



**Corby TIP Board meeting  
Friday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2022 10am  
Via Teams**

	<p><b>Present:</b></p> <p>Cllr Smithers (Deputy Chair), Rob Harbour, Rob Bridge, Valerie Finke, Brian Degruchy, MP Tom Pursglove, Cllr Jason Smithers, Cllr Brackenbury, Cllr Pengelly, Helen Willmot, Pat Jones, Simon Phipps, Dan Pickard, Chris Jarman, Victoria Phillipson, Rebecca McHugo (minutes)</p>	
<b>1</b>	<p><b>Welcome and apologies</b></p> <p>Apologies received from the Chair, Lorna Dodge – It was noted that as deputy Chair Cllr Smithers is deputising as Chair for this meeting.</p> <p>Apologies received from Georgina Ager – It was noted that Pat Jones is attending in her place.</p> <p>Apologies received for Paul Ilko.</p>	<b>Cllr S / RM</b>
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Minutes from previous meeting</b></p> <p>The accuracy of the previous meeting minutes from were agreed.</p>	<b>Cllr S</b>
<b>4</b>	<p><b>Highlight Reports (document previously circulated to the Board)</b></p> <p>VF highlighted that the Sixth Form Summary Business Case has been passed and it has now moved on to the payment phase and the Planning Application has also been submitted.</p> <p>The combined Business Case for the Link Road and Smart and Connected Corby was submitted to DLUHC the end of June 2022.</p> <p>The MP, Cllr Smithers and Rob Bridge visited the various sites for the Town Fund including the Sixth Form College.</p> <p>Cllr Smithers highlighted the risks on the Highlight Report around payment – It was noted that this can be removed for the Sixth Form Business Case as this has now been approved however the combined Business Case for the Link Road and Smart and Connected Corby has only just been submitted and will therefore remain as a risk until it is approved and moves on to the payment phase (6-8 week approval time). VF also added that the Business Case for the Multi Use building isn't due in until the end of the year so this will also remain.</p>	<b>VF</b>



	<p>RH suggested that we expand slightly on the risks to disaggregate the risk attached to each business case for clarity.</p>	
<b>5</b>	<p><b>Bedford College verbal update on 6<sup>th</sup> Form College project</b></p> <p>Pat Jones provided update:</p> <p>PJ advised that there has been really good progress on this project.</p> <p>Planning went in on the 29<sup>th</sup> June to NNC and are waiting to check the progress of that as it goes through the stages.</p> <p>It was noted that they are currently in their two-stage procurement exercise for their principal contractor. They met with their 5 shortlisted contractors on Wednesday and intent to take 2 of those through to a stage 2 exercise of procurement.</p> <p>Stage 2 is an exercise around pricing against the stage 5 designs - it will take a few weeks to go through this exercise and they will then be able to award the final contract to one of the providers.</p> <p>PJ advised that early indications are that all of the stage 1 contractors that came through were over budget – reasonably confident/comfortable that this will work out to be within budget but if not the risk falls to the college to pick up the balance of that.</p> <p>Design Freeze – They have been working with the Head Teacher to ensure that they are comfortable with the layout of the internal work and have spent weeks going over that to make sure that it fits the ultimate curriculum (5 year plan drawn out).</p> <p>Zero Carbon objective – This is still on track and perfectly achievable. They have located some units in Denmark which have the highest coefficient production that they can find which makes it so much easier to achieve the zero-carbon agenda and is cheaper to run. These are on order with the manufacturers over in Denmark.</p> <p>There is an information day planned for next Wednesday in Corby Town Centre at a pop up shop. PJ advised if anyone would like to join them there to talk to the community any attendance would be appreciated. (from 3pm – 7pm)</p> <p>PJ asked VF whether there is a way of publicising this? VF advised if PJ could send the information over to her she will request for this to be publicised on the dedicated website.</p> <p>RB – With the pressures on construction costs and inflation, as a Board do we need a bit of an understanding and/or of risks over and above what was in the previous report (Highlight report) for each of the projects?</p>	<b>PJ</b>



	<p>PJ advised what they are doing from a Bedford College perspective – In terms of trying to mitigate inflationary rises they have gone ahead and pre ordered everything even without planning approval to secure the prices before they rise. It was noted that they have negotiation price freezes with some manufacturers. As part of their assessment with contractors they are ensuring that they go with somebody that is fixing their price.</p> <p>Cllr Pengelly – Raised the same concerns as RB in terms of risks related to all of the projects in terms of inflation. He also raised concerns around the units on order from Denmark and the costs to ship these over.</p>	
<b>6</b>	<p><b>Update on engagement, information events and investigative works being carried out on Oakley Road</b></p> <p>CJ provided update on the Station Links and Smart and Connected Corby and presented presentation on screen:</p> <p>As VF advised earlier the most recent milestone achieved was that the Summary Business Case was submitted in June 2022.</p> <p>Works continue to gather important information to aid future detail design including different surveys.</p> <p>In addition to the surveys, there is an engagement events period they are currently working towards and are in discussion around what the specifics are in terms of engagement / communication etc. to the public and key stakeholders – they will be working to develop this over the coming weeks and seeking approval to then go live with it towards the end of August.</p> <p>CJ outlined the key risks outlined within the Business Case around key decisions, inflationary costs / other changes once it gets to site etc.</p> <p>Cllr Pengelly – Myself and the Chief Executive mentioned around 4 months ago about consulting with the public – He has received concerns from the public around taking away the underpass, people losing parking spaces and disabled access at the end of the cycle route so this needs to be taken into consideration.</p> <p>CJ advised that he is not saying that there won't be any consultation and the timing of these things is important to ensure it is meaningful and not a 'tick box exercise'. Given that the scheme does still need to go through a number of stages of design this is seen as a good way of collating some of those views from the public and the stake holders.</p> <p>RB – Seeking clarification from CJ on this. There are several layers to the consultation process, engagement and understanding of what the proposals look like and getting feedback and then there is a more formal consultation in the Autumn once we have got the scheme</p>	<b>CJ</b>



	<p>design. We want to ensure that we can try and find a way through to make sure that this investment for the majority makes the big difference that we want it to make for Corby.</p> <p>David added that he agrees with RB's comments above and that there is no point having engagement or consultation if it's not meaningful and so we do need to take account of the views from members of the public and stake holders who respond to the engagement and the formal consultation to make the scheme as good as it can possibly be.</p> <p>David raised a second point around trying to future proof the costing as much as we can in a relatively high inflation. Ensure that our contingencies take this into account and future proof this scheme as well as all the others.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Communication</b>  Nothing raised.	<b>Cllr S</b>
<b>8</b>	<b>AOB</b>  VF advised that Georgia Agar was unable to attend this meeting but due to other commitments she won't be able to attend future meetings and it is therefore proposed that Pat Jones now takes the position that GA had on the Board and represent Tresham College – Board agreed, no comments/queries raised.  Cllr Pengelly advised that he agrees with the points raised in item 6 around people's expectations sometimes being too high and where we can't provide something it's about explaining why things can't be produced etc.	<b>Cllr S</b>
<b>11</b>	<b>Date of next meeting: 18<sup>th</sup> August 2022 10am – 12pm.</b>	