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26 May 2022 – 12noon
Microsoft Teams





AGENDA

- 1. Chairman's Welcome, Apologies & Declarations of Interest – Simon Blaxill**
- 2. Progress Report – Simon Thorp**
- 3. Future Board Remit – Lindsay Barker & Matt Sterling**
- 4. Decisions, Closing remarks & future meetings – Simon Blaxill**



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1. CHAIRMAN'S WELCOME

Simon Blaxill
Chair



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2. PROGRESS REPORT



Simon Thorp
Programme Manager



- **Programme Report circulated in advance**
- **Funding update**
- **Service Level Agreements – Essex County Council, North Essex Heritage, Community360**
- **Monitoring and reporting – milestones and requirements (DLUHC, Members)**
- **Engagement highlights**
- **Future project updates**



PROGRAMME OVERVIEW

Project umbrella	RAG		2022/23 July-Sept			2022/23 Oct-Dec			2022/23 Jan-March			2023/24 April-June		
	Last month	This month												
1: Digital Connectivity	Green	Green												
2: Heart of Greenstead	Yellow	Yellow												
3: Transformed Youth Facilities	Green	Green												
4: Walking and Cycling Link	Green	Green												
5: Town Centre and Gateways	Green	Green												
Engagement Plan	Green	Green												
Monitoring outcomes	Green	Green												

Top programme risks	RAG	Mitigations & Risk Owner	Milestones		Budget				
			Achieved since last Board	Upcoming milestones	Actual spend	Budget	Forecast outturn		
<i>Programme wide cost escalation</i>	Green	<i>Ongoing monitoring of costs and escalation of risks as appropriate.</i>	<i>PD / LB / DG</i>						
<i>Heart of Greenstead land ownership and planning</i>	Yellow	<i>Public consultation conducted February and April 2022. Negotiation with land owners. Full planning application by end-2022.</i>	<i>DG / RD</i>				£278k	£18.2m	£18.2m
<i>Town Centre public realm material costs – eg St Nicholas Square, Balkeme Gate phase 2, Holy Trinity Square</i>	Green	<i>Cost re-apportionment and close management in selected public realm schemes.</i>	<i>LB / MJ</i>	<i>CBC Cabinet approved Summary Document submission to DLUHC in March 2022</i>	<i>Funding award expected in July 2022 to enable project delivery to commence.</i>				
							Overall programme rating		
							GREEN		



