

## CLEATOR MOOR TOWN DEAL BOARD

## AGENDA

Venue: This meeting will be a virtual meeting

Date: Friday 20<sup>th</sup> August 2021

Time: 10.00am

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- 1. Meeting protocol
- 2. Attendances and apologies for absence
- 3. Minutes of meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> June 2021 attached
- 4. Declarations of interests in Agenda items
- 5. **Cleator Moor Town Deal Project Confirmation** For the Board to agree the updated Towns Fund investment summary for submission to MHCLG
- 6. **Overview of monitoring and evaluation process** For the Board to note MHCLG's requirements against monitoring and evaluation
- 7. **Appointment of new Chair** Following the resignation of the current Chair, Kayleigh Daniels – for the Board to appoint a new Chair

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# Item 5 – Cleator Moor Town Deal Board Cleator Moor Town Deal – Project Confirmation

### Why is this report coming to the Cleator Moor Town Deal Board?

MHCLG on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021, offered Copeland Borough Council and the Cleator Moor Town Deal Board the sum of up to £22.5million to deliver the Cleator Moor Town Deal. Within that Heads of Terms Cleator Moor were asked to provide details of the projects being taken forward, with confirmation of the revised Towns Fund ask for each project in line with the £22.5million offered by Government.

Following the June Board meeting, where Board members expressed a desire that all five projects included in the Heads of Terms be progressed, work has been undertaken within the project groups to reconcile a reduction in the funding allocation from Towns Fund. The proposed funding allocation is as follows:

Projects	Funding offer	Proposed	Proposed Towns
	limit	reduction	Fund request
Enterprising Town	£7.70M	£0.65M	£7.05M
Revitalised Town	£4.84M	£0.41M	£4.43M
Campus Town	£3.00M	£0.25M	£2.75M
Healthy Town	£3.00M	£0.25M	£2.75M
Connected Town	£6.03M	£0.51M	£5.52M
Tota	l £24.57M	£2.07M	£22.50M

The approach taken has been to amend the project budgets proportionally against all projects, bringing in alternative funds to cover the shortfall where possible.

The Enterprising Town project has in principle agreement for alternative grant funding that will maintain its budget at £16.45M; the Revitalised Town project has also secured in principle agreement for alternative match funding to maintain a budget profile of £5.14M, as has the Healthy Town project to hold a budget profile of £5.03M.

The Campus Town project has absorbed the Towns Fund reduction, with the expectation that the remaining funds are achievable against a top budget of £8.08M and the Connected Town project has reconfigured the project scope in line with the reduction, whilst maintaining outputs and outcomes against a budget of £5.54M.

The detailed paperwork acknowledging this position will be sent to MHCLG by 28<sup>th</sup> August providing:

- Details of the projects being taken forward (with financial profile);
- Overall capital/revenue split and financial profile for the Town Deal;
- A plan for addressing key conditions relating to those projects and the overall Town Investment Plan.

Within 10 months of returning the project confirmation, Cleator Moor Town Deal Board and the Council must complete business cases for the projects being taken forward and submit the Town Deal Summary Document. Business cases will be developed by Project Owners in partnership with Cleator Moor Town Deal Board.

### **Recommendation:**

That Cleator Moor Town Deal Board:

- a) Agree the updated Towns Fund investment summary for submission to MHCLG;
- b) Delegate authority to the Chair to sign the five Project Confirmation forms on behalf of the Cleator Moor Town Deal Board.