

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Thursday 25th March 2021

Online

DECISIONS & ACTIONS

Present

Cllr Simon Ward (Chair) (SW)
Olive O'Sullivan (OOS)
Chris Hurst (CH)
Andrew Tucker (AT)
Charis Blythe (CB)
Chris Brewerton (CB)
David Hemming (DH)
Sandeep Shingadia (SS)
Shanaaz Carroll (SC)
Tina Swani (TS)
Zoe Toft (ZT)

Leader, Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council
Chief Executive Officer (RSCTC)
Assistant Chief Executive Officer (RSCTC)
Consultant for Town Council (RSCTC)
Birmingham City Council (BCC)
Birmingham Chamber of Commerce (BCoC)
Sutton Coldfield Town Centre BID
Transport for West Midlands (TfWM)
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP (GBSLEP)
Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust (SCCT)
FOLIO Sutton Coldfield Trustee

Representation from:

Richard Crutchley(RC),Tibbalds Planning& Urban Design

Minutes

Natalia Gorman

Senior Administrator & Projects Officer (RSCTC)

		Decision / Action	Owner
1	Welcome and Apologies	Apologies received from Paul Faulkner and Simon Delahunty-Forrest. The Chairman welcomed Tina Swani, CEO of Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust to the partnership.	
2	Decisions and Actions from last meeting	Minutes agreed as correct and accurate.	
3	Matters Arising	None.	
4	Interdependency Plan Presentation	The Chairman welcomed Richard Crutchley to deliver a presentation on Project Interdependency plan (attached) RC took members through the phasing and interdependencies diagrams, explaining that these begin to set out how Masterplan projects relate to one another in space and time, and ultimately ensure that project delivery is coordinated and progressed in a timely way to minimise unnecessary impact.	

		TS asked what provisions are in place for disability access. RS confirmed this is addressed in the masterplan and that inclusivity is covered in the design process. SS provided reassurance and confirmed that when working on the Interchange project consultations are carried out with equality and disability groups as part of the wider masterplan. ZT queried how achievable the proposed timescales are. SW agreed that the timescales are challenging but the TCRP are ambitious and are keen to progress projects. ZT also asked if RSCTC and SCCT are able to support community projects that could deliver the short term interventions and if both organisations could review their current community grants processes to allow for groups to apply for more than once a year for example. OOS confirmed that community is still at the heart of improvements to Sutton Coldfield Town Centre and that the Town Council will be seeking to fill a Senior Communities post which has particular focus on arts, heritage and culture events programme. TS advised that SCCT are carrying out a social needs review and will be looking at their long term strategies. CB (BCC) spoke in favour of the Interdependency Plan and thanked RC for taking their comments and suggestions on board. CB (BCofC) said he supported the Plan. He asked if the recent images of potential redevelopment on Birmingham Road were a positive step. DH confirmed that this has resulted in increased interest in Birmingham Road units from independent retailers, which is a positive outcome. The Chairman was pleased to see this document and thanked Richard for his time. RC left 09:16	
5	Supplementary Planning Document Update	The Chairman asked CB (BCC) for an update. CB said that 57 responses were received as part of their consultation process and that Birmingham City Council was happy with the volume of responses. These responses were largely positive and suggestions received have been used to strengthen certain elements of the plan.	

		The responses led to proposed amends including adding more detail around the potential impact of COVID-19 on the health of the town centre, the addition of a new principle ('Creativity') to help highlight existing and future creative, cultural and educational uses within the town centre, and enhancing the <i>Big Moves</i> to further reinforce the need for a diversity of uses and sustainable design. CB confirmed that the SPD document will go to a cabinet meeting on 18th May 2021.	
6	TCRP Delivery Options Progress Update	The Chairman invited AT to provide an update. AT confirmed that a report is being prepared which will look at a more detailed structure of the p'ship including membership and governance with a view of holding a workshop after Easter. SC suggested that an invitation is extended to West Midlands Combined Authority to join the p'ship. SW agreed, reiterating this was not a reflection of the support SS has offered to date but instead a need to foster closer links with the WMCA Housing and Regeneration team ACTION - SS will liaise with Gareth Bradford regarding WMCA representation on the Partnership. ACTION - SW to write to Andy Street requesting representation from WMCA.	SS SW
7	Transport Working Group Update	The Chairman invited SS to provide an update on the Transport Impact Study. SS confirmed there has been slight delay to the programme however SS is hopeful that there will be preliminary output towards the end of April. SW asked about the progress of the Interchange. SS confirmed further work on this will be informed by the results of the Transport Impact Study.	
8	Funding Opportunities	The Chairman invited CH to present the paper on potential funding opportunities. CH discussed the aims of the Levelling Up Fund and Welcome Back Fund. The former will be managed by Birmingham City Council. The later will operate as per the Reopening High	

		Streets Safely Fund that initially was spent via Business Improvement Districts. CB (BCC) confirmed BCC are aware of the fund and the links with the Masterplan. SC mentioned two further funds that could be of interest. The Community Renewal Fund and Community Ownership Fund. It was agreed that SW would write to Birmingham City Council requesting further information on the Levelling Up Fund in order to develop a funding bid for Sutton Coldfield. It was agreed that a task and finish group will be formed to consider possible projects for funding support and will report back to TCRP when ready.	SW CH
9	AOB	The Chairman would like to record his thanks to CH for his work on the Town Centre Regeneration P'ship as he moves onto a new role.	
10	Date of next meeting	Next meeting will be held on remotely on Thursday 6 th May 2021.	

Meeting closed: 09:30