PROGRAMME BUDGET (REVENUE & CAPITAL) 2020-2026

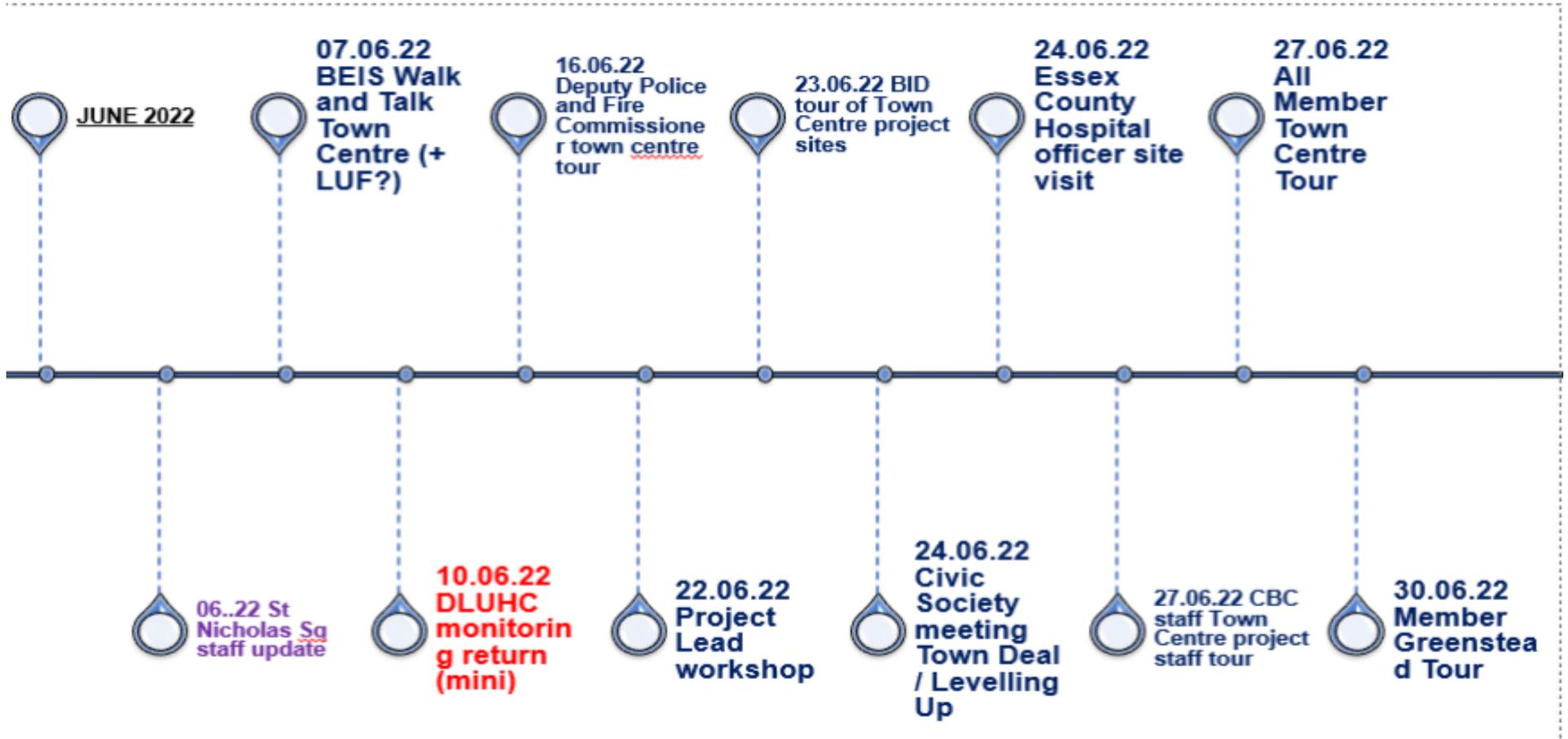
Updated Profile:			RDEL						
Index Code	Town	Project	20/21 RDEL	21/22 RDEL	22/23 RDEL	23/24 RDEL	24/25 RDEL	25/26 RDEL	RDEL Total
TD-COL-01	Colchester	A: Digital Working Hub			0	53000	78210	27476	158686
TD-COL-02	Colchester	B: Transforming Youth Facilities			0	0	0	0	0
TD-COL-03	Colchester	C: The Wilson Marriage Digital			190672	0	0	0	190672
TD-COL-04	Colchester	D: Town Centre & Gateways			0	0	0	0	0
TD-COL-05	Colchester	E: Heart of Greenstead			135193	0	0	0	135193
TD-COL-06	Colchester	F: 5G			45800	45800	45800	45800	183200
TD-COL-07	Colchester	G: Walking & Cycling Links			0	0	0	0	0
TD-COL-08	Colchester	Programme Management			143686	87665	89359	90364	411074
Total			0	0	515351	186465	213369	163640	1078825

Updated Profile:			CDEL						Total	
Index Code	Town	Project	20/21 CDEL	21/22 CDEL	22/23 CDEL	23/24 CDEL	24/25 CDEL	25/26 CDEL	CDEL Total	
TD-COL-01	Colchester	A: Digital Working Hub			720986	0	0	0	720986	879672
TD-COL-02	Colchester	B: Transforming Youth Facilities			1226461	20325	21243	22158	1290187	1290187
TD-COL-03	Colchester	C: The Wilson Marriage Digital			689001	0	0	0	689001	879673
TD-COL-04	Colchester	D: Town Centre & Gateways			1500915	2010182	445000	445000	4401097	4401097
TD-COL-05	Colchester	E: Heart of Greenstead			484909	5691688	83468	82256	6342321	6477514
TD-COL-06	Colchester	F: 5G			723214	21000	15000	35000	794214	977414
TD-COL-07	Colchester	G: Walking & Cycling Links			204940	120993	1372787	1184649	2883369	2883369
TD-COL-08	Colchester	Programme Management			0	0	0	0	0	411074
Total			0	0	5550426	7864188	1937498	1769063	17121175	18200000



