



**Corby TIP Board meeting
Friday 17th March 2023 10am – 12pm
Via Teams**

	<p>Present:</p> <p>Lorna Dodge (<i>Chair</i>), Brian Degruchy, Victoria Phillipson, Rob Bridge, Cllr Jason Smithers, Cllr David Brackenbury, Cllr David Buckingham, Cllr Martyn Reuby, Zara Parker, Rob Harbour, Hilary Chipping, Paul Thompson, Victoria Frayard, Mike Newport, Matthew Bradford, Diane Gamble, Duncan Rodgers, Rebecca McHugo (<i>Minutes</i>)</p>	
1	<p>Welcome and apologies</p> <p>Apologies of absence were noted for the following Board members:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">- MP Tom Pursglove – Zara Parker attended as substitute.- Nick Bolton- Cllr Mark Pengelly- Simon Phipps – Jack Gordon attended as substitute.- Daniel Pickard- Valerie Montgomery <p>It was noted that Valerie Finke's surname has changed to Montgomery.</p>	LD/RM
2	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>None noted.</p>	LD
3	<p>Minutes from previous meeting</p> <p>The accuracy of the previous meeting minutes from were agreed and no comments or amendments were raised.</p> <p>It was noted that the one outstanding action for VM to organise a site visit to the Multi-use building and Sixth Form College went ahead and therefore the action was closed.</p>	LD
4	<p>Introduce DLUHC lead for Corby – Matt Bradford</p> <p>The Chair welcomed Matt Bradford (MB), DLUHC Lead for Corby, and handed over to MB to introduce himself to the Board.</p> <p>MB introduced himself to the Board as the Area Coordinator for Milton Keynes, Northamptonshire and Bedfordshire.</p> <p>It was noted that MB works closely with VM and BD on Business Cases and Administration for the Town Fund.</p>	MB



	<p>MB advised that he will share his contact details with the Board after the meeting for any questions regarding the Towns Fund / DLUHC.</p> <p>During discussion the following key points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A query was raised by a member of the Board regarding the role of DLUHC and how they would help with communications/queries linked to local decisions around how the funding was allocated etc. MB advised that if residents have issues with projects that are being run by a Town Deal Board the communications should be coming to the Town Deal Board and not the department directly. MB added that DLUHC would write up a response to any correspondence received and that himself and Kevin will support the Board with the comments relating to projects DLUHC have agreed to Fund. It was noted that MB has liaised with VM and BD around the specific project issues and have helped formulate a response. • Brian D added that himself and VM meet weekly with MB and KH to discuss any project issues and communications. 	MB
5	<p>Multi-use Building project update</p> <p>The Chair handed over to Brian D to provide an update on the Multi-use Building project and the following points were raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Summary Business Case was submitted on time to DLUHC and has now been approved. • The request for quotation for the feasibility study is currently with Legal and is anticipated to be out by 24/03/23. BD added that as discussed at the last Board meeting, all Stakeholders were to be involved in the feasibility study. 	BD
6	<p>Update on Town Centre to Train Station and Smart & Connected Corby</p> <p>BD highlighted that DLUHC requested a cost update and therefore a cost benefit analysis and revision of the Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) is underway. BD requested it be noted that Kier have only had 6 weeks to turn this work around and it is a credit to them.</p> <p>Duncan Rogers introduced himself to the Board as the Design Director for Maintenance at Kier supporting the Northamptonshire contracts.</p> <p>Sarah Adkins introduced herself to the Board as Asset and Professional Services Manager at Kier.</p> <p>Public Engagement update:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Value for money 	DR



- Safety Concerns and loss of parking
- Ensuring good connection from the scheme in towards the train station

SA shared her screen to present the map and update on the Public Engagement:

- Kier reviewed the original concept drawings that were used as part of the public engagement and focussed on where costs could be reduced and where could be re-engineered to get the best value.
- SD explained the specific proposed amendments to the Train Station Link covering Elizabeth Street and Oakley Road referring to the map on screen.

During discussion the following key points were raised:

- In response to a query raised around utilising the underpass for cyclists as a dedicated cycle road, DR agreed that it is something they will look at in more detail and provide feedback on.
- In response to a query raised around the safety of cyclists crossing Oakley Road from the College to join the cycle path on the opposite side of the road, SA advised that Kier will carry out safety audits on the schemes and this will be looked at. DR added that if a solution is put in place it will be picked up through design and audit.
- The installation of a cycle rail alongside the stairs was discussed and DR advised that geometrically the only way a ramp could be installed would be to take up space from the car park but added that this is something Kier can look at as part of the detailed design.
- In response to a query raised regarding the next steps for this project BD advised that a revised summary business case will be produced by early next week which will go through the relevant processes with a deadline of the 1st April 2023 to be submitted to DLUHC. BD added that once this has been submitted to DLUHC, public engagement will follow. It was discussed in detail that ensuring the communication with the public is correct is a critical part in delivering this scheme.
- There was a discussion around the Benefit Cost Ratio increase and whether there's any scope for using the savings across the whole Towns Deal programme? It was advised that the current scheme cost is 7.3m plus 10% risk and contingency of the 7.6m grant however it is important to note that this is based off of the preliminary design. MB advised that if the project came in at an underspend, it is within the



	<p>DLUHC conditions that the savings can be used for other Towns Fund projects.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A member of the Board raised that the concern from residents is the amount of money that's going into a project that isn't considered to be 'needed' and that the budget for the Multi-use building isn't enough. It was suggested that if there is an underspend and the savings are used towards the Multi-use building this communication could help with resident feedback on this project. Another suggestion was made to use any potential savings to work on the greenery making the space more attractive and better for the environment. 	
7	<p>Bedford College verbal update and highlight report on 6th Form College project</p> <p>The Chair handed over to Pat Jones (PJ) to provide an update on the Sixth Form College project.</p> <p>PJ shared her screen and presented some recent progress pictures of the Sixth Form College building.</p> <p>During discussion the following key points were noted:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • As part of the fire strategy work it was identified that the current staircases are not wide enough for a full evacuation at speed and therefore the designs include a new stairway in order to help evacuation flow. • The windows are beginning to be installed and the roof works are ongoing and around 65% complete. • BD added that himself and VM visit the site every two weeks to take progress pictures and are aiming to get these uploaded to the website as soon as possible for the community to see. • It was noted that the College are planning to hold an open day for students, family and the public to visit the site and get a feel for what it's going to look like. 	PJ
8	<p>Communication</p> <p>BD advised that the final 'You Said We Did' document is currently with NNC's Communications team which will then be passed through approvals.</p> <p>It was suggested and agreed by the Board for a press release to be published on this document.</p> <p>It was agreed for BD/VM to share the 'You Said We Did' document with the Board.</p>	<p>LD</p> <p>BD/VM</p>



	BD highlighted that there is a provision date in April to meet with the Corby Town Council off the back of a request.	
9	AOB None noted.	LD
	Date of next meeting: Friday 28 th April 2023 Via Teams	