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8 June 2021 – 10am
Microsoft Teams





AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interest – Simon Blaxill (5 mins)**
- 2. Progress Report – Simon Thorp (5 mins)**
- 3. Project Confirmations – Discussion – Adrian Pritchard (30 mins)**
- 4. Decisions, 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
Town Deal Project Manager

- **Programme status**
- **Risks & mitigation**
- **Project Confirmations – key requirements**
- **Detailed Business Case Development phase – June 2021 – April 2022**





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3. PROJECT CONFIRMATIONS - DISCUSSION

Adrian Pritchard
Chief Executive
Colchester Borough Council





Guiding principles

- **Town Investment Plan = long term vision & funding leveraging opportunity for Colchester**
- **Delivering projects within the £18.2M funding envelope**
- **Outcomes focused**
- **Balanced review of risks / mitigation**
- **Avoid 'salami slicing' projects**



- **Town Investment Plan – remain committed in full to our vision for Colchester**
- **£18.2M Town Deal award is a catalyst for long-term investment**
- **Letters of support – SELEP, NEEA**
- **A careful review of what can be delivered within this funding envelope has been conducted**
- **Prioritisation considerations – risks / mitigation**

Projects in the Town Investment Plan

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

Delivery within funding envelope

Umbrella theme	Fast-track/no	Theme SubT	Project	Initial Ask	Suggest new limit at
Transformed Youth Facilities	Standard	£1,320,000	01 Improved Youth Provision CBC	£2,100,000	£1,000,000
	Standard		02 Transformed Youth ECC	£320,000	£320,000
Town Centre	Standard	£4,502,800	03 Vineyard Gateway	£1,000,000	£595,800
	FASTTRACK		04 Essex County Hospital	£500,000	£500,000
	Standard		05 Balcerne Phase 2	£1,100,000	£1,100,000
	FASTTRACK		06 Jumbo	£1,000,000	£1,000,000
	FASTTRACK		07 Holy Trinity Church	£517,000	£517,000
	Standard		08 Holy Trinity Square	£500,000	£500,000
Heart of Greenstead	Standard	£6,627,200	09 Kerbless & Green streets	£1,500,000	£290,000
	Standard		10 Tamarisk Way	£6,000,000	£6,000,000
	Standard		11 Big Bikes (Greenstead)	£400,000	£327,200
	Standard		12 Liveable Neighbourhood Greenstead	£300,000	£300,000
Digital Connectivity	FASTTRACK	£2,800,000	13 5G	£1,500,000	£1,000,000
	Standard		14 Wilson Marriage	£900,000	£900,000
	FASTTRACK		15 Digital Working Hub	£1,000,000	£900,000
Physical Connectivity	Standard	£2,950,000	16 Town Cen to Greenstead & Uni	£2,950,000	£2,950,000
	Standard		17 Liveable Neighbourhoods	£2,100,000	£0
	Standard		18 St Botolph's Roundabout	£1,313,000	£0
Totals				£25,000,000	£18,200,000



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5. DECISIONS, CLOSING REMARKS & FUTURE MEETINGS

Simon Blaxill



Decisions required:

Agreement on projects to be submitted to MHCLG by Project Confirmation stage per slide 10 (with final ratification after any amendments by 10 June 2021)

To note:

- **Provisional 2021 Board meeting dates:**
 - **10 June**
 - **19 August**
 - **21 October**
 - **16 December**