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BOARD MEETING

29 April 2021

DECISIONS & ACTION POINTS

Present:

Simon Blaxill (Kent Blaxill – Chair), Adrian Pritchard (Colchester Borough Council - CBC), Ashleigh Seymour-Rutherford (COLBEA), Chris Rhodes (Hiscox), Mark Jarman-Howe (NEEA), Tracy Rudling (Community 360), Alison Jennings (Homes England), Will Quince MP (Conservative Party), Cllr Tony Ball (Essex County Council - ECC), Adam Bryan (SELEP), Cllr Mark Cory (CBC), Mark Carroll (ECC), Lucy Johnson (University of Essex).

Apologies:

Shona Johnstone (Homes England).

In attendance:

Cllr David King (CBC), Mandy Jones (CBC), Matthew Brown (CBC), Clare Ratcliffe (CBC), Simon Thorp (CBC), Rebecca Collings (Nichols), Ian Vipond (CBC), Steve Evison (ECC), Rob Willis (ECC), Amie Hall (ECC).

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1. Apologies & declarations of interest. Apologies were noted from Shona Johnstone (Homes England).

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Opportunities to leverage funding. The Board noted that no wider funding was likely to be secured before 14 June 2021 when Project Confirmations (and spend profiles) must be submitted to MHCLG, who have been formally asked to confirm that all projects can be retained whilst wider funding is sought, with phasing / prioritisation of some projects beyond the end of the 2025/26 spend window proposed.

3. Potential capital funding opportunities. It was noted that potential capital funding opportunities have been identified and it was agreed these should be explored further. Offers of 'letters of support in principle' were noted and awaited from a) Homes England, b) North East Essex Health and Well Being Alliance and c) South East Local Enterprise Partnership.

4. Phasing. The Board noted and agreed that more detail on a potential phased approach would be considered at the next meeting. The Board also noted and agreed that a ‘project re-prioritisation tool’ offered by the Towns Hub was helpful and should be used where required.

5. Future meetings. The Board noted provisional future meeting dates of 25 May (additional date), 10 June (revised date), 19 August, 21 October and 16 December 2021. Additional meetings may be required.