

# Grays Town Board

## Notes of meeting / Key action points

9am to 11am, 31 January 2020

The Board Room, The Old Courthouse, Orsett Road, Grays, RM17 5DD

### Attendance

#### Board Members:

- Cllr Mark Coxshall, Thurrock Council
- Jackie Doyle-Price MP
- Lucy Harris, Creative People and Places Partnership
- Justin Thomas, New River

#### Council Support:

- Irina Blanks, Senior Project Officer
- Rebecca Ellsmore, Programmes and Projects Manager
- Brian Priestley, Programme Manager
- David Moore, Interim Assistant Director Place Delivery
- Andy Millard, Director of Place

#### Apologies:

- Adam Bryant, Chief Executive Officer, SELEP
- Kristina Jackson, Thurrock CVS
- Angela O'Donoghue, South Essex College
- Teresa O'Keeffe, Riverside Community
- Cllr M Kerin, Thurrock Council

1.	Welcome and Introduction	Action
JDP	JDP Welcomed everyone Great things already happening in Grays and opportunities to build on these. Challenge now is to take full advantage of it, put together a bid that takes advantage up to £25M available	
2.	Introduction to the Towns Fund	
DM	DM gave an overview presentation explaining the key features of the Towns Fund and outlining previous work in the area completed by the Council (presentation attached). DM noted that the overall timescale is still unclear and that the Board should be aware that the proposed timetable frame might be compressed when further guidance is produced by MHCLG.	

	<p>A public consultation for Grays town Centre is being planned. It covers a lot of projects which will be picked up in the Future High Street Fund and Towns Fund bids. Consultation is being planned for February 17<sup>th</sup> until March 15<sup>th</sup>.</p> <p>The Board supported the creation of an Advisory Group to provide a level of local consultation. A potential list of Members was included in the pack and other suggestions welcomed.</p>	
	<p><b>Action 1: Board members to provide suggestions for additional advisory group members</b></p>	<b>Board</b>
	<p>DM mentioned Future High Street Fund, initial draft business case is 16<sup>th</sup> of March, refined and Final Business case will be submitted in June 2020.</p> <p>Wide ranging discussion around options for providing culture as part of the town centre economy.</p>	
	<p><b>Action 2: Provide review of findings of previous work on Thameside Complex</b></p>	<b>TBC</b>
	<p>The Board expressed concern that both the Board and Advisory group are heavily public sector driven and agreed that further private sector involvement should be secured.</p> <p>DM is happy to do a presentation to private sector groups should it be required.</p> <p>Lucy Harris is happy to do an initial engagement with businesses.</p>	
	<p><b>Action 3: Board members to identify and establish contact with other potential members</b></p>	<b>TBC</b>
	<p><u>The Board at the next meeting wants to understand:</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. The red line boundary for the Investment Plan</li> <li>2. Who the key players are.</li> <li>3. Asset map – land/business owners.</li> </ol> <p>Suggestion by the Board members included: Richmond Road, Hogg Land, London Roan, Meesons Lane, Long Lane, Treacle Mine, Civic Offices and Grays Beach, Hathaway Road, Civic space down to Socket Heath and Blackshots.</p>	
	<p><b>Action 4: Provide a red line map as discussed, note key business players and asset owners</b></p>	<b>TBC</b>
	<p>The Board expressed a desire to have a look at the arrival into Grays and look at small things, such as improving entrance points.</p>	
<b>3</b>	<p><b>Role of the Board</b></p>	
JDP	<p>The Terms of Reference and Terms of Governance were circulated with the agenda and hard copies provided in the information pack.</p> <p>It was noted that the guidance expects the ToR and ToG to be consistent with the Councils own.</p> <p><b>Approved: The Terms of Reference and Terms of Governance were unanimously approved.</b></p> <p><b>Approved: The Chair and Deputy chair were unanimously agreed</b></p>	

	Chair: Justin Thomas Deputy Chair: Jackie Doyle- Price	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Proposed agenda focus and meeting schedule</b>	
JT	Proposed agenda agreed, subject to further MHCLG guidance Agreed meetings will be at 18.30 on Thursdays on a monthly basis	
	<b>Action 5: Send further dates for upcoming meetings</b>	<b>TBC</b>
<b>6.</b>	<b>Any other Business</b>	
JT	<b>Action 6: Create Objective Connect and distribute meeting notes, presentation and action list</b>	<b>TBC</b>
	<b>Action 7: Provide indicative budget for expenditure of £160,019</b>	<b>TBC</b>
	<b>Action 8: Create Grays Towns Fund email address</b>	<b>TBC</b>
	DM advised a picture will be taken at the next board  New River consultation 28 & 29 February design charrette, deep level engagement. Justin will send around dates for New River consultations. JTP is an architect who has to prepare a list of key private sector business, corporations and individuals that we want to have a say.	