

**MINUTES OF LEYLAND TOWN DEAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**MEETING DATE** Thursday, 15 October 2020

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Jennifer Gadsdon (Chair) - Birchall Blackburn Solicitors  
Adrian Walsh - Leyland Trucks  
Nikk Puttnam – Maple Grove  
Paul Foster – Federation of Small Businesses  
Claire Lowe - UCLAN  
Katherine Fletcher MP – MP for South Ribble  
Councillor Bell – SRBC  
Councillor Evans – SRBC  
Councillor Foster – SRBC  
Councillor Hughes - SRBC  
Jennifer Clough – SRBC  
Neil Anderson – SRBC  
Jonathan Noad - SRBC  
Lisa Quinn – Nichols Group  
Mike Otter – Faringdon Parish Council  
Peter Gardner – CW Berry  
Karl Worsley - DWP  
Helena Heald– Runshaw College  
Christina Shepherd – BEIS

**ALSO PRESENT:** Andrew Clarke – WYG  
Fred Beltrandi – STEER Group  
Catriona Lacy – STEER Group  
Hannah Harkis – WYG  
Leah Milward - WYG  
Clare Gornall – SRBC

**31 Apologies for Absence**

Apologies were received from :

Bernie Keenan – Progress Housing;  
Anne Marie Parkinson – LEP;  
Michelle Lawty-Jones – LEP;  
Margaret Kalaugher – Nichols Group; and  
Andy Walker – Lancashire County Council

**32 Minutes of the last meeting**

The minutes of the Leyland Town Deal Advisory Board meeting held on 25 September 2020 were agreed.

### 33 Presentation on results / feedback on public consultation

Andrew Clarke from WYG gave a presentation of the results of the public consultation, which had been widely publicised online, via social media, and throughout Leyland via the contacts and networks of the Board.

He said the response had been very positive, particularly the volume of responses via social media. 95% of the total of respondents who gave feedback supported the TIP, which was extremely encouraging. Members of the Board felt that it would be useful to have the raw results data circulated for information.

#### Decision -

- 1) That the presentation on the public consultation responses be noted; and
- 2) That the raw data detailing all the responses received by various channels be circulated to members of the Board via email.

### 34 Update on Town Investment Plan Development

Andrew Clarke from WYG and Fred Beltrandi, STEER Group gave a presentation on the revised Town Investment Plan. He informed members of the Board that the Chair and Project Team had met recently at a 'check and challenge' session and that financial details in relation to the TIP would be available for the next Board meeting.

Andrew stressed that the enhanced public consultation would now strengthen the Town Deal Bid. He also reported that although Leyland was in the second cohort, there was now the opportunity to delay the submission of the bid to the beginning of December should the Board decide to do so.

Jonathan Noad also confirmed that a business case for BASE2 and the markets development was now being compiled including valuation and estimated revenue period. There was now a good idea of the running costs of BASE2 and that Jennifer Clough and Hannah Harkis had held discussions with the architects. They confirmed that the profit and loss calculations, showing what income the BASE2 building would need to generate in order to cover operating costs and be viable, would soon be available and would be emailed to the Board.

Andrew Clarke also presented a draft design of a sculpture which could form part of enhancing the public realm.

The Board discussed the TIP and a number of issues were raised / suggestions made as follows:

- Addressing mental health issues in the current COVID climate – with this in mind could there be leisure/arts element. Possibly a survey of residents views on what the community needs are
- Car Parking – should complement Green Links vision to encourage cycling. It was stressed that if the car parks were to be reduced this would need looking at in context e.g. other car parking provision, and where market traders will park. Jonathan Noad confirmed that a Town Centre Car Parking Strategy was currently in progress.

- Green space - It was also suggested that the TIP enhance the town centre with green space. It was important to consider what will attract people to the town centre, parking or green space? What would the green space be used for?
- On the current Plan, just beyond the car park there is green space and shopping area – can the route be opened up and the public space linked?

Andrew Clarke confirmed that these options could be looked at due course – the planning application stage would not be until next year.

#### **Decision –**

- 1) That the revised TIP be circulated to the Board via email, inviting comments by 21.10.2020
- 2) That the anticipated costings / revenue for BASE2 be emailed to the Board.

### **35 Presentation on Leisure Hub Opportunity**

The Chair welcomed Daniel Gidney, CEO of Lancashire County Cricket Club and invited him to address the Board. Mr Gidney gave an overview of proposals by the Club which may enhance the Leyland Town Investment Plan bid.

The Board discussed a range of options in response to the proposals, which were to include them as an additional project in the bid, make reference to them to support the bid, or not to include the proposals.

The Board considered time frame involved, given that the intention was to submit the bid at the end of October and this had been widely publicised in the consultation on the TIP. The second cohort, with a later deadline of 11 December, was considered. The Board were also advised that including the proposals as an additional project was high risk, as it would need to be costed as an individual project and the intention was for the overall bid was to stay within £25m. If the Board were to submit a bid for up to £50m, this would attract greater financial scrutiny.

#### **Decision:**

- 1) To reference the proposals by Lancashire County Cricket Club within the TIP to support the overall vision of the bid.
- 2) That, subject to confirmation by the project team, the Board prefers to keep to the end of October deadline for submission of the bid.

### **36 Date of next meeting**

Date of the next meeting to be confirmed.

Chair

Date