses and talented people to Norwich.</p> <p>SS advised that NUA have been developing “creative unlimited” marketing assets to support the creative sector and that these can be utilised to support the WiN (Work in Norwich) campaigns and material.</p> <p>CS advised that the New Anglia LEP would also be supportive and may also be able to supply additional content.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Revolving Fund</b></p> <p>AC gave an update on activity to date to identify and assess stalled and redundant sites on the basis of capacity, viability, potential delivery routes and issues which may be blocking delivery. Following this, contact has been made with the owners/agents of a number of sites to discuss the current status of sites and where appropriate suggest the potential for a negotiated acquisition by Norwich CC. These discussions are ongoing and contact with owners/agents for a second tranche of sites has now been approved.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Project Updates</b></p> <p>SC advised that new Carrow House will achieve handover of the building and car park by the end of w/c 13 June. Tender has gone out for works on old Carrow House with responses due back by end June.</p> <p>Architect tender for The Halls is now live and work on the building is expected to move at pace from July.</p> <p>ACE has started on site at pace and is on target to open in September.</p> <p>The Public Realm. The Project team will present to the Board on 27th. They are currently revising the Hay Hill scheme further to public consultation comments. UEA and NUA have expressed an interest in rehoming the sculptures. Structural engineer has been appointed for the scheme.</p>	

	<p>A reviewed cost for St Giles has been requested and initial thoughts are there are significant cost increases.</p> <p>Digital Hub. We are arranging a sub-committee meeting which will take place before the next meeting.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<p><b>Shared Prosperity Fund/Levelling Up Fund</b></p> <p>AD reported that there will be a stakeholder workshop at Blackfriars Hall on 10 June to take SPF proposals to the next stage.</p>	
<b>8</b>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>No other business. Meeting closed at 3.34pm.</p>	

### Next Meetings

Monday 27 June – 2pm  
Monday 25 July – 10am