

Margate Town Deal Board Minutes

- Date:** 4 December, 2020 at 2pm
- Venue:** Virtually, via Google Hangout
- Present:** Graham Razey OBE (Chair), Cllr Ruth Duckworth (RD), Madeline Homer (MH), Sir Roger Gale MP (RG), David Smith CBE (DS), Cllr Lesley Game (LG), Victoria Pomery OBE (VP), Eddie Kemsley (EK), Sam Causer (SC), Adam Bryan (AB), Richard Ash (RA), Stephen Darrer (SD), Jesse Tomlinson (JT), Trish Nicholls (TN).
- In attendance:** Emily Temperton (ET), Natalie Glover (NG), Cristina Gaidos (CG), Holly Lewis (HL), Louise Askew (LA), Chris Paddock (CP), Iain McNab (IN).
- Apologies:** Lesley White, and Cheryl Potts for whom Trish Nicholls was a substitute.

1. Welcome

The Chair welcomed all present to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

SC wished to note that he has updated his Declarations of Interest by emailing the Board - SC has worked with a number of people who had submitted proposals.

The Chair identified that a number of Board members had updated their declarations of interest with him and the Project Team.

The Chair wished to declare an interest as he is the Chief Executive Officer at EKC Group, which has been mentioned in the draft TIP as a potential stakeholder in skills for Margate - although this is not through a formal discussion.

During the meeting EK highlighted that the sale of Dreamland was going through from the Council to Sands Heritage Ltd, and this is in the public domain.

There were no other declarations of interest at the meeting. LA reconfirmed that this is a standing item required by MHCLG, particularly if Board Members would like to update at the meeting, or if there is something on the agenda.

3. Town Investment Plan presentation

CP presented the updated TIP to the board, and highlighted the changes and revisions following the second Check and Challenge. During the presentation and subsequent discussion, it was noted that:

- The second Check and Challenge went well, suggestions from the check included:
 - add a comment on the regional and national impact of the TIP's interventions.
 - add quotes from the public engagement exercise
 - suggestions about how to describe the public realm improvements, and how they contributed to movement and travel.
 - add detail about how the proposals related to the Government's Green Book Appraisal.
- The Foreword would be from the Board.
- An Evidence Atlas and the full Engagement report will be submitted as Annex documents.
- More detail would be included regarding the Winter Gardens element.

4. Final discussion on the Town Investment Plan

- **VP and LA would provide some suitable images for inclusion in the TIP.**
- **Board members would provide CP and HL with ideas and suggestions to embolden the Foreword over the next few days.**
- There needed to be a strong narrative about how the investments would create transformational changes, that would generate further private sector investment, and detail about how this would benefit Margate in the future.
- Feedback from IM and the Check and Challenge process indicated that the content quality was more important than flashy style. It is a funding bid.
- Public support for the Lido was recognised, however it did not feature in the TIP as a single project for a number of reasons. It was however picked up in the feasibility revenue ask, to look at the longer term economic strategy and opportunities for Margate, considering longer term funding opportunities.
- The investment opportunity with the Towns Fund would not be enough to bring the Lido back into use - unless it had been a single item investment plan. The Dreamland Cinema Complex provided greater opportunity to be delivered more quickly with the seed funding, and the Winter Gardens is in operation.
- The details around the Theatre Royal building investment would be evaluated and clarified during development of the business case. Potentially this could include 19 Hawley Square, 15/16 Hawley Square, or parts of the former Thanet Press site. CP confirmed that there was flexibility.
- The Winter Gardens should not be seen as a competitor to Dreamland, it was important that it provided an alternative offering that complimented the Turner Contemporary and other assets in Margate/Thanet. The distinction between the two venues should be made clear in their respective business cases.

- There was a need to elaborate about the ecology of the area, we should elaborate on what the investment could do for biodiversity.

Next steps:

- **Final comments from the Board on the TIP should be sent to the project team by 9am on Tuesday 8 December.**
- IM advised that once the TIP was submitted it was likely that it would take more than two months to receive the Government's response.
- There would be meetings with Stakeholders in the new year to start to build business cases for the projects.
- CP offered for a small number of Board members to attend a meeting on Wednesday 9 December to receive final comments on the TIP.
- The next meeting of the Board was likely to be mid-end of January 2021. There would need to be a discussion about its constitution, role and how it would operate in the next phase.

Thanks were offered to everyone involved in the process so far; the Consultants, Board Members and TDC officers. It was noted that a lot of work had been done, however, this was just the first step. Thanks were also offered to the Chair.

Resolution:

The Board agreed to the submission of the Town Investment Plan on 11 December.

Actions	Responsibility
VP and LA would provide some suitable images for inclusion in the TIP	VP and LA
Board members would provide CP and HL ideas and suggestions to embolden the forward over the next few days.	Board Members
Final comments from the Board on the TIP should be sent to the project team by 9am on Tuesday 8 December.	Board Members
Meetings for 2021 will be set up in the New Year for the entire year. This may need to change as the Business Case development process starts, if required.	LA