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Attendees:

John Mallinson	Elaine Herbert	Julie Mennell
Colin Glover	Naomi Hollows	Paul Musgrave
Paul Nedved	Jane Meek	Rob Brittain
David Allen	Jenson Kemp	John Stevenson
David Jackson	Joanne Spencer	Cyril Weber
Emma Porter	Jo Lappin	Steven Robinson
Hannah Fleming	Mark Boyling	Ken Lau

Apologies:

Alison Hatcher

Carlisle Town Deal

JaM – No decision yet on town deal, Decision is on its way fingers crossed we will hear that soon.

NH – Can't give a date at the moment, probably won't be this month.

SR – presenting barrow update.

NH – From the time heads of terms are offered, there is a period of 2 weeks where Carlisle City council will choose to accept or reject.

JaM – Similar process to Growth Deal, we have experience on the process that is involved with that.

JL: Worth bearing in mind that allocation may not match the funding request. In the first round of applications there was only town that got more than 25m, Barrow did very well in getting 25m. There is now a massive task on developing assurances and business cases. Need to ensure of all Cumbrian Local Authorities have the capacity to deliver.

JaM – Issue that we are considering internally to make sure we have the resources in place, ensure we have the governance in process, something that we are dealing with internally.

JuM – Recognition that we may not get all the funding we asked for, particular project that we are mindful of the way they were constructed. 3 options we considered in funding. Considered at the board and recommended to the board at last meeting. Probably worth emphasising rather than a reduced offer, Barrow bid was a bold one which recognised limit was £25m but we would try for a bit more, hence there was an expectation £25m would be a very good outcome

EP: Keen to learn lessons from Barrow's experience

SR: We made sure our projects are scaleable in case we need to scale down, Carlisle are in the same position with the Future high street fund, it might be a case of reducing the budget for the projects or maybe taking some out.

DA: CVS has been involved in barrow Bid, community work has taken a bit of a hit through communications and challenges, really crucial that all bids continue to consider how they ensure community buy in going forward.

Transport and Movement Study

SR – presenting update on Transport and Movement Study

DJ: Express concern about city centre, and need to focus efforts there even more now that more large retail sites are becoming vacant.

JaM – Conscious of the issues that are facing the high street, the FHSF includes projects but there are new issues emerging such as Debenhams and Topshop, we are working with the management of the Lanes to address the concerns of empty units. There is a lot of work to be done but there are a number of projects in the FHSF to address that.

EP: Is there anything specific that we are not doing that we are supposed to be.

DJ: retail premises and properties are an issue, public realm is very poor when you compare it to other cities.

PN: Recognised the challenges of the high street, the Council will be proactive to address these challenges.

EP: Potential for Carlisle to make use of its Blue/Green infrastructures.

HF: Riverside are looking at delivering investment into some of the neighbourhoods in Carlisle which is joined with Carlisle CC and Cumbria CC ideas.

SR: Agree with the points on the river. It is the way with the city has evolved and over time and the city may have turned its back on the river. Caldew riverside is about delivering a housing scheme ultimately but its also about improving the river corridor in that area and providing a walking and cycling route.

JS: Key things are gaining access to city centre and places of work, Clearly the city centre is going through a period of rapid change, we need to see the city centre as an experience as well as a shopping area. Our transport and movement study should be looking at easy access to the town from the outskirts.

Project Updates

SR- Presenting update on FHSF

PM: Clarity on the final process on deciding the final scope of FHSF

JaM: FHSF goes through the City Council

DJ: Is there any flexibility, are the projects set in stone?

JaM: they are fixed at this point as we have had to put in SOBC, however there may be further funding from other government funds in the future. There is a limit on what can be spent on public realm as government have restricted what we can spend on what they call "Beautification".

JaM- Presenting Verbal update with SCGV and CSLR. We are moving all those projects going forward, the principals will be established very soon.

JaM – Presenting update on Borderlands.

JuM – Plans around the station and citadels will be transformational, very excited where we have got to with the projects.

JaM – it is a true partnership project, if we get a towns deal, the green book process is extremely rigorous. What's been done at the Cathedral is fabulous and deserves a mention.

SR- Presenting work ongoing with Covid-19.

JaM – We have spoken to a number of economists who expect a strong bounce back, it will be interesting to see what happens to the economy. Notes that there are sectors that have changed fundamentally. What we need to do as a city is to be able to adapt and respond to changes in the economy.

JuM - The current position and medium term HE position is a very positive one, with continuation and enrolments up this year, and student applications for next year up by 13%

EP - Young people and education have to be at the heart of any future plans, Housing market continues to be very strong at the moment.

RB - competition for residential land is still very high. do we need a wider look at balancing the city centre between residential,, hospitality, retail, education and attracting employers back into the centre?

EP – The way we plan spaces will deliberately around building community cohesion

CG – one of the comments we have had in the past is the lack of provision of motor homes, wondered if there is an opportunity to increase the provision of people with motor homes fairly close to the city centre.

SR – It is a good point to raise which hasn't been looked into, it is important that there is some level of provision for those motor homes to tap into the staycation market.

JaM – We will take that away as it is quite an important point in the way the staycation market is changing.

Next Steps

JS – Predicts that the announcement of Town Deal Funding will come with the budget (early March)

JaM – appreciate that the meeting was directly all about Town Deal however we ask that if there is a meeting needed to be called in the future that we can have as many board members attend as possible when called upon.

AOB

None.