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29 April 2021 – 9.30am
Microsoft Teams





AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interest – Simon Blaxill (5 mins)**
- 2. Progress Report – Simon Thorp (5 mins)**
- 3. Feedback on opportunities to leverage funding – Adrian Pritchard (15 mins)**
- 4. General discussion on meeting an £18.2M project submission – Adrian Pritchard (15 mins)**
- 5. Closing remarks & future meetings – Simon Blaxill (5 mins)**



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1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Simon Blaxill
Chair



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2.PROGRESS REPORT

Simon Thorp
Project Manager



- **Programme status and update – overall, time, cost**
- **Key milestone – project confirmations to MHCLG – 14 June 2021**
- **Detailed business case development considerations - assurance process, engagement, external support**



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3. FEEDBACK ON OPPORTUNITIES TO LEVERAGE FUNDING



Adrian Pritchard
Chief Executive
Colchester Borough Council



- **Update on additional funding (conversations)**
 - **No wider funding likely to be secured until after 14 June (deadline to confirm projects & spend profiles to MHCLG)**
- **Potential funding opportunities outside timeline for initial project plan to MHCLG (14 June) include:**
 - **Homes England Investment Partner**
 - **North Essex National Home Building Fund**
 - **Health partners**
 - **Other capital programmes**
- **Formally asked MHCLG whether we can submit the 14 June return, retaining all projects whilst we carry on seeking wider funding**
- **Other capital funding sources and clarification on above funding? (Question to Board)**



- **Approach for Board to agree:**
- **Keep all projects in the 'We are Colchester' programme to reflect longer term vision**
- **Phasing / prioritising projects eg. some to be delivered beyond the end of the 2025/26 spend window for Town Deal award**
- **Continue to scan / apply for future funding opportunities**
- **Programme team will bring back phased approach to Board late May for sign off**



4. GENERAL DISCUSSION - MEETING AN £18.2M SUBMISSION


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Adrian Pritchard



Projects	Town Deal ask	Other funding	Total value
Strategic Investment Programme 1 – Our Town, Your Future Potential			
Digital working hubs with Grow-on Facility	£1m	£4.68m	£5.68m
Transformed youth facilities in Colchester (e.g. enhancements to existing/new facilities such as a Youth Zone).	£2.42m	£6.35m	£8.77m
Wilson Marriage digital skills hub	£900k	£100k	£1m
Strategic Investment Programme 2 – Building a Better Town			
Town Centre and Gateways consisting of:			
▶ Vineyard cultural Gateway	£1m	£14m	£15m
▶ Essex County Hospital: public realm	£500k		£500k
▶ St Nicholas Square (Funded by accelerated £1m)	£650k		£650k
▶ Balcerne Gate Phase 1 (Funded by accelerated £1m)	£350k		£350k
▶ Balcerne Gate Phase 2	£1.1m		£1.1m
▶ Jumbo (contribution to funding package)	£1m		£1m
▶ Holy Trinity Church – community hub	£517k	£23k	£0.54m
▶ Holy Trinity Square	£500k		£500k
▶ Kerbles and Green Streets	£1.5m		£1.5m
Heart of Greenstead	£6.7m	£33.3m	£40m
Strategic Investment Programme 3 – Connecting Ahead			
5G	£1.5m	£500k	£2m
Walking & Cycling link: Town Centre to Greenstead and University. With Town Centre Secure Cycle Parking.	£2.95m	£1.3m	£4.25m
Liveable Neighbourhoods and school streets	£2.1m		£2.1m
Walking & cycling at St Botolph's Roundabout	£1.313m	£7.6m	£8.9m
Totals: (note TD figure includes accelerated £1m)	£26m	£67.8m	£93.8m



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5. CLOSING REMARKS & FUTURE MEETINGS



Simon Blaxill



Decisions required:

- **To agree the approach set out and discussed under agenda item 3.**

To note:

- **Provisional 2021 Board meeting dates (updated):**
 - **25 May * new additional meeting ***
 - **10 June * revised from 17 June ***
 - **19 August**
 - **21 October**
 - **16 December**