

**Clay Cross Town Board**

**25 November 2022**

**Board Appointments**

**Report of the Vice Chair – Cllr C Cupit**

**Classification:** Public

**Report By:** Jayne Dethick, Director of Finance & Resources

**Contact Officer:** as above

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**PURPOSE / SUMMARY**

To formally appoint the Chair of the Board following a recruitment process.

To review the current membership of the Board to ensure it remains fit for purpose as the projects enter the delivery phase.

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**RECOMMENDATION**

1. In line with 3.1 of the Terms of Reference, the Board formally appoints the Chair, on the recommendation of the appointments panel
  2. That the Board review the current membership to ensure it is fit for purpose as the project enters the delivery phase
  3. That, in the context of recommendation 2, the Board considers an expression of interest to join the Board that has been received and also extend an invitation to join the Board to the candidate considered for the role of Chair.
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**IMPLICATIONS**

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**Finance and Risk:** Yes  No

**Details:** There is no financial impact to note.

On Behalf of the Section 151 Officer

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**Legal (including Data Protection):** Yes  No

**Details:** The role of the Board, and appointment of new Board Members is set out within the Terms of Reference

On Behalf of the Solicitor to the Council

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**Staffing:** Yes  No   
**Details:** No staffing matters to report

On behalf of the Head of Paid Service

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## REPORT DETAILS

### 1. Appointment of the Chair

- 1.1 3.1 of the Terms of Reference specify that the Board will be led by a private sector Chair. Following the resignation of the former Chair earlier this year a recruitment process has been undertaken by an appointments panel of three board members.
- 1.2 Following this process, the panel recommend that the Board appoint Simon Thompson as the Chair. Simon demonstrated the right skills and experience to lead the Board through the next exciting but challenging phase of the programme.

### 2. Review of the composition of the Board

- 2.1 3.1 of the Terms of Reference also requires the Board to regularly review its membership to ensure the right balance of skills and experiences are maintained throughout the programme.
- 2.2 This is considered a timely opportunity to review the composition of the Board, as the new Chair commences their tenure and as the programme moves towards the delivery phase.
- 2.3 The Terms of Reference state that the Board should comprise of representatives of:
- a) All tiers of local government
  - b) The Member of Parliament for the constituency
  - c) Local Business and Investors
  - d) D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership
  - e) Prominent members of civic, faith organisations and voluntary organisations
- 2.4 An exercise has been undertaken to collate current Board membership information to facilitate the Board's review. All existing board members have been asked to confirm their intent to remain on the Board or advise that they no longer wish to continue in their role. Appendix 1 details the results.
- 2.5 Board will note that all areas remain adequately represented but it would be beneficial as the projects move into the delivery phase to include further business representatives who can share their knowledge and expertise of the

local area and provide a valuable link between the Board and the local business community.

- 2.6 An expression of interest has been received from a local business owner who has a keen interest in the future of Clay Cross. Becky Hunter is a local business owner who works at the heart of Clay Cross in her family run business and is keen to be considered for the role of Board Member. Her testimony reads:

*“I have been engaged with the Clay Cross Town Deal since its inception and am keen to continue to be so and feel a role on the Town Deal Board would be the best way for me to do this going forward. Professionally, I work every day in Clay Cross town centre as this is where my family business is based. Personally, I live in the surrounding area and often use the local facilities with my young family and friends. I have a keen interest in the future of Clay Cross and can offer the Board my local knowledge and experience of working in Clay Cross along with the connections and relationships I have with fellow Clay Cross business owners”.*

- 2.7 In addition, the Board may also wish to extend an invitation to join the Board from the applicant(s) for the recent Chair role.

### **3 Reasons for Recommendation**

- 3.1 Board members are required to determine the appointment of new board members in line with the Terms of Reference

### **4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection**

- 4.1 To not appoint the chair or additional business representative board members. Not recommended as this will not meet requirements of the Terms of Reference.

## APPENDIX 1

Name	Organisation	Read Receipt	Response
Cllr Cupit	CCTB chair/vice chair	Y	Y - remain
Cllr Renwick	Portfolio Holder for Housing and Community Safety	Y	Y - remain
Matt Broughton	NEDDC, Director of Growth and Assets	Y	Y - remain
Joe Battye	DCC, Director for Economy & Regeneration	Y	Y - remain
Cllr Barker	NEDDC, representing North Wingfield	Y	Y - remain
Cllr Dale	NEDDC, Leader	N	Y - remain
Janine Foxhall	Derbys Community Health Services, NHS	Y	Y - remain
Kazi Hussain	Homes England	N	
Andy James	Sport England	N	
Cllr Kenyon	NEDDC, Portfolio holder for Economy, Transformation and Climate	Y	Y - remain
Andrew King	Treasurer –Clay Cross Town Centre Group	Y	Y - remain
Cllr T King	DCC	Y	Y - remain
Adam Doyle	Derby University	Y	Y - remain
David Malone	Chesterfield College, Chief Operations Manager	N	Y - remain (from Dec replacement is Henry Taylor-Toone)
Cllr Morley	NEDDC, Chair of Clay Cross Parish Council	Y	Y - remain
Lee Rowley	MP NED	Y	Y - remain
Angela Stansfield	ND DWP, Employer and Partnership Manager	Y	Y - remain
Marie Cooper	Cooper Brown Enterprises, CEO	N	
Nick Holland	Minofern Ltd, MD	N	
Tony Walker	Walker Hire, Clay Cross	N	
Will Morlidge	D2N2	N	Y - remain