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29 October 2020 – 4pm
Microsoft Teams





AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interest – Simon Blaxill (5 mins)**
- 2. Overview of amendments made since previous draft TIP1- Matthew Brown / Rob Willis (5 mins)**
- 3. Formal approval of Town Investment Plan – All (5 mins)**
- 4. Next steps – Adrian Pritchard (5 mins)**
- 5. Preview – supporting film – Simon Thorp (5 mins)**
- 6. Final remarks – Simon Blaxill (5 mins)**

Note: for item 2, papers have been circulated for consideration in advance of the meeting.



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1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Simon Blaxill



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2. OVERVIEW OF AMENDMENTS MADE SINCE PREVIOUS DRAFT TIP1

Matthew Brown & Rob Willis



The financial dimensions of the projects including the Town Deal 'ask', other funding which will deliver the project (full detail provided in Town Investment Plan part 2), and the overall project values are as follows.

Fig 9: Phase 1 Projects; Delivery 2020/21 to 2025/26.

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
▶ Kerbless 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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3. FORMAL APPROVAL OF TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN





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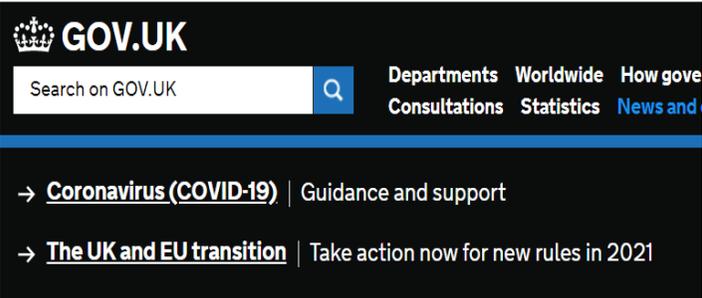
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4. NEXT STEPS

Adrian Pritchard

- **Appreciation for the Board's key strategic role in the bid**
- **There is something for all in our proposals**
- **We have reflected on feedback given for cohort 1 submission towns**
- **This is the end of one chapter, the next is about the begin**
- **A detailed project plan is now being developed**
- **Governance – further discussion and meetings to follow soon – with requirement to publish Register of Interest and Code of Conduct (Terms of Reference) by 6 November 2020**
- **November / December 2020 – assessment and ‘heads of agreement’ phase**
- **January-December 2021 - detailed project and business case development phase**
- **December 2021 – MHCLG assessment, challenge and funding award**
- **2022-27 – project implementation**



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Press release

First Town Deals worth almost £180 million announced

Communities in 7 areas across England are set to benefit from up to £178.7 million in new Town Deals.

Cohort 1 town submissions

- £39.5 million to be used to update the Blackpool Illuminations, for a return to tourism after the COVID-19 pandemic, which used to attract 4 million visitors and bring in £284 million a year, and to support the development of the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone
- £21.9 million to modernise Torquay town centre, transforming it into a retail and leisure destination for people visiting, working and living in the town as well as improving transport links with a new focus on walking and cycling routes
- £22.9 million investment for Peterborough to lay the groundwork for low carbon living, supporting healthy lifestyles and encourage enterprise and innovation. Planned projects include a skills centre for green technologies, enterprise hub and a new pedestrian bridge



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5. PREVIEW – SUPPORTING FILM



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5. FINAL REMARKS



Simon Blaxill