PROGRAMME DELIVERY OVERVIEW

Project	RAG		2022/23				2023/24				2024/25				2025/26			
	Last month	This month																
1. Digital Working Hub	Green	Green			High	High	★						★					
2. Digital Skills Hub (ECC)	Green	Green			Medium	Medium	Green	Green	Green		★							
3. 5G	Green	Green			High	High	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★
4. Heart of Greenstead Tamarisk Way	Yellow	Yellow			Medium	Medium	High	High	High	High	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★
5. Essex Pedal Power	Green	Green			High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium		Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★
6. Liveable Neighbourhood	Green	Green			Medium	Medium	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★
7. Townhouse, Stanway, Highwoods Youth Centres	Green	Green			High	High	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★	
8. Walking and Cycling Link – Town Centre / Greenstead / University	Green	Green			Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	High	High	High	High	High	High	High	★
9. Jumbo Water Tower (NEH)	Green	Green			High	High	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★
10. Balkerne Gate	Green	Green			Medium	Medium	High	High	High	High	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★
11. Holy Trinity Church (C360)	Green	Green			Medium	Medium	High	High	High	High	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★
12. Holy Trinity Square	Green	Green			Green	Green	High	High	High	High	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	★
13. Kerbless Street Sir Isaacs Walk	Green	Green			Green	Green	Medium	Medium	Medium	Medium	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	Green	★
14. Essex County Hospital (ECC)	Green	Green			High	High	★											
			Delivery ends ★				Spend key: High				Medium				Low			



PROGRAMME MILESTONE
ENGAGEMENT EVENT / MILESTONE
COMMS MILESTONE



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2. FUTURE BOARD REMIT



Lindsay Barker
Strategic Director of Policy and Place

Matt Sterling
Housing & Economic Growth Manager



- **Background to Board establishment, sectors and membership**
- **Current We Are Colchester remit**
- **Looking forward – LUF (advisory / consultee role)**
- **Opportunities to update and expand membership – Health, Education, Transport**
- **Updating terms of reference**



Levelling Up: A funding opportunity to build on the Town Deal



What is Levelling Up?

Colchester has a long track record in tackling inequalities in life opportunities

Government definition:

- boosting **productivity, pay, jobs** and living standards
- spreading **opportunities** and improving **public services**
- restoring a **sense of community**, local pride and belonging
- empowering **local leaders and communities**



The 12 Missions

Boosting productivity, pay, jobs and living standards

- Raising living standards
- Increasing R&D funding
- Stronger transport infrastructure
- Greater digital connectivity

Spreading opportunities and improving public services

- Strengthening education outcomes
- Growing the number people completing high quality skills training
- Reducing gaps in healthy life expectancy
- Improving well-being everywhere in the UK

Restoring sense of community, local pride, and belonging

- Raising the pride of place across the UK
- Giving more people the path to home ownership
- Reducing crime in the worst affected areas

Empowering local leaders and communities

- Giving every part of England that wants one a devolution deal and a long-term funding settlement



2 new Funding opportunities to support this work

1. **Levelling Up Fund (LUF) Round 2** – Up to **£20m** of capital funding
 2. **UK Shared Prosperity Fund (SPF)** – Colchester allocation of **£1.3m** for mostly revenue projects
- Both come with **very tight deadlines** and work is already well progressed



Funding Opportunities: SPF

- The SPF is mostly revenue funding to ‘build pride in place and improve life chances’.
- The SPF is not competitive with an allocation made for each district.
- Colchester’s allocation is c£1.3m over three years.
- We must submit an Investment Plan by **1 August** showing our plans to meet the three priority goals:
 - Communities and Place
 - Supporting local businesses
 - People and skills.



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3. DECISIONS, CLOSING REMARKS & FUTURE MEETINGS

Simon Blaxill





Decisions:

Agree revised and expanded remit.

Agree changes to the Board's future terms of reference and membership.

Agree the frequency and timing of future Board meetings.

Note:

Note Programme Report, including Issues, Risks and Mitigations.

Note information regarding the Levelling Up Fund and Colchester's intended bid, along with other income and impact opportunities.

Future meetings:

Quarterly – August 2022, November 2022, February 2023, May 2023 (dates to be confirmed).