

Crewe Town Board

Agenda

Date: Friday, 30th September, 2022
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

1. **Apologies for Absence (1 Minute)**
To receive any apologies for absence.
2. **Declarations of Interest (1 Minute)**
To receive any declarations of interest.
3. **Minutes of Previous meeting (3 Minutes)** (Pages 3 - 8)
To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous virtual meeting held on 29 July 2022.
4. **Towns Fund Progress Update (45 Minutes)**
To receive a detailed update on the Towns Fund and Accelerated Funding Projects and to sign off the final Towns Fund project.
5. **Board Governance (30 Minutes)**
To receive an update in relation to Board Governance.
6. **Communication & Engagement Sub-Group Update (10 Minutes)**
To receive an update and paper from the Communication & Engagement Sub-Group.
7. **Strategic Update from Cheshire East Council (10 Minutes)**
To receive an update from the Director of Growth & Enterprise.
8. **AOB (5 Minutes)**
To put forward any other items of business.
9. **Date of Next Virtual Meeting**
To confirm the date of the next meeting as 28 October 2022 commencing at 9.30am.

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Membership: John Adlen, Andy Butler, Rick Carter, Paul Colman, Jasbir Dhesi, Sally Hepton, Mark Hills, Doug Kinsman (Chair), Councillor Nick Mannion, Dr Kieran Mullan MP, Councillor Jill Rhodes, Guy Kilminster and Simon Yates.

CHESHIRE EAST COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting of the **Crewe Town Board**
held on Friday, 29th July, 2022 at Virtual Meeting via Microsoft Teams

PRESENT

D Kinsman (Chair)

John Adlen, Andy Butler, Paul Colman, Sally Hepton, Guy Kilminster, Adam Knight, Dr Kieran Mullan MP, Cllr Nick Mannion and Simon Yates

OFFICERS IN ATTENDANCE

Alex Thompson, S151 Officer
Peter Skates, Director of Growth & Enterprise
Dr Charles Jarvis, Head of Economic Development
Carol Young, Policy and Partnerships Officer
Josie Lloyd, Democratic Services Officer

ALSO PRESENT

Ellie Cox
Daniel Lindsay
Lindsay Lewis

19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE (1 MINUTE)

Apologies for absence were received from Rick Carter, Jasbir Dhesi, Mark Hills, Cllr Jill Rhodes, Rhiannon Hilton, Jayne Traverse and Martin Wood.

20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST (1 MINUTE)

As the Towns Fund Progress Update had become a standing item on the agenda, it was agreed that the following declarations of interest would be recorded and used for all future meetings where this item would be discussed:

Dr Kieran Mullan MP, in the interest of openness, declared that he supported the Whitby Morrison ice cream element of the heritage centre fund and the wishing well element of the pocket parks fund.

In the interests of openness Councillor Jill Rhodes declared an interest as a political appointee of Cheshire East Council and Crewe Town Council.

In the interests of openness Simon Yates declared an interest in the Always Ahead Charity (for Flag Lane Baths).

21 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING (3 MINUTES)

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting held on 24 June 2022 be agreed as a correct record.

22 CHAIR & VICE CHAIR ANNUAL REVIEW (5 MINUTES)

RESOLVED:

That Doug Kinsman continue as Chair and Simon Yates continue as Vice-Chair of the Crewe Town Board.

23 TOWNS FUND PROGRESS UPDATE (2 HOURS)

The board received an update on the current status of various projects. This included:

- Lyceum Powerhouse - RIBA stage 3 costs had been received and a funding gap had been identified although this had been expected and opportunities to cover this were being pursued.
- Repurposing our High Streets – work on the business case was being reviewed by the appraiser. The finalised business case for this project was expected to come to the September board meeting for approval.
- Cumberland Arena - RIBA stage 2 costs identified a slight increase in costs and a value engineering exercise was underway to address this issue.
- Youthzone –further investigations and mitigations would be taken forward in relation to the financial aspects of the RIBA stage 2 report.
- Ly2 – on target for works to start in the autumn

Daniel Lindsay from Ekosgen presented the Crewe Towns Fund tranche 3 assessment summary which included recommendations for formal conditions of funding as well as wider recommendations for the board to be aware of as part of the ongoing management of the projects.

RESOLVED:

That the board agree the following projects and submit them to the Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities:

- Lyceum Powerhouse
- Warm and Healthy Homes
- Cumberland Arena
- Mill Street Corridor
- Valley Brook Corridor

24 COMMUNICATION & ENGAGEMENT SUB-GROUP UPDATE (10 MINUTES)

A report was due to come to the next board meeting in September on options for providing further support to the board.

A press release had been prepared on the latest projects that had received government backing and was awaiting sign off.

RESOLVED:

That the update be noted.

25 AOB (5 MINUTES)

There were no other items of business.

26 DATE OF NEXT VIRTUAL MEETING

The date of the next meeting would be 30 September 2022.

D Kinsman (Chair)

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Meeting Actions from the virtual meeting held on 29 July 2022

#	Action	Owner	Status
1	Sub-groups Sports and Open Spaces A review of the direction and aims of the forum would be conducted. Youth Sub-Group – Information had been circulated but disappointed with the responses received so far.	KM, JA, DK/CJ	Ongoing
2	GP Social Prescribing Funding – The feasibility study was submitted on the 28 April and a bid for £963,000 was made – A response was expected in June as to whether the bid had been successful.	GK	Ongoing
3	Terms of Reference These would be published on Cheshire East Council and Crewe Town Council's websites.	DK/CJ	Ongoing
4	Communication and Engagement Sub-Group Discussions had taken place in respect of potential additional resources and a paper would be brought back following the July board meeting.	DK/CJ	Ongoing
5	Anti-Social Behaviour – Crewe Market Square The Board agreed to write to the SKEP Group, which included the anti- social behaviour team who were responsible for safety around Crewe town centre and John Dwyer, the Police Crime Commissioner.	DK	Ongoing

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