

City of Preston Town Fund Board

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Present: Mr J Chesworth in the Chair; Councillor , Ms R Connor - Vice Chair; Councillors M Brown and Borrow, Mr A Phillips, Mr R Binns, Mr P Green, Ms K Illingworth-Turner, Mr M Flemming, Ms M Close and Ms A-M Parkinson.

Also in attendance:

Mr C Hayward	– Director of Development and Housing
Ms J Wilding	– Director of Resources & S151 Officer
Mr J Crellin	– Assistant Director (Head of City Growth & Regeneration) City Development
Ms B Joyce	– City Development
Mr Z Bapu	– Senior Member Services Officer

CD21 Minutes

The minutes of the Board meetings held on 8 October and 5 November 2021 were confirmed as an accurate record.

CD22 Declaration of Interests

There were none.

CD23 Implementation Update

Mr M Flemming and Ms B Joyce gave the Board an update on the Implementation of the Towns Fund. Details on the progress made on projects and business case milestones reached were highlighted to the Board. Illuminate and Integrate project was underway and making good progress. The Animate project appraisal was ready for submission. It was reported that the Youth Zone project was also making good progress and was likely to be at an advance stage by 17 December. The CEIAG project submission was due in early January and the scope for the renewal of the Harris Quarter Assets had been agreed with Government. Matters that needed to be addressed on these projects were highlighted to the Board.

The Board received the Assurance Framework which had been approved by the Accountable Body, Preston City Council at its Full Council meeting on 9

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December 2021. The remaining outstanding actions were highlighted to the Board.

The Board made the following comments and observations:-

- In respect of the renewal of the Harris Quarter Assets project it was confirmed that there were on-going discussions with the developers who wish to progress the Lancaster Road Tea Bar development.
- More work was required on the project but there was confidence that deadlines can be met.

Resolved – That the Board

- (i) Agreed the Business Case for Renewal of Harris Quarter Assets be appraised at Outline Business Case stage; and
- (ii) Approved the Assurance Framework and request that output and condition monitoring schedules to the Assurance Framework be brought to the Board for approval at the appropriate time.

CD24 Harris Quarter Investment

Kirsten Powell gave a presentation to the Board on the Harris Your Place project. Ekosgen had been appointed to appraise the project. The option assessment was outlined along with the forecasted outputs and outcomes.

Resolved – That the Board

- (i) Approved an allocation of £4.1m Towns Fund Grant for the Harris Your Place project, subject to the conditions as detailed within this report;
- (ii) Delegated the preparation and submission of the Summary Plan for Harris Your Place to the Chair and Director of Resources of the Accountable Body;
- (iii) Delegated the finalisation and execution of a Memorandum of Understanding and other relevant legal documentation required to support project implementation to the Director of Resources of the Accountable Body;
- (iv) Requested that the Director of Resources present the final agreements to the Board prior to execution; and
- (v) The Board also agreed the additional conditions recommended by the TIG.

CD25 Youth Zone Presentation

The Board received a presentation on the Youth Zone from Clare Kanakadesa from Onside organisation. Onside is a national organisation which runs a number of Youth Zones. The vision for the Preston Youth Zone

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was highlighted and how it could operate. Benefits of a Youth Zone were presented timescales and milestones were discussed.

The Board welcomed the progress update and presentation from Onside.

Resolved – That the update and presentation be noted.

CD26 Any Other Business

The possibility of an away day for the Board was discussed to give the Members a chance to reflect and consider the outcomes to date. It was suggested that a facilitator should be involved to get most out of the day.

Resolved – That an away session for the Board be arranged.