



Minutes of the Connected Coast Board for Mablethorpe and Skegness held on Thursday, 30th June 2022
Meeting held via Zoom.

Attendees	Position	Initials
Chris Baron	Chair	CB
Claire Draper	Mellors Group (vice chair)	CD
Freddie Chambers	Lindum Group	FC
Mick Lazarus	DLUHC	ML
Jacqui Bunce	Lincolnshire Clinical Commissioning Group	JBu
Cllr Steve Kirk	Portfolio Holder for Coastal Economy, ELDC	SK
Cllr Colin Davie	Lincolnshire County Council	CD
Justin Brown	Lincolnshire County Council	JB
Cllr Helen Matthews	Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea Town Council	HM
Cllr Adrian Benjamin	Mablethorpe & Sutton on Sea Town Council	AB
Janet Stubbs	British Garden Centres	JS
John Latham	University of Lincoln	JL
Robert Parker	MicronClean	RP
Lydia Rusling	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	LR
Adrian Clarke	TEC Partnership	AC
Chris Reid	Victoria Atkins MP Office	CR
Deborah Campbell	Environment Agency	DC
Stephanie Dickens	Matt Warman MP Office	SD
Cllr Tony Tye	Skegness Town Council	TT
Paula Finlayson	Sustainable Direction	PF
Support Officers in Attendance		
Ivan Annibal	Rose Regeneration on behalf of S&ELCP	IA
Martin Kay	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership (S&ELCP)	MK
Tim Sampson	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	TS
Emilie Wales	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	RH
Jon Burgess	South & East Lincolnshire Council Partnership	JBur
Michelle Gant	The Engaging People	MG
Alice Ullathorne	Heritage Lincolnshire	AU
Saul Farrell	Heritage Lincolnshire	SF

Item		Action
1.	Welcome, introductions and apologies for absence	CB
	CB welcomed the Board to today's meeting. Apologies for absence were recorded from Cllr Leyland; Sandra Williamson; Michelle Sacks; Caroline Killeavy; Robert Caudwell Sarah Louise Fairburn; James Brindle; Ruth Carver; Sandra Watson	
2.	Declaration of Interest	ALL
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Freddie Chambers – Lindum Group (for Campus for Future Living) • Claire Draper – Mellors Group (for Cultural Development Fund item) 	
3.	Minutes of Board Meeting held on 24^h March 2022	ALL
	The minutes from the last Connected Coast Board Meeting were approved as a true and accurate record, with no amends.	
4.	Matters Arising	ALL
	No matters arising	
5.	Risk registers and Update on projects	IA
	<p>The Board received a report from Ivan Annibal summarising the current status of programme risk and project updates</p> <p>i) Skegness Investment Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Learning Campus</i> - Discussion included the need to ensure complementary models of support and progression when developing the enterprise focus of the Learning Campus further in order to add value to established facilities such as the Aura Business Centre and E-Factor. It was noted that additional funding streams may become available to enhance the enterprise offer out of the TEC Campus further but that the focus should be on avoiding competition with other facilities to ensure a throughput of local talent and clear models of growth and expansion. Assurance was also given by AC that Heads of Terms are being progressed to finalise the site boundary and land purchase and no major issues with the landowner are delaying or hindering completion. <p>ii) Mablethorpe Investment Plan</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • <i>Sutton on Sea Colonnade</i> - It was confirmed that the Sutton on Sea Colonnade project remains on track to complete by Easter 2024, but further site layout amends that are required to resolve the Section 30 Agreement terms will result in updated designs that will need to be re-consulted on via the local planning process. DC confirmed that the latest Section 30 Agreement is currently being considered by the Agency's legal team and that the scheme would also still require an additional EA permit for the proposed works, prior to being able to start on site. It was confirmed that the District Council's Executive Board will recommend to Full Council that an additional budget to install a hard standing surface on the Broadway Car Park is added to the Council's Capital Programme for the current financial year. AB proposed that the Colonnade project needed a new name as it progressed through the delivery stage to completion. • <i>Campus for Future Living</i> – IA confirmed that a number of positive discussions are being progressed with potential operators, academic and medical research organisations to develop an exciting, comprehensive and coordinated business model to deliver the operational phase of the project. • <i>Leisure and Learning Hub</i> - It was confirmed that potential inflationary pressures on utility costs had not impacted on the revenue forecasts for the project at this stage which still remains on track to deliver the Full Business Case as intended. LR agreed to share an update on the appraisal of the preferred site location for the 	

