

BOROUGH COUNCIL OF KING'S LYNN & WEST NORFOLK

SPECIAL REGENERATION AND DEVELOPMENT PANEL

Minutes from the Meeting of the Regeneration and Development Panel held on Tuesday, 20th July, 2021 at 4.30 pm in the Assembly Room, Town Hall, Saturday Market Place, King's Lynn PE30 5DQ

PRESENT: Councillors E Nockolds (Chair)(substitute for J Collingham), V Spikings (Vice Chair) (substitute for P Gidney). L Bambridge, F Bone, C Bower, C J Crofts, M de Whalley, B Jones, C Morley, S Patel (substitute for C Manning) and D Whitby.

PORTFOLIO HOLDERS

Councillor R Blunt – Portfolio Holder for Regeneration and Development
Councillor P Kunes – Portfolio Holder for Environment

OFFICERS:

Lorraine Gore – Chief Executive
Jemma Curtis – Regeneration Programmes Manager
Geoff Hall – Executive Director

RD17: **APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

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RESOLVED: In the absence of the Chair and Vice Chair, Councillor Nockolds was appointed Chair of the Meeting.

RD18: **APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIR FOR THE MEETING**

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RESOLVED: In the absence of the Vice Chair, Councillor Spikings was appointed Vice Chair for the meeting.

RD19: **WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS**

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The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and a roll call was conducted.

RD20: **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Beal, Collingham, Gidney and Manning.

RD21: **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

There was none.

RD22: **MEMBERS PRESENT PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER 34**

Councillor Kemp.

RD23: **CHAIR'S CORRESPONDENCE**

There was none.

RD24: **DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next ordinary meeting of the Panel was scheduled to take place on 27th July 2021 at 4.30pm in the Town Hall.

RD25: **EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC**

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Councillor de Whalley outlined reasons why he did not think the press and public should be excluded from the meeting and asked for a vote to be taken. Following the vote it was resolved that the press and public be excluded.

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act, 1972, the press and public be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Act.

RD26: **EXEMPT - TOWN DEAL PRIORITISATION**

The Chief Executive introduced the item and provided detail of the funding awarded through the Town Deal and how the projects put forward had to be prioritised.

The Regeneration Programmes Manager provided the Panel with information on the Town Deal and the prioritisation of projects and highlighted:

- The Vision for King's Lynn
- Town Deal Board Priorities
- Town Deal Approved and Proposed Projects
- Timeline

The Chair thanked the Regeneration Programmes Manager for her presentation and invited questions and comments from those present.

Councillor Kemp addressed the Panel under Standing Order 34 and made reference to the King's Lynn Ferry and associated infrastructure. The Chief Executive provided information on the Ferry and the Panel was reminded that this was not part of the Town Deal funding.

The Regeneration Programmes Manager explained that more detail on individual projects would be worked up once the projects had been signed off by the Town Deal Board. Member briefing sessions would be held on the projects in the autumn,

Officers responded to questions relating to the Guildhall Complex, the Creative Hub, match funding opportunities and contingency plans should match funding be unavailable.

In response to a question from Councillor Morley, the Regeneration Programmes Manager provided detail of the proposed projects and the ones that had been prioritised to go forward as part of the Town Deal.

Councillor Kemp addressed the Panel under Standing Order 34 and referred to the library. The Regeneration Programmes Manager provided detail and benefits of the proposed project.

The Regeneration Programmes Manager responded to questions relating to the Riverfront regeneration and the Vice Chair, Councillor Spikings commented that the Riverfront was a very important area of the town, had huge potential and she welcomed the regeneration in this area.

Councillor Crofts referred to the importance of tourism and making King's Lynn a destination for day trips and excursions.

In response to a question from Councillor de Whalley, the Regeneration Programmes Manager provided detail of the multiuser hub and potential sites for this. She also highlighted the partnership work with Norfolk County Council.

Councillor Bambridge referred to Town Centre Repurposing and the Regeneration Programmes Manager referred to the vacancy rates in the Town Centre and increasing residential density.

The Regeneration Programmes Manager explained that any project adjustments would be subject to approval by the MHCLG.

The Chair thanked the officers for their attendance and asked that Members be kept up to date on the progress of projects as appropriate.

RESOLVED: The information was noted.

The meeting closed at 5.45 pm