

Margate Town Deal Board Minutes

Date: 20 April, 2021 at 3:30pm

Venue: Virtually, via Google Hangout

Membership: David Smith CBE (DS) - Interim Chair, Cllr Ruth Duckworth (RD), Madeline Homer (MH), Sir Roger Gale MP (RG), Cllr Lesley Game (LG), Victoria Pomery OBE (VP), Eddie Kemsley (EK), Sam Causer (SC), Stephen Darrer (SD), Rhiannon Mort (RM), Trish Nichols (TN).

In attendance: Louise Askew (LA), Natalie Glover (NG), James Clapson (JC), Chris Paddock (CP), Theodora Beckett (TB)

Apologies: Cheryl Potts for whom Trish Nichols was a substitute, Adam Bryan for whom Rhiannon Mort was a substitute, Jesse Tomlinson, Lesley White and Richard Ash.

1. Declarations of Interest

EK reiterated her declared interest regarding the Dreamland project that was to be considered at the meeting.

SD reiterated his declared interest regarding the Oval Bandstand and Lawn project that was to be considered at the meeting.

2. Project shortlisting against the Framework - discussion and agreement of project scoring

During the general discussion about the projects it is noted that:

- LA would contact Iain McNab to establish how much priority the Government would give projects that leveraged private sector investment.
- The Gen Book Business Case criteria is changing, it will no longer be heavily focused on commercial values and land value uplift, there will be a greater emphasis on the social benefits than previously.
- The nature of the TIP submission called for a grouping of projects, more detail about the amount of investment leverage generated by each individual project would be established through the development of full Businesscases.
- Some of the titles of the projects were vague and potentially confusing.

CP and LA guided the board through each of the projects and provided details regarding how each project had been ranked. The Board was asked for its thoughts and any suggested amendments. Discussions around each project, in ranked order took place.

The Board agreed that the following TIP projects were to be shortlisted:

- The establishment of a Creative Land Trust
- Dreamland
- Improved public realm
- Greening
- Grants to support new forms of outreach, participation and education.
- Improvements to Theatre Royal and Hawley Square
- Town Centre toilets

The Board agreed that the following TIP project would not be shortlisted:

- The creation of a business Equity Fund for growth enterprises. DS explained that KCC will be launching a £12m Fund. This reduced the funding ask by £500k.

The Board agreed that all of the projects would be revisited at the next meeting, with more detail on the packaged projects.

- The Board wanted to see the projects associated with the Walpole Tidal Pool and surrounds interlinked with the Testing New Uses (business opportunity) project as they felt that they are interdependent.
- The Board wanted to understand how the Winter Gardens project could go forward and wanted to see more information about how the Towns Fund investment could leverage private sector investment.

Meeting concluded: 17.17pm

Actions	Responsibility
LA to establish from Iain McNab how much priority the Government would put on projects that leveraged private sector investment.	LA
More detail on the packaged projects would be available for the next meeting - with revised rankings	CP/LA