



CHESTERFIELD
BOROUGH COUNCIL



HM Government

Minutes of the Chesterfield Long Term Plan for Towns Board

Thursday 5th December 2024, 5:00pm, Chesterfield Borough Council

Board Members:	
Dominic Staniforth, Chair	Barber Harrison and Platt
Cllr Amanda Serjeant	Chesterfield Borough Council
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College
Simon Wright	