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BOARD MEETING

16 December 2021

DECISIONS & ACTION POINTS

Present:

Simon Blaxill, Kent Blaxill (Chair)
Adrian Pritchard, Colchester Borough Council (CBC)
Suzanne Bennett (for Adam Bryan), SELEP
Ashleigh Seymour-Rutherford, COLBEA
Chris Rhodes, Hiscox
Tracy Rudling, Community 360
Cllr Paul Dundas, CBC
Cllr Tom Cunningham, Essex County Council (ECC)
Will Quince MP, Conservative Party

Apologies

Steve Evison, ECC
Lucy Johnson, University of Essex
Mark Jarman-Howe, NE Essex Alliance
Alison Jennings, Homes England
Shona Johnstone, Homes England

Others attending

Lindsay Barker (CBC), Leonie Rathbone (CBC), Steven Eke (Amphora), Lucie Breadman (CBC), Glenn Crickmore (ECC), Mandy Jones (CBC), David Balcombe (North Essex Heritage), Donna Telfer (Community 360), Alison Fogg (Amphora), Mark Eves (ECC), Jane Thompson (CBC), Rory Doyle (CBC), Daniel Barton (CBC), Paul Cook (CBC), Matthew Brown (CBC), Clare Ratcliffe (CBC), Louise Denyer (ECC), Amie Hall (ECC), Matthew Sterling (CBC), Simon Thorp (CBC).

DECISIONS AND ITEMS NOTED

1. Apologies & declarations of interest. Apologies were noted from Steve Evison, Lucy Johnson, Mark Jarman-Howe, Alison Jennings and Shona Johnstone.

2. Progress report. The Board noted a Programme Progress Report, together with a report and appendix with draft business case summary documents which had been circulated in advance.

3. Project spotlight. The Board noted an update on all 7 developing business cases, led by Project Owners. The update provided an executive summary, outline of project features and anticipated outcomes, issues, risks and mitigations, and stakeholder engagement activity, together with photographs and artists' impressions.

Business Case 4 – Town Centre and Gateways. The Board noted that the lease for Jumbo had been transferred to North Essex Heritage (a charity), and that arrangements for the ongoing maintenance of Holy Trinity Church were being finalised. The Board also noted and agreed recommendations regarding reapportionment of funding in the public realm schemes.

Business Case 6 – 5G. The Board requested additional information regarding 5G performance indicators.

Business Case 7 – Physical Connectivity. The Board noted a decision regarding Active Travel Fund 3 income was expected shortly.

4. Project site visits. The Board noted project walk and talk visits that had taken place, with forthcoming visits to include town centre public realm projects.

5. Business Case Assurance. The Board noted an update on internal business case assurance provided by the Accountable Body's CEO and Section 151 Officer. Currently there are no particular issues of concern.

6. Appreciation. The Chair and Board recorded its thanks to Officers and Project Leads for their excellent work to date in progressing business cases, and confirmed its continuing readiness to provide support where required to the developing projects.

7. Future meetings. The Board noted provisional future meeting dates of 17 February 2022, 17 March 2022 and 26 May 2022. Additional meetings may be required.