



# **WE ARE COLCHESTER**

## **BOARD MEETING**

### **21 October 2021**

### **DECISIONS & ACTION POINTS**

## **Present:**

**Simon Blaxill, Kent Blaxill (Chair)**

**Adam Bryan, SELEP**

**Ashleigh Seymour-Rutherford, COLBEA**

**Chris Rhodes, Hiscox**

**Alison Jennings, Homes England**

**Cllr Paul Dundas, Colchester Borough Council (CBC)**

**Cllr Tom Cunningham, Essex County Council (ECC)**

**Steve Evison, ECC**

## **Apologies**

**Adrian Pritchard, CBC**

**Lucy Johnson, University of Essex**

**Mark Jarman-Howe, NE Essex Alliance**

**Shona Johnstone, Homes England**

**Tracy Rudling, Community 360**

**Will Quince MP, Conservative Party**

## **Others attending**

**Lindsay Barker (CBC), Mandy Jones (CBC), Paul Cook (CBC), Matthew Brown (CBC), Clare Ratcliffe (CBC), Simon Thorp (CBC), Cllr Mark Durham (ECC), Louise Denyer (ECC), Matthew Sterling (CBC), Daniel Barton (CBC), Amie Hall (ECC), Rob Willis (ECC).**

## ITEMS NOTED

**Apologies & declarations of interest.** Apologies were noted from Adrian Pritchard, Lucy Johnson, Mark Jarman-Howe, Shona Johnstone, Tracy Rudling and Will Quince MP. A declaration of interest was noted from Ashleigh Seymour-Rutherford. COLBEA has submitted a tender for the Queen Street grow on space management.

**2. Progress report.** The Board noted a Programme Progress Report, with Summary Document submission deadline to government brought forward to 24 March 2022.

**3. Business Case Assurance.** The Board noted an update on internal business case assurance and proportionality provided by the Accountable Body's Section 151 Officer.

**4. Partner spotlight.** The Board noted and recorded its thanks for an update provided by Cllr Tom Cunningham on behalf of Essex County Council. Further partner updates will be brought to future Board meetings.

**5. Engagement.** The Board noted an update on tactical engagement activities and also favourably reviewed a new film involving younger people interviewing Simon Blaxill about Town Deal projects.

**6. Check and Challenge.** The Board confirmed that it currently had sufficient information to enable it to support progress with business case development. Board members with an interest in closer project involvement or promotion to networks will liaise with the Programme Office to facilitate this.

**6. Future meetings.** The Board noted provisional future meeting dates of 16 December 2021, 17 February 2022, 17 March 2022 and 26 May 2022. Additional meetings may be required.