



CITY DEAL

Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal - Stewardship Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th October, 2020 at 2.30 pm at the Zoom Virtual Meeting - Zoom

Present

Karl Tupling (Chairman)

Angie Ridgewell
Adrian Philips

Gary Hall

In Attendance

Mark Rawstron, Lancashire Enterprise Partnership
County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE, Leader, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Matthew Brown, Leader, Preston City Council
Councillor Paul Foster, Leader, South Ribble County Council
Chris Hayward, Director of Development and Housing, Preston City Council
Martin Hill, Skills & Employment Coordinator, Lancashire Skills Hub
Jonathan Noad, Director of Planning and Property, South Ribble Borough Council
Jonathan Behan, Homes England
Stephen Young, Executive Director of Growth Environment Transport and Community Services, Lancashire County Council
Steve Burns, Head of Service - Strategic Development, Lancashire County Council
Phil Green, Director of Growth, Environment and Planning, Lancashire County Council
Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council
Jo Ainsworth, LEP and Special Projects Finance Manager, Lancashire County Council
Joanne Hudson, Project Manager, Lancashire County Council
Phil Wilson, Central Lancashire Master Plan Delivery Manager, Lancashire County Council
Marcus Hudson, Planning Manager, Lancashire County Council
Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council
Homairah Sheth, Project Officer, Lancashire County Council
Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council
Misbah Mahmood, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council
Craig Alker, Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Peter Moss, Preston City Council (nominated City Deal Observer) County
Councillor Michael Green, Cabinet Member, Lancashire County Council (nominated City Deal Observer)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

It was noted that Steve Fogg, Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Chairman had

nominated Mark Rawstron to be the City Deal Executive Chairman and Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Strategic Development Lead (Stewardship Board Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Member), with Steve Fogg being the Deputy Chair. Apologies were received from Steve Fogg.

2. Minutes of the City Deal Executive meeting held on 14 July 2020

Resolved: The minutes of the City Deal Executive meeting held on 14th July 2020 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

3. Minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 14 July 2020

Resolved: The minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 14th July 2020 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

It was noted that following the discussion at the last meeting of the Board held on 14 July 2020, the meeting between Homes England, Preston City Council and South Ribble Borough Council to discuss the opportunity of having a direct relationship with Homes England to deliver affordable housing directly, via a long term strategic partnership, will be arranged imminently.

5. Declarations of Interest

None

6. Homes England Quarterly Monitoring Progress Update Reports Q1 and Q2 2020/21

Jonathan Behan from Homes England presented a report (circulated) which provided City Deal Members with the Quarterly Monitoring for Quarter 1 – April – June 2020 and Quarter 2 – July to September 2020.

Updates were provided on the progress made across the Homes England Portfolio. Following previous meetings, it was noted that both the Q1 and Q2 reports now contained details of the affordable housing provision across all the sites in the portfolio. Karl Tupling also confirmed that future reports would include information in relation to sites that had not achieved the target number of affordable homes and why this was the case (see minute 8 below).

In terms of specific updates for Quarter 1:

- Operations across all sites had ceased following the Covid-19 outbreak and the national lockdown.
- The third phase of the Cottam Hall project had been completed.
- The Preston East Expansion site was being marketed and initial bids had been received.

In terms of specific updates for Quarter 2:

- Operations were starting to continue following the end of the national lockdown.
- There were 24 completions carried out.
- The tender process to appoint the developer partner in relation to Phase 5 of Cottam Hall had started.
- The masterplan for Pickerings Farm had been refused by the Planning Committee meeting at South Ribble Borough Council held on 17 September 2020. Discussions were continuing with officers.

It was noted that although no loan or grant payments were made during Q1 and Q2, it was expected that payments would be made throughout the remainder of the year.

Resolved: That, the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the contents of the reports and the progress made by Homes England during both Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 of 2020/21.

7. City Deal Social Value Update

Martin Hill, City Deal Skills and Employment Co-ordinator, Lancashire Skills Hub presented a report (circulated) which provided an update on the delivery of Social Value across the City Deal project portfolio and the project level reporting arrangements in place across the live City Deal projects.

The report contained details of the Social Value Case Study undertaken in relation to the Penwortham Bypass, John Horrocks Way, which highlighted the social and economic benefits of the project. It was noted that this was the first detailed Social Value report relating to a completed project.

City Deal Members noted both the social and economic impacts of the scheme and requested that any further report being brought to the Board should be called 'City Deal Social and Economic Value Update'.

City Deal Members also requested recruitment opportunities be targeted to those sectors and communities who had adversely been affected by the Covid-19 pandemic and the social value aspect of any future report should be strengthened.

Resolved: That, the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the report and in particular the Penwortham Bypass Social Value Case Study.

8. Affordable Housing Provision Update

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn from the meeting. This was due to the most up-to-date figures being unavailable at the time of this meeting. In addition it was anticipated that the report would be provided at the next meeting of the Executive and Stewardship Board.

Due to concerns from City Deal Members of why a number of sites had fallen below the 30% planning policy threshold, it was noted that future Homes England reports would indicate next to each of the sites, the current compliant level, the quantum actually delivered and include a brief explanation as to why the actual numbers delivered might be below the 30% threshold.

9. Infrastructure Delivery Performance Monitoring Report - Quarter 1 April - June 20

Sarah Parry, Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) which provided a progress update on the City Deal infrastructure projects during Quarter 1 (April – June 2020).

The report highlighted the status of each of the projects and showed which projects were on track, those that were delayed due to Covid-19 and those with issues that needed to be resolved.

Resolved: That, the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the report.

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next Combined City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board meeting was scheduled for Tuesday 1 December 2020 at 2:30pm.

12. Exclusion of the Press and Public

Resolved: That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated against the heading of each item. It is considered that in all the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

13. City Deal Review

Sarah Parry, Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided updates on the progress made by the City Deal review since the last meeting of the board.

It was noted that the funding decisions originally due to come to this meeting had been deferred to the next meeting of the board on 1 December 2020.

Resolved: That the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board:

- i. Noted the report;
- ii. Supported the work being undertaken to negotiate and agree a revised funding model and legal terms; and
- iii. Requested that the negotiations be concluded in order to receive final proposals for adoption at the Executive and Stewardship Board meeting scheduled for 1st December 2020.

14. A582 South Ribble Western Distributor

Marcus Hudson, Planning Manager, Lancashire County Council presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided an update on the A582 South Ribble Western Distributor scheme, including the progress made to date.

City Deal Members noted that a number of decisions were due to be taken by each council and it was requested that the most up-to-date costing information be included in the revised financial model that was currently being prepared by the finance advisors.

Resolved: That, the City Deal Executive noted the report.

15. Preston Western Distributor Update

Phil Wilson, Central Lancashire Master Plan Delivery Manager, Lancashire

County Council presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided an update on the Preston Western Distributor scheme, including the progress made to date.

City Deal Members requested that a City Deal Social and Economic Value Update be included as part of the reporting process of every major infrastructure scheme that was provided to the Board including the PWD.

Resolved: That, the City Deal Executive noted the current programme and financial position of the Preston Western Distributor Scheme.

16. City Deal Finance Monitoring Report - Quarter 1 (April to June 2020)

Jo Ainsworth, Principal Accountant, Lancashire County Council, presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided the City Deal Finance Monitoring for Quarter 1 – April 2020 to June 2020.

Resolved: That, the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board

- i. Noted the June 2020 Finance Update; and
- ii. Noted the work ongoing and required to be resolved to address the deficit forecast in the infrastructure delivery model.