

## MINUTES OF DISCOVER ASHFIELD BOARD MEETING

## Meeting held at Ashfield District Council On Friday 11th December 2020 at 9:00am

PRESENT:

Carol Cooper-Smith Ashfield District Council – Chief Executive

Christopher Baron Office Manager for Ashfield & Eastwood MP Office

Cllr Helen-Ann Smith Ashfield District Council – Deputy Leader Cllr Jason Zadronzy Annesley and Felley Parish Council

Cllr Matthew Relf Ashfield District Council – Portfolio Holder, Planning & Regen

Edward Johnstone Portland College – Assistant Principal

Fiona Anderson NTU

Gary Jordan Mansfield and Ashfield 2020 – Chair Kathryn Stacey Citizens Advice Ashfield -CEO

Lana Mills Ashfield District Council (Supporting Officer)

Lee Anderson, MP MP for Ashfield and Eastwood
Liz Barrett Academy Transformation Trust FE
Louise Knott West Notts College (VICE CHAIR)
Martin Rigley Lindhurst Engineering (CHAIR)

Matthew Neal Notts County Council – Service Director

Melanie Phythian Towns Hub – Policy Advisor, Cities & Local Growth Unit

Pete Edwards Health & Wellbeing Chair

Rachel Quinn D2N2 LEP

Sarah Daniel Ashfield District Council (Supporting Officer)

Simon Martin Academy Transformation Trust Sutton Academy – Principal

Teresa Jackson Action Voluntary Action - Manager Theresa Hodgkinson Ashfield District Council – Director

MINUTES: Lindsey Kenworthy – (Supporting Officer)

**APOLOGIES:** 

Andrea Stone Ashfield District Council (Supporting Officer)

Callum Parr Youth Council Leader
Chloe O'Donnell Idlewells Centre

Cllr Christian Chapman Ashfield District Council – Scrutiny Rep Darowen Jones Ashfield District Council (Supporting Officer)

Darron Ellis More to Discover Theme Lead

David Ainsworth NHS

David Jackson East Midlands Outlet – Centre Manager

Derek Higton Notts County Council – Service Director Place & Communities

Frank Horsley D2N2 – Head of Business and Innovation

Gary Baird Disability Nottinghamshire

Katherine Green Ashfield District Council Comms (Supporting Officer)

Lindsey Kenworthy Minutes

Mark Spencer, MP MP for Sherwood

Mark Yates NHS/CCG Development Manager

Nicola McCoy-Brown Notts County Council – Group Manager Growth & Development

Robert Orgill Rolls Royce

Sharon Huttly NTU

Tom Goshawk D2N2 LEP – Head of Capital Programmes

Trevor Middleton Ashfield District Council

Vicki Dyer DWP – District Operations Lead

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1.	Welcome/Introductions and Apologies				
	The Chair, Martin Rigley welcomed everyone to the virtual meeting.				
	The Chair, Martin Rigley also asked for any objections to the meeting being recorded, no objections were received.				
2	Minutes of Provious Meeting 4th December 2020 and Metters Arising				
2. 2.1	Minutes of Previous Meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 and Matters Arising  Minutes of meeting 4 <sup>th</sup> December 2020 were agreed as a true and accurate record.				
2.2	Matters Arising				
2.2.1	8.1 Minute Item – (date: 22/04/2020) Sherwood Observatory Development - Bridging Finance to remain as an outstanding item:  • Councillor Relf to provide an update that bridging finance cannot be solely offered there would need to be other financial options. A Commercial Loan through the Council might be the best solution. Nothing further at this stage to add.	Clir Reif			
2.2.2	8.5.4 Minute Item – (date: 22/04/2020) Be Healthy, Be Happy – Wellbeing at Work presentation will be scheduled for in the New Year.	LiK/AMS			
2.2.3	5.1.2 Minute Item – (date: 24/06/2020) Love Where You Live – LB updated that Callum Parr will join the Love Where You Live group when it is relaunched in the spring along with other ambassadors/partners.	LB			
2.2.4	5.1 Minute Item (date: 14/10/2020) Railway Stations – master plan sent to all Board members.				
2.2.5	Culture Compact – Fiona Anderson, Teresa Jackson, Liz Barrett and Sarah Daniel about linking the Culture Compact with Sutton.				
3	Declarations of Interests				
<del></del>	The following declarations were noted:				
	<ul> <li>The Chair - Martin Rigley declared an interest in Sherwood Observatory due to being Chair of the Planetarium and also any projects involving Sutton Academy due to him being a Board Member.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Vice Principal West Notts College/Vice Chair - Louise Knott declared an interest in the colleges/Further Education/construction projects/Learning in Skills Project.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>NTU - Fiona Anderson declared a general interest in the Towns Fund; in particular in the ADMC project, Learning in Skills Project.</li> </ul>				
	<ul> <li>Principal at ATTFE/Love Where you Live Theme Lead – Liz Barrett declared an interest in college/further education projects, construction projects, Sutton Centre Theatre project, as well as Sherwood Observatory due to being on the Board.</li> </ul>				
	It was agreed that the any Board Members who declared an interest would remain in attendance at the meeting when discussing that particular project and wouldn't have an opinion.				