	<p>Leisure and Learning Hub following further commercial analysis from Alliance Leisure and Max Associates, as well as the synergies and connectivity with the Campus for Future Living site on Stanley Avenue.</p> <p>iii) Heritage Lincolnshire</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was confirmed that there has been strong early demand for heritage transformation grants in Skegness, with a number of expressions of interest across Lumley Road and the High Street. ● A community led approach will be undertaken in Mablethorpe to consider how the project funding can best address local community ideas and aspirations to enhance the high street. ● Assurance was given that delivering the targeted skills placement outputs is still being developed as a central part of the project planning and implementation. ● AU Strong demand from Skegness. Some impact from cost-of-living increases. Delay with Mablethorpe re. MobiHub. Engagement with community. Grants Panel established. <p>iv) General</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● It was noted that inflation continues to present a challenging picture across the construction sector with the industry experiencing ongoing pressures around skills, supply chain and availability of materials. It was further recognised that covid may continue to adversely impact on the availability of labour across the supply chain into and across the winter season. Mindful of contingencies and value engineering. ● CDa Challenging picture with inflation. Further waves of Covid and impact on industries. Recession by Christmas. ● ML confirmed that the project adjustment requests for the Mobi-Hub and Campus for Future Living have been assessed and recommended for approval by DLUHC but are still subject to formal Ministerial sign off. A formal decision is expected within 2-3 weeks. ML also thanked ELDC and the Connected Coast Board for the professional approach adopted in considering and addressing the need for the project adjustments. Some of the underlying issues around cost pressures are common across a number of Town Deal areas and the approach adopted for the Mablethorpe projects is being presented to Ministers as an example of good practice. ● It was confirmed that the technical subgroups would be re-established following the submission of the Full Business Cases for all projects. MK to confirm current groups and participants, with a view to setting up the next sub-group meetings in late July/early August. <p>iv) Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● IA advised that monitoring and delivery of spend, and output targets are a critical focus within HM Government. ML confirmed that the use of freedoms and flexibilities should be encouraged to achieve spend profiles. ML also advised that Ministers are being regularly briefed on the delivery pressures being experienced by projects across Town Deal areas and there are no clawback provisions currently within the Towns Fund agreements. 	
6.	Communications (attached Communications Plan and verbal update)	MG
	The Board welcomed the communications plan and summary from MG on the associated principles and objectives being established to raise interest and awareness of all Connected Coast activities.	

	<p>It was recognised that the delivery plan is a dynamic document and would be kept up to date with key messages on everything that is happening across the various projects. Board Members will receive copies of all press releases alongside separate monthly updates. Monitoring and evaluation of all communications activity will also be reported back to future Board meetings.</p> <p>The new website is now live, with feedback requested to LR before wider publicity is undertaken on the revised layout/content.</p>	
7, 8, 9	Levelling Up, Shared Prosperity Fund, Cultural Development Fund	LR, IA
	<p>The Board welcomed the update from EW on the submission of the Levelling Up Fund proposals which are focussed on a package bid of three projects across the market towns of Alford (Burgh Windmill and Manor House) and Spilsby (Sessions House). It was noted that LCC still have a commitment and requirement to repair Burgh Windmill outside of the Levelling Up process, but the limited national supply of millwrights is likely to delay all associated works to Alford and Burgh into 2024.</p> <p>Further information relating to the proposals are available on the East Lindsey District Council website: East Lindsey to submit ambitious £10m Levelling Up bid - East Lindsey District Council https://www.e-lindsey.gov.uk/</p> <p>ML agreed to note and feedback concerns from the Board that the success of Lincolnshire County Council under Round 1 of the Levelling Up Fund had hindered the ability of local authorities in other areas of the County to apply for transport related funding in Round 2.</p> <p>It was confirmed that East Lindsey has received an allocation of £4.4million under the UK Shared Prosperity Fund. Whilst the allocation is not subject to a competitive bidding process it still requires the submission and agreement of an investment plan in August this year and approval of project oversight and governance arrangements. ML extended the offer to talk to all local authority areas to help guide and inform the submission of the necessary investment plans into HM Government.</p> <p>It was noted that an application for £5million is being submitted to the Cultural Development Fund which would allocate funding to complete the final phase of the Skegness Culture House and separate enhancements to the strip of land adjacent to the south of Skegness Pier. The focus on the Skegness Pier works would be on delivering enhanced external aesthetics, public realm works and new settings for pop-up creative enterprises rather than additional revenue generating activities for the Mellors Group.</p> <p>Via a unanimous vote, it was agreed that the Connected Coast Board would be willing to become part of the formal governance structures for monitoring and endorsing the delivery of additional local growth projects under the associated funding streams. This is consistent with the original aim of the Board in bringing together key partners and expertise to ensure and promote synergies across related projects, rather than creating or duplicating individual disparate board structures for separate funding programmes. Membership and terms of reference for the Connected Coast Board could be reviewed and broadened as required to ensure appropriate representation on either the main Board or associated sub-groups to monitor approved activity in others towns or project sites outside of the initial Towns Fund Investment Plans for the East Lindsey coast.</p>	
8.	Any Other Business	CB
	<p>CB repeated his acknowledgement and gratitude for the work of everyone involved in submitting the successful Towns Fund business cases into Government. ML confirmed that East Lindsey is seen positively within HM Government as an area that is delivering on our contracted requirements well ahead of many other Town Deal areas.</p>	

	<p>CB requested updated visuals on EMR Railway Station to reflect the planned investment in Skegness</p> <p>CB need to bear down on issues for spend pressures.</p> <p>It was confirmed that future Board meetings would be scheduled on a bi-monthly basis and MK will look to set up new technical subgroups before the next Board takes place.</p> <p>The next Board meeting has been arranged for 8 September 2022 at 10:00 am venue confirmed as Embassy Theatre, Grand Parade, Skegness, Lincolnshire, PE25 2UG</p>	
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