

## BRIEFING PAPER

### Town Board for Crewe

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**Date of Meeting:** 09<sup>th</sup> April 2021  
**Report Title:** Towns Fund Progress Update  
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#### 1. TIP Application Status & Progress

The Board is yet to hear back from MHCLG around the progress of the Town Investment Plan. It is unlikely there will be any announcement on the outcome of Cohort 3 Towns until the purdah period for the local Government elections have passed. It is likely therefore the announcement will happen somewhere between post-election and the Government going into recess at the end of May. If and when the Heads of Terms are offered by the Government, there will be a 3 week window to negotiate and agree their return.

#### 2. Capacity Funding Allocation

The Crewe Town Board was originally allocated £162,019 as part of the Capacity Funding from the Towns Fund. A breakdown of the expenditure of this fund can be found below. Additional Capacity Funding was applied for to assist with the fees associated with this project and the Crewe Town Board has since been awarded with £40,000, making the total fund available £202,019. The additional funding is required for Stage 2 business cases, to assist the development of the project briefs and meet Government requirements.

#### 3. TIP Stage 2

An initial meeting has taken place with Hatch Associates and Cheshire East Council around the work required for Stage 2. Separately both parties will complete a gap analysis for the TIP projects, which will then be compared and finalised. The outcome of this will be used as a basis to negotiate the fees for Stage 2.