



We are Colchester



Colchester
City Council

We Are Colchester Board Meeting

25 May 2023

Decisions & Actions

Present:

Simon Blaxill (Chair), Adam Bryan, Lucy Johnson, Mark Jarman-Howe, Tracy Rudling, Alison Jennings, Councillor David King, Councillor Tom Cunningham

Apologies:

Pam Donnelly, Alison Andreas, Steve Evison, Laura Eardley, Simon Mead, Shona Johnstone

Others Attending:

Lindsay Barker, Matt Sterling, Matthew Brown, Louise Denyer, Amie Hall, Alan Lindsay, Daniel Barton, Simon Thorp

1. Apologies & Declarations of Interest

Apologies were noted from Pam Donnelly, Alison Andreas, Steve Evison, Laura Eardley, Simon Mead, and Shona Johnstone.

There were no declarations of interest.

2. Progress Report & Engagement Update

The Board **noted** a Programme Report circulated in advance. There were no questions arising. The Board also received a progress and engagement update outline project highlights, programme and umbrella theme RAG statuses, delivery / time / cost RAG headlines including forthcoming DLUHC monitoring return requirements, 2023-24 project delivery timeline and milestone overview and engagement update.

3. Levelling Up and City Centre Masterplan Update

The Board **noted** an update on Team Colchester's strategic role, cross-local authority and party membership to de-risk planned initiatives, consultation activity and programme planning.

4. Issues, Risks & Mitigations

The Board **noted** progress updates from Project Sponsors and Owners regarding projects where the Board had given direction or received updates at the last meeting.

St Nicholas Square – resolution of issues and commencement of works. The Board **noted** that specific technical approvals and permissions principally relating to lighting design were expected to be resolved imminently (by end of May 2023), with work on site commencing shortly. Cllr Cunningham assured the Board that lessons learned would be considered to mitigate risk of repetition.

Jumbo & Balkerne Gate phase 2 - the Board **noted** that North Essex Heritage awaited the outcome of their Heritage Lottery Fund application by July 2023, following which project synergies with Balkerne Gate would continue to be assessed without sacrificing outcomes of either project.

Holy Trinity Church – the Board **noted** that the project had largely been de-risked as priority repairs to the church roof had not been as serious as anticipated. Colchester City Council are leading on a Heritage Lottery Fund application for the required remaining funding to enable the building to be leased to a charity and returned to public use as a community hub.

Heart of Greenstead (Community Hub and Land Acquisition) - the Board **noted** progress towards appointing architects and activity planned to reach agreement on land assembly.

Programme-wide cost monitoring and mitigation – the Board **noted** that all projects continued to be rigorously managed including any

5. Project Spotlight – Heart of Greenstead

The Board **noted** with thanks an update regarding progress on Tamarisk Way (Community Hub), Essex Pedal Power and Liveable Neighbourhood, welcoming the prospect of further progress reports.

6. Decisions

No decisions from the Board were sought at this meeting.

7. Future meetings

Thursday 17 August 2023 – 1045

Thursday 16 November 2023 – 1000 (in person planned at one of the project locations).

29 February 2024 – 1000

30 May 2024 – 1000

22 August 2024 - 1000