

Margate Town Deal Board Minutes

- Date:** Friday 13 November 2020
- Venue:** Virtually, via Google Hangout
- Present:** Graham Razey OBE (Chair), Cllr Ruth Duckworth (RD), Madeline Homer (MH), Sir Roger Gale MP (RG), Adam Bryan (AB), David Smith CBE (DS), Cllr Lesley Game (LG), Victoria Pomery OBE (VP), Eddie Kemsley (EK), Sam Causer (SC), Richard Ash (RA), Stephen Darrer (SD), Jesse Tomlinson (JT).
- In attendance:** Louise Askew (LA), Iain McNab (IM), Natalie Glover (NG), James Clapson (JC), Chris Paddock (CP), Holly Lewis (HL) Emily Temperton (ET), Cristina Gaidos (CG)
- Apologies:** Lesley White (LW) and Cheryl Potts (CP).

1. Welcome

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest.

3. People's Panel Feedback

EK and VP provided the Board with an update from the recent People's Panel (PP) meeting that they attended on 3rd November. During the update and subsequent discussion it was noted that:

- The PP was well run and attended by around 40 people who were all passionate about Margate and it's future.
- There was work to be done to ensure that the PP felt their views would be heard, and that they could make a meaningful contribution
- More needed to be done to help the PP understand its role in the process.
- It would be evident how the views of the PP had been taken on board when it next met. The message that the PP had a long term part to play would also be clear.
- EK had volunteered to Chair subsequent PP meetings, this was agreed by the Board. She would be accompanied by a Board member at each meeting. It was noted that the PP had requested that a Board member be their chair.
- Splitting the PP into subgroups to reflect the clusters was suggested, in order to make better use of their expertise.

4. Timeline of Engagement

LA provided the Board with details of the next steps, activity and upcoming events.

Timeline to be circulated

5. Town Investment Plan Presentation (TIP)

The Board received a presentation from CP and HL, split into two parts. Initially it looked at the narrative and how evidence could be used to create an organised strategy for the town, then the presentation had a focus on the clusters and how money could be allocated.

After the first part of the presentation, the following points were noted:

- There needed to be discussion about how the projects within each cluster were stitched together. This would happen in the next phase of work if the Board endorsed the direction of travel.
- There was a need to see how the £25million could be used to leverage more investment into the area.
- Digital, skills and connectability of locations were key 'golden threads'.
- The PP had expressed concerns that submissions from small groups may be less compelling than projects proposed by large organisations, the Board agreed that it was important that small groups were given the support they needed.
- **The Board agreed the direction of travel, and endorsed the move to the next phase with a consideration of digital and connectivity as threads.**

After the second part of the presentation, the following points were noted:

- If the Board wished to bid for more than £25million, however the case for the extra money would need to be compelling and proposals would come under additional scrutiny.
- If the Board did wish to submit a TIP requesting more than £25million, IM offered to look at the draft and provide feedback before it was officially submitted.
- **The Board endorsed PRD and We Made That to explore the case for a bid of more than £25million.**
- There was a need to build up the wow factor of one or more projects that could be shown to make a dramatic difference.
- Thanks were offered to the project and consultancy teams, who had made a lot of progress in a short amount of time.

Meeting ended: 16:39

Actions	Responsibility
LA would circulate the timeline of engagement to the Board following the meeting.	LA
PRD and We Made That would explore the case for a bid of more than £25million.	PRD & We Made That