NORWICH TOWN DEALS BOARD

MONDAY 25 July, 10AM

Via MS Teams

Attendees:

Chris Sargisson (VICE-CHAIR) (CSa) – Norfolk Chamber of Commerce Roisin Buckley (RB) – Office of Chloe Smith MP Sarah Collins (SC) – Norwich City Council Graham Nelson (GN) – Norwich City Council Chris Starkie (CSt) – New Anglia LEP George Denton (GD) – South Norfolk & Broadland Council Ben Webster (BW) – Norwich City Council Cllr Alan Waters (AW) – Norwich City Council Tim Bishop (TB) – The Forum Ellie Hardy (EH) – Norwich City Council

Apologies:

Clive Lewis MP Vince Muspratt – Norfolk County Council Andrew Dernie - Aviva Jerry White – CCN Julie Schofield – UEA Ellen Tilney – Norwich City Council Phil Courtier – South Norfolk and Broadland District Councils Tim Bishop – The Forum Chloe Smith MP Sarah Steed – NUA Stefan Gurney – Norwich BID Julia Nix – Jobcentre Plus Cllr Mike Stonard – Norwich City Council Juliana Meyer – Supapass Julia Nix – Jobcentre Plus

Ref	Item	ACTION
1	Welcome, Actions, Apologies, Minutes	
	CSa gave a summary of the 27 June board meeting minutes and actions. The minutes were approved.	
	Action: Grow-on space with Digital Hub will be continued.	AD/CSa
	Request for letters of support regarding LUF no longer required. Bid was finalised and submitted on 22 July. Thank you to those who did submit their letters of support.	

2	Public Realm project presentation – Ben Webster Key Decision	
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	BW provided a presentation on the St Giles report.	
	BW apologised as there is an error on the first page of the report under 'Finances'. Shortfall figures correct but currently forecasted costs are incorrect. Correct figures – Hay Hill - $\pounds 2.349$ mill; St Giles – $\pounds 2.167$ mill. There is still uncertainty about what the actual costs will be for Hay Hill in particular. A Quantity Surveyor has been appointed for Hay Hill however we will not receive an accurate budget cost for the scheme until September.	
	The costs of the public realm projects are significantly increasing due to inflation, and Tarmac are reviewing the build costs on a monthly basis, therefore the expectation is that the costs will continue to rise.	
	Hay Hill may have same cost increases as St Giles.	
3	Town Deal Projects, predicted completion dates	
	SC gave an overview of Norwich's eight Towns' Fund projects and their predicted completion dates.	
	ACE – on schedule for a completion date of September 2022.	
	Branding – on schedule for August/September 2022.	
	The Halls – end of 2023, beginning of 2024.	
	Carrow House – on schedule for December	
	2022. ENMP – completed	
	Public Realm – Hay Hill on schedule for January 2024.	
	Revolving Fund – on schedule for March 2024. The nature of this means it is difficult to state how and when the money will be spent.	
	DigiTech Factory – completed September 2021.	
	The Digital Hub – on schedule for March 2024.	

4	Project Updates	
	CSt asked for a brief outline description of each report to be included in each Highlight Report.	
	ACE	
	On Schedule.	
	GN – ongoing positive comms message we need with change in ministerial positions and uncertainty. Messages to government about delivering at pace. Events could be arranged to show completed projects.	WL
	Action: Add to agenda for next meeting regarding events for ACE and Branding projects. Arranging events to be considered before next meeting. SC to speak to Jerry and Stefan Gurney.	SC/EH
	Branding	
	On Schedule.	
	The Halls	
	Out to tender for architect, returned 25 July. Deadline for QS and PM is 25 July.	
	Digital Hub	
	Moving forward. Intention is to tender project as whole package. Design team will be involved until the end.	
	CSa, SC and Hannah visited Townshend House. Sub- committee to produce brief of what they want to see in the building. This will be added to design brief for designers.	
	Carrow House	
	Out to tender for Old Carrow House construction. Received one submission. Decision is awaiting to be made.	
	There has been handover for New Carrow House. Awaiting on fire safety before people can move in around September/October.	
	CSt enquired about a visit or a Board meeting at the site. This is being considered.	SC/AD/EH
	ENMP	
	Completed. This will remain on the agenda so updates can be provided by GN	

	GN - There has been a session with inspectors regarding	
	confirmation of planning for policy framework. Outcome of this	
	is that it is moving forward satisfactorily to support the policy.	
	Homes England are commissioning detailed viability and delivery work to support potential cases for public funding. External consultancy advice is now being tendered expected to be completed by December 2022.	
	Formal consultation on the planning application to begin in due course.	
	Public Realm	
	Hay Hill – Moving forward. A specialist water feature contractor has been appointed.	
	A meeting has occurred regarding the sculptures. A tender has been put out for them to be moved.	
	Revolving Fund	
	Moving forward. Letters to been sent out to Stage One sites offering a negotiated figure.	
5	AOB	
	Poquest to change date of September meeting from 26	
	Request to change date of September meeting from 26 September to 19 September. This was approved.	

Next Meetings

Monday 19 September –10am Monday 31 October – 2pm