

Clay Cross Town Deal Board

Working Group

26th June 2020

Officer Progress update

Report of the Joint Housing Strategy and Growth Manager

This report is public

Purpose of the Report

- To update the Clay Cross Town Deal Board on progress since the last board meeting.

1 Report Details

- 1.1 At the board meeting held on Friday 5th June it was requested that the Town Investment Plan (TIP) process was described and progress against this described to the board.
- 1.2 The stages of the TIP has been demonstrated through a flowchart (Appendix 1) and has already been circulated to the board members. This will be used to keep the board informed of where the TIP is within the process. The achievements against the flowchart is contained within the Nexus progress report
- 1.3 The board requested the development of an IT portal for information sharing with Nexus. This has been investigated but has not been able to be created due to a number of issues including data security and GDPR. A solution has been found with Nexus providing a Dropbox mailbox and officers have been using this facility for data sharing.
- 1.4 Further guidance on the TIP was released on the 16th June 2020 (Appendix 2) and an abridged version is included for the board members (Appendix 3). This guidance is intended to enable us to finalise our TIP and work with MHCLG to agree our Town Deals. It sets out key information about interventions in scope, and the roles of different stakeholders throughout the process, and shows the path towards the implementation of Town Deals. (Appendix 4)
- 1.5 Officers have met with the Towns Hub policy advisor for our TIP and the following messages came from the meeting:
 - TIP needs to be wider than the funding ask
 - What can we offer as part of the TIP
 - Bring community with the TIP
 - Proposal should be short/medium and long term
 - Link into the regional aspiration

- D2N2 and the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS)
- Hook to hang the TIP on
- ‘Shovel ready’ projects can be submitted with the TIP
 - Planning permission in place
 - Funding in place or allocated
- Take home message was be ambitious

1.6 As part of the TIP development MHCLG has committed to support each of the 100 towns shortlisted for the Towns Fund. As part of this commitment, Arup have been appointed as the Towns Fund Delivery Partner, a multi-disciplinary team of experts drawn from six companies: Arup, Nichols, FutureGov, Copper, Grant Thornton and Savills. They will provide technical support throughout our Towns Fund journey, working in partnership with MHCLG officials and representatives of all 100 towns. See Appendix 5 for Town Hub Welcome pack.

1.7 An introductory meeting with the Arup Town Coordinator is planned for the Senior Responsible officer and the Chair of the Town Deal Board. This will be to discuss the current progress of the TIP and what support can be offered and is needed.

2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation

2.1 Nexus has provided a Dropbox link which has facilitated information sharing, meaning there is no longer a need for an information sharing portal.

2.2 The TIP process has been shown in a flowchart and the progress against that will be reported upon by Nexus.

2.3 It has been made clear that the TIP needs to be ambitious if it is to be successful and needs to link in with the D2N2 LIS and Clean Growth.

2.4 Arup are leading a multi-disciplinary team that will support the delivery of the TIP, Officers and the Chair will be meeting our Town Coordinator soon to discuss Clay Cross TIP progress.

3 Consultation and Equality Impact

3.1 There is no consultation as part of this report, there will however be consultation through the development of the TIP.

4 Alternative Options and Reasons for Rejection

4.1 No alternative options are suggested.

5 Implications

5.1 Finance and Risk Implications

5.1.1 None arising from this report

5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection

5.2.1 None arising from this report

5.3 Human Resources Implications

5.3.1 None arising from this report

6 Recommendations

6.1 That the Clay Cross Town Deal Board note the contents of this report

7 Decision Information

<p>Is the decision a Key Decision?</p> <p>A Key Decision is an executive decision which has a significant impact on two or more District wards or which results in income or expenditure to the Council above the following thresholds:</p> <p><i>BDC: Revenue - £75,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £150,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i></p> <p><i>NEDDC: Revenue - £100,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i> <i>Capital - £250,000 <input type="checkbox"/></i></p> <p><input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <i>Please indicate which threshold applies</i></p>	No
<p>Is the decision subject to Call-In? (Only Key Decisions are subject to Call-In)</p>	No
<p>Has the relevant Portfolio Holder been informed</p>	Yes
<p>District Wards Affected</p>	Clay Cross Town Deal area
<p>Links to Corporate Plan priorities or Policy Framework</p>	All

8 Document Information

Appendix No	Title
Appendix 1	Clay Cross Town Deal Flowchart
Appendix 2	Further Town Deal Guidance
Appendix 3	Prospectus Supplementary Guidance Summary
Appendix 4	Town Fund Lifecycle
Appendix 5	Town Deal Welcome Pack
Background Papers (These are unpublished works which have been relied on to a material extent when preparing the report. They must be listed in the section below. If the report is going to Cabinet (NEDDC) or Executive (BDC) you must provide copies of the background papers)	
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Report Reference –