

**North East Derbyshire District Council**

**Clay Cross Town Board**

**5<sup>th</sup> March 2021**

**Clay Cross Town Investment Plan – The Way Forward**

**Report of Gill Callingham, Director of Growth and Economic Development**

**Purpose of the Report**

- To set out the next steps in the delivery of the Clay Cross Town Investment Plan (TIP)

**1 Report Details**

- 1.1 The Clay Cross Town Investment Plan was submitted to government on 31<sup>st</sup> October 2020. Since then, good progress has been made, with a number of accelerated projects currently being delivered (covered in a separate report).
- 1.2 The project team has been informed that an announcement on the amount of funding awarded will be made on Budget Day, 3<sup>rd</sup> March. In advance of this, this report sets out the next steps in the delivery of the TIP.
- 1.3 Appended to this report is a flow chart (Appendix 1 Clay Cross Town Deal Flow Chart Feb 2021) which shows process to date, the steps required to move into the TIP delivery stage, and at what stage we are currently at. It can be seen that the Town Deal initiative is on programme, and is now moving into the next important phase, which is the preparation of detailed business cases and an assurance framework (the subject of a separate report).
- 1.4 It is expected that there will be higher levels of activity during the first half of 2021, with the accelerated projects well underway, and business cases being developed. Robust governance and a strategic steer will be particularly important during this stage, and it is proposed that the Town Board regularises its meetings and meets on the first Friday of every month for the foreseeable future.
- 1.5 To support the delivery of the business cases and to ensure they are developed to reflect earlier consultation, and the vision of the Town Board and that contained in the TIP, a number of working groups have been or are in the process of being established. Each working group has or will need a representative on the Clay Cross Town Board, and that representative will provide regular updates to the Board. The previously agreed working groups are:

- Town Centre Regeneration

- Sharley Park Leisure Centre
- Skills and Enterprise
- Clay Cross Creative
- Low Carbon Energy
- Rail
- Shadow Youth Town Investment Board

1.6 It is proposed that an additional working group is established to ensure strong community engagement. This group will provide a dedicated channel to support communication between the Board and the Community and wider stakeholders. It is proposed that Cllr Powell (Portfolio Holder for Housing, Communities and Communications) chairs the meeting based on his Council Portfolio and vast experience in the Private Sector. Also require a Board member to attend to feedback to the Clay Cross Town Deal Board.

## **2 Conclusions and Reasons for Recommendation**

2.1 To ensure a robust governance structure is in place.

## **3 Consultation and Equality Impact**

3.1 None

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

4.1 No other options are appropriate, and the governance structure is well-established and productive.

## **5 Implications**

### **5.1 Finance and Risk Implications**

5.1.1 None

### **5.2 Legal Implications including Data Protection**

5.2.1 None

### **5.3 Human Resources Implications**

5.3.1 None

## **6 Recommendations**

6.1 To note the progress made to date and proposed way forward

6.2 For Board members to approve meetings to be held monthly on the first Friday of each month.

6.3 For a Board member to volunteer to join the Community and Communications working group.