

Aylesbury Garden Town – Project Board Meeting, Joint with Delivery Team

2pm – 4pm Tuesday 22nd October 2019

PRESENT: Cllr C. Harriss (**CH**) (BCC), Cllr C. Paternoster (**CaP**) (AVDC), T. Lane (**TL**) (AVDC), Stephen Hill (**SH**) (HYAS), L. Michelson (**LM**) (BCC), N. Gibson (**NG**) (BCC), R. Harrington (**RH**) (BTVLEP), R. Jeremy (**RJ**) (AGT), P. Brockway (**PB**) (HYAS), E. Catcheside (**EC**) (HYAS), G. McIlwaine (**GMc**) (AGT), G. Merry (**GM**) (AGT), S. Kitchen (**SK**) (AVDC), C. Britton (**CB**) (AVDC), W. Rysdale (**WR**) (AVDC), G. Tucker (**GT**) (Taylor Wimpey), J. Rippon (**JR**) (BCC).

APOLOGIES: Cllr B. Chapple (**BC**) (BCC), Cllr A. Macpherson (**AM**) (AVDC), C. Perkins (**CeP**) (AGT), C. Faine (**CF**) (SEMLEP).

1. Welcome, Introductions, Overview

	Action By
Cllr. C. Harris recognised as Chair whilst Cllr. B. Chapple unavailable. CM was welcomed back to the team after leave.	

2. Minutes and Actions from Last Meeting

	Action By
All parties were happy with minutes from previous meetings.	

3. Vision Sign Off

	Action By
<p>CH and NG commented on the numerous improvements made to the vision with NG expressing a keen interest to get on with the release of the Vision to be used as a soft launch of the Masterplan.</p> <p>There was recognition that we needed to put a bit more emphasis on the excitement that Garden Town presents as well as the new employment opportunities that will be presented.</p> <p>A discussion on the best way to answer funding questions during the consultation process was tabled. NG highlighted that the future (2020-2050) element will draw on existing and new funding streams. Regarding the funding AGT will be looking at how the money is spent rather than how much we have.</p> <p>Capacity funding has been bid for, with the understanding that we should hear back on the awarded amount soon.</p>	

<p>There is recognition from the Board and Delivery Team that as a team AGT needs to be pushing to be more edgy which would be best achieved through our view of roads, our approach to planning and the possibility of changing sovereignty of sites and plans. We should approach everything</p> <p>The board recognised that the official government approach to driving economic growth is through skills and innovation, so we as a board and a town need to think what skills apply to Aylesbury.</p> <p>RH recognised that if the industrial strategy is geared towards skills and innovation it would be good to see that come through by the use of Aylesbury as a test bed.</p> <p>It was highlighted by LM that the language of “test bed” isn’t in the current version of the Vision and that this may need to be included or at least a couple of minor wording changes made to highlight innovation more.</p> <p>NG raised the question of is Aylesbury ready for innovation and if so, at what point do we start to take actions such as closing roads/carparks? We need to make sure that in regards to innovation the bar is set at an achievable level.</p> <p>CH we need to be aware of what we want Aylesbury to become, there is a risk that by pushing the great place to live stance we may turn the town into a dormitory town.</p> <p>Whilst this is a valid point, the Vision does discuss Aylesbury as the focal heart of culture and services.</p>	
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4. Engagement Programme for Vision and Masterplan

	Action By
<p>There was an update from SH with the schedule for the Vision and Masterplan engagement; we will be taking advantage of the time we have now to unveil the Masterplan to key consultees.</p> <p>We will be reaching out to the Statutory consultees before Christmas to hopefully weed out any major changes that may be needed. We will also be looking to arrange an engagement session with businesses early January.</p> <p>NG highlighted that it may be more beneficial to engage with a small group now to get the ball rolling.</p> <p>SH we are double checking dates for engagement at the moment and will be asking for some comments on the aspirations of the documents. Moving forward, we are looking to hold a Board meeting in January, February and March of 2020 to keep the board apprised of anything that</p>	<p>Completed prior to release of minutes</p>

<p>may emerge from the consultation process.</p> <p>CaP reminded that Aston Clinton Parish Council should be included due to a part of the Woodlands site being under their purview.</p> <p>NG suggested that there is a Buckinghamshire Growth Board on the 14th of November that it may be pertinent for AGT to attend.</p> <p>There was a brief discussion around the venue(s) to be used in January, an ongoing conversation with Planning Policy at AVDC is occurring with the likely hood of reusing many of the venues used for VALP.</p> <p>There was a suggestion from DF that we may be able to use one of the vacant lots in Haleys although this would be subject to availability.</p> <p>Any other ideas or opportunities that could be exploited for the public engagement in January should be sent to Gmcilwaine@ayelburyvaledc.gov.uk</p>	
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5. Community Partnership Fund Launch

	Action By
<p>Confirmed that the Community Funding pot should be launching on the 4th of November.</p> <p>Requesting that the Chair will be one of the members of the Funding board who will have decision making powers to decide which community projects receive funding.</p> <p>There is ongoing good publicity to the Community GROW project with emerging works to expand into other areas of Aylesbury.</p> <p>DF has links to resident groups in the Town Centre and is happy to share with CeP.</p> <p>It was also recommended that we are in communication with housing providers.</p> <p>It was recognised that some extra thought needs to go into the long term goal and purpose of Community GROW and Play Streets. Especially regarding the latter do they become monthly?</p>	

6. Budget Report

	Action By
<p>A further capacity bid is in place; we are still awaiting confirmation but should be hearing within the next week or so.</p> <p>Contingencies for failure to receive funding, it was tabled that we will receive something, however achieving 100% of our bid amount is unlikely, therefore a high bid was submitted so that if we receive less than the full amount we will still be in a good position with funding.</p> <p>It was recognised by NG + WR that the bidding process for Aylesbury Garden Town needs to be added to the Unitary process.</p> <p>We do need to be aware that, subject to review, 2020 to 2021 is likely to be the last year of government capacity funding.</p>	

7. Update on Resources

	Action By
<p>LM updated on resourcing and imminent closing of Aylesbury Garden Town job application.</p> <p>WR highlighted that the current Programme Manager Role is only until December and will need revisiting.</p>	

8. Items for future Board

	Action By
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Presentation by ADEPT • Delivery working group update • LCWIP update • Projects update • Cycle hub details 	

9. Dates of Future Meetings

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Jan 20th – 2 to 4pm – Jubilee Room AVDC • Feb 12th – 2 to 4pm – Jubilee Room AVDC 	

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| • Mar 11 th – 2 to 4pm – Mezzanine 1 BCC | |
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