

TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION PARTNERSHIP

Friday 5th November 2021

Online

DECISIONS & ACTIONS

Present

Cllr Simon Ward (Chair) (SW)
Olive O'Sullivan (OOS)
Jan Rowley (JR)
Andrew Tucker (AT)
John Myatt (JM)
Amanda Holland (AH)
Chris Brewerton (CB)
David Hemming (DH)
Rebecca Farr (RF)
Sandeep Shingadia (SS)
Simon Delahunty – Forrest
Shanaaz Carroll (SC)
Tina Swani (TS)
Zoe Toft (ZT)

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

Minutes

Natalia Gorman

Senior Administrator & Projects Officer (RSCTC)

		Decision / Action	Owner
1	Welcome and Apologies	Apologies received from Charis Blythe (BCC) and Henrietta Brealey (BCoC).	
2	Decisions and Actions from last meeting	Minutes agreed as correct and accurate.	
3	Matters Arising	None.	
4	Sutton Coldfield Masterplan Delivery Arrangements	JR spoke on the co-ordination and escalation route of the delivery of the Masterplan (attached) Following the adoption of Sutton Coldfield Town Centre Masterplan as Supplementary Guidance in May of this year there is a transitional period moving to delivery. Focusing on the Big Moves and associated projects captured in the Masterplan. There are 3 component parts to delivery; Investment from both the Public and Private Sector; delivery arrangements and the Programme /Project delivery plans.	

		The slide attached to the agenda focuses on the Delivery arrangements. These delivery arrangements enable a clear route for delivery; recognising the importance of working together, with clear timelines and that all projects are interrelated. The arrangements have been created with colleagues from TfWM and BCC as the main delivery agents for the Big Moves and some of the projects. Key points; • Each Task Group (TG) is chaired by the lead organisation who is accountable for and has the responsibility to all partners for their delivery. Each TG includes the Town Council in addition to a range of technical/professional colleagues to deliver the range of work activities that are needed to be done. • It is essential that there is a strong co-ordination function to ensure that the interrelationship between areas of work is recognised and managed effectively. This critical work area sits with the Co-ordination and Delivery group ; chaired by the TC and each Task group will report in on progress and timescales and where appropriate resolve issues which will occur. Briefings and updates will be prepared and circulated as required. • Progress; Issues and Risks relating to delivery will be reported into and where appropriate escalated to the Senior Officer Group (SOG). The seniority of that Group will support progress and resolve issues within their respective areas of responsibility. • Members of the SOG form part of the Town's Regeneration partnership and as such will provide the important link between Delivery and Strategy – and as now maintain the bridge and relationship with their respective organisations they serve. ZT asked if minutes from the Officer meetings or Task Group meetings would be made available to the public, perhaps via the Town Council website. JR responded to advise that brief action notes are drawn up at task meetings to allow the focus to remain on delivery of the masterplan. All stakeholders continue to show transparency, with regular updates being brought back to the p'ship. All p'ship actions are made available via the Town Council website and are noted by Strategy and Resources Committee.	
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		SW suggested a dedicated website focusing on the programme of the Masterplan could be created as plans evolve which would promote engagement with residents and the community. SW advised the p'ship that JR will be attending the next Full Council meeting to brief members on 10th November 21.	
5	Indicative timeline for Interchange and Associated Transport works	SW invited JR, JM & SS to provide an update of the phase one Indictive Timeline to the p'ship (attached) JR began by clarifying that the Interchange project will be led by TfWM and supported by Birmingham City Council (BCC) . The Wider transport works will be led by BCC and they remain separate for accountability reasons. JR noted that there are two Outline Business Cases (OBC) to access funding. OBC1 will be submitted by TfWM with the second OBC being submitted by BCC. The past 12 months has seen significant work on the Interchange and wider transport studies, with the Masterplan being adopted as an SPD in May. JR advised that this preparation will drive the ambition of the Masterplan forward with the first step focusing on the appointment of consultants to progress wider transport works and active travel work. Given the sizeable amount of funding, consultants will produce a detailed analysis and technical assessments to support the OBC. Quarter 2 will focus on preferred options for site development and technical information. Mid 2022 will also see the OBC's being submitted and engagement work with key stakeholders and residents. JR advised the last stage of the phase one indictive timeline will see the appointment of contractors to proceed with works with the Interchange complete in December 2024. SS updated the p'ship on the City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (CRSTS) funding confirming that West Midlands have been allocated £1.05bn to be spent over the next 5 years. Whilst there is a clear direction of how that money should be spent, there is a shortfall of approx £700m.	

		TfWM will work with local authorities to review the plans again. Circa £50m from the CRSTS funding was proposed for the Gateway Interchange and associated masterplan transport works. SS is reluctant to reduce that figure as it is crucial that we remain ambitious and safe guard that funding, however that does not mean that work done over the next few months wont reshape that figure. In terms of the CRTS framework, it is expected to be presented January 2022, therefore the next 3 -4 weeks will be crucial for priority projects works which include the Sutton Coldfield Interchange. Whilst the required £50m has not yet been secured, SS confirmed that the p'ship is in a strong position with delivery structures in place and technical work such as the Active Travel Plan study already underway, which will strengthen our case. JM clarified that there is also other funding from national government that can be accessed to fill funding gaps by Local government, including competitive funding. In response to a question from TS regarding our proposals heavily featuring carbon reduction, SS confirmed that it is a huge driving force for TfWM funding and is a key element in ensuring that the organisation is achieving a number of objectives relating to better air quality and physical health. SS reiterated that it is evident there is strong support for the Masterplan through the p'ship and local community with partners writing to West Midlands Mayor expressing their strong support. The Chairman asked the p'ship to agree on sending a collective letter to Andy Street setting out the importance of the scheme and the plans for Sutton Coldfield. ACTION – p'ship and a community letter from FOLIO to be sent to WM Mayor.	
5	AOB	JM reported the initial results of the sensitivity testing (attached) following the recent Transport Impact Study which	

		shows that even a relatively small 10% reduction of car trips, would get us closer to delivering the Masterplan. Testing is not yet fully complete however early signs show that a 10% reduction is a positive and achievable intervention. Further work is to be done particularly looking at pinch point for public transport, through trips that do not support the town centre, and the east of the centre where the tunnels under the railway are situated and cause pinch points. Infrastructure improvements would be looked at alongside behaviour change and demand management, and will feature on the OBC2 submitted by BCC. SC asked for an update on the Red Rose Centre and private landownership. JR advised that there is recognition that Sutton Coldfield should be offering more than retail uses and investors are keen to talk to the Town and City Council about revitalising the town centre. SS encouraged the pship to read the Future Business District report commissioned by Colmore BID which focuses on the importance of culture to attract and sustain businesses, professionals and visitors.	
6	Date of next meeting	Next meeting will be held remotely. Proposed date Friday 14 th January 2022. TBC	

Meeting closed 09.45