4	Funding/Board Support – presented by Cllr Matthew Relf and Sarah Daniel					
4.1	Towns Fund – Priority Projects Costings					
7.1	Councillor Matthew Relf and Sarah Daniel presented with the following being noted:					
	<ul> <li>Councillor Relf explained that this presentation would be focusing on the following for Kirkby and Sutton Towns Fund:         <ul> <li>Step through the costs in each theme</li> <li>Review totals</li> <li>Recommended push back projects, if required – costings are coming out higher than what would be received.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
	The Chair asked if risks and opportunities assessments been calculated into the costs of the projects. Councillor Relf confirmed that there have been appropriate contingency costs had been calculated into the projects. Sarah Daniel confirmed that each project had included full associated costs included and as with any large projects feasibility costs can differ from designs costs as you move along with the costs. Melanie Phythian confirmed that there is flexibility as you move along and some projects may drop out.					
	Some figures accurate but some are ball part figures, which Councillor Relf highlighted. Figures are shown in thousands.					
	<ul> <li>FSHF projects highlighted in a different colour and may not be required to come out of the Towns Fund. These projects are:         <ul> <li>Sutton Academy Theatre</li> <li>Low Street/Brook Street/Albert Square</li> <li>Fox Street pop-up food and car park</li> <li>Market Place new build</li> <li>Sutton Innovation Centre (inc. Maker Space)</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
	<ul> <li>Projects highlighted in green have wider impacts and wanted to highlight these in the presentation. These are:         <ul> <li>Sutton Construction Centre</li> <li>Kirkby Civil Engineering Centre</li> <li>Automated Distribution and Manufacturing Centre – Rachel Quinn stated that this fully supported by LEP on this project and support will be offered.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>					
	It was noted that there is a need to include any cofounding or support that will be provided by businesses (even if not financial) and also what future investments will occur - all need to be included. Sarah Daniel confirmed that constantly liaising with partners.	SD				
	Sutton Library costings are of concern as they are higher than anticipated. This is to be revisited and Matthew Neal will look into the costings. It was agreed that a meeting between with Sarah Daniel, Matthew Neal and also Peter Gaw. It was agreed by the Board that this is an important project and would not want to see it not included.	SD/MN				
	North Kirkby Gate Project costings are higher than expected which has been raised with Glebes.					
	Kingsmill Reservoir Project costings are higher than expected and discussions with consultants have taken place.					
	<ul> <li>PACO site – still looking at this site to help with the traffic congestion but may not prove to be that helpful. Awaiting further information. Teresa Jackson stated she would not like to see the PACO site taken out of the bid, the congestion needs to be resolved. Councillor Relf confirmed that</li> </ul>					

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4.2	Accountable Body	
	Sarah Daniel spoke to the Board about Ashfield District Council being the accountable body. This was proposed by Edward Johnson and seconded by Gary Jordan.	
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<u>5.</u>	Any Other Business	
5.1	Levelling Up Funding	
	Fiona Anderson discussed the Level Up funding and that this needs to be on the Board's radar. Lee Anderson, MP confirmed that there is likely to be other funding streams in the New Year but unsure which areas can apply. Fiona Anderson stated she would circulate information that she has on this to the Board. Fiona Anderson to send to Lindsey Kenworthy.	
	Lee Anderson, MP asked about would there be some type of plaque for Towns Fund. It was noted that it is likely that there would be a recognition plaque.	
5.2	CHAD Business/Community Awards	
	Ashfield District Council are the main supports of the event. Congratulations are to go to Martin Rigley who received the Life Time Achievement Award and also to Liz Barrett and Sutton Academy for Community Award for Let's Eat Project.	
	The Chair closed the meeting by wishing everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year.	
6	Date of Next Meeting	
	Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> January at 9am for 9.15am start.	