

## Connected Coast Board update May 2020

1. Since the Towns Fund Board Meeting held at the beginning of March, and in light of dramatic changes from the Covid -19 virus, we have put in place a new work plan around the development phase for the Towns Fund.
2. The set up phase for the Towns Fund is complete: the governance structures are in place; the evidence base is finished; an initial list of shovel ready projects is in place; a Transformation Plan for the Towns Fund has been completed, which incorporates a vision for each town area. Interim guidance from Government providing a clear structure for the Town Investment Plan has been received – this aligns very closely with the work programme that has already been put in place.

Three additional phases of work for the plan remain, these are:

1. The development phase, which we are just entering.
2. The proposal phase, which will involve assembling the Town Investment Plan – currently planned to begin in June 2020.
3. The implementation phase which will involve planning for and undertaking the delivery of the Town Investment Plan.

A core team has been formed to support the development of the Town Investment Plan, and is complemented by support from:

1. Ivan Annibal – Programme Development
2. Steve Kemp and Rod Thompson (Open Plan) Urban Regeneration and Engagement

### **Working arrangements**

1. The development plan has three components: ongoing governance management; individual project development; public engagement.
2. At the core of the working arrangements will be a process of action planning and the regular reporting (weekly) to the Board.
3. The proposed work clusters linked to the three areas of activity are as follows:

### **Ongoing governance**

Continuing engagement with both the Place Reference Groups (PRG's) and the Board via;

1. A refreshed list of meeting times with PRG's running in advance of the Board.
2. A business management plan to be agreed with the Board and PRG's with key timescales.
3. A PRG and Board briefing for principal supporters.
4. A process for communicating more widely with Town Fund Stakeholders.
5. An exploratory discussion with key players about the Investment Vehicle for the longer term.

### **Individual project development**

In response to Government's call for 'shovel ready projects' and subject to Board approval:

Skegness (supported by the PRG):

1. Further Education Campus
2. Foreshore Development

Mablethorpe (*awaiting PRG to discuss further*):

1. Campus for Future Living
2. Colonnade
3. Mobi-hub
4. Station Sports

There are a range of other projects from stakeholders and the community that are being brought forward to each Place Reference Group, and further community/business engagement will continue to encourage more ideas, in line with the transformation plan and vision, which will support and inform the development of the Town Investment Plan/s.

1. In this phase of the Towns Fund each project will be assessed in more detail for its deliverability, using a project delivery form. The deliverability assessment will include a private sector engagement component. Once this deliverability assessment is completed an option appraisal of gaps will be undertaken to feed into the public engagement process – the Evidence Base and Transformation Plan are key to this process.
2. PRG's and the Board will be expected to comment on this process, which will then feed into the public engagement process.

### **Public Engagement**

Activities include:

1. Completing the communications commission – this will also involve consideration of an influencing strategy at a National Level.
2. Developing of an Engagement Strategy with members of the public – to be supported by a prospectus setting out the areas where additional project ideas would be particularly welcome. Whilst some soft testing is possible it will not be practical to have this in place significantly in advance of May if the options appraisal is to be completed – this will be led by Open Plan.