



**Workington Towns Deal Board Meeting  
Friday 03 July 2020  
Draft Minutes**

Attendance

Board Members

Cllr Alan Barry	Cumbria County Council
Chris Bagshaw	Workington Town Council
John Coughlan (chair)	TSP Engineering Ltd
Jack Gordon	Sovereign Centros
Valerie Hallard	Churches Together in Workington
Bridget Johns	Cumbria Council for Voluntary Service
Cllr Mike Johnson	Allerdale Borough Council
Jonny Lowe	Iggesund
Chris Nattrass	Lakes College
Cllr Paul Scott	Allerdale Borough Council
Anthony Wareing	Workington Heritage Group
Corinne Watson	Cumbria LEP

Officers/Support

Julie Alexander	Allerdale Borough Council
Michael Barry	Cumbria County Council
Ashley Bennett	Mott MacDonald
John Connell	Caseworker for Mark Jenkinson
Rosie Jenkins	BEIS
Kevin Kerrigan	Allerdale Borough Council
Lizzy Shaw	Cumbria County Council
Oliver Steele	Mott MacDonald
Tom Nuttall	Sovereign Centros

1. Introductions

The Chair welcomed all Board Members and their supporting officers to the meeting. Jack Gordon, Asset and Development Manager for Sovereign

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Centros was introduced to the group. Sovereign Centros has been appointed as the Strategic Asset Manager for Washington Square Shopping Centre land will replace Scoop on the board. David Taylor representing Allerdale Investment Partnership has also been invited to join the Board and will be attending future meetings.

### Apologies

There were apologies from David Taylor .

### 2. Minutes of Last Meeting and Actions

The board agreed the minutes of the last meeting.

### 3. Towns Fund Capital Funding Grant

Kevin Kerrigan was pleased to announce that the government has offered Workington grant funding of £750,000 to fund capital projects that can be delivered this financial year. The funds support projects which will deliver immediate benefits to the town, such as the re-purposing or demolition of buildings. Spending must be in line with the Towns Fund Intervention Framework and provide value for money. Should members have any suggestions for capital projects that they wish to be considered, please forward them by the end of next week. There will be an update at the next meeting.

### 4. Overview of Further Towns Fund Guidance

Mott Madonald presented an overview of the additional Towns Fund guidance issued by MCHLG in June. Presentation slides for this, and for item 6, had been previously circulated to board members.

The guidance confirms the three cohorts for submission, and provides further clarity on what the Town Investment Plan (TIP) will look like and expectations in delivery and engagement.

### 5. Timing of Town Investment Plan Submission

Board members agreed with the suggestion of the subgroup to aim for the Cohort 2 submission date of 31 October 2020. It was clear from the guidance

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that further work is needed on the submission and to allow sufficient time to undertake community engagement. This will also enable the opportunity to view other submissions, and take advantage of support available from ARUP.

6. *Update on Town Investment Plan/Project Development*

MM outlined the scope and structure of the TIP before focusing on the strengths and assets of Workington, and the opportunities which flow from them, before members discussed whether there were any other assets, workplace trends or opportunities that should be included. Tourism, green energy networks, the night time leisure economy, and the resilience of local people were among matters put forward.

MM then detailed the potential priority areas identified in the working group sessions, linking them to outcomes, which were discussed by the board. Subgroup working was felt to be an effective and beneficial way to move things forward, and KK confirmed that additional members would be brought into subgroups. A gap had been identified in skills development in particular, and KK will work with Lizzy Shaw to put together a develop a subgroup that will address this.

Momentum on the work must be maintained in order to meet the October deadline. Volunteers for the subgroups are noted, and KK will be in touch in the near future.

7. *Future Meetings*

Next Board meeting – Friday 24 July 2020 – 2:30 pm, to be held remotely. Board members will be updated accordingly.

The meeting ended at 3:05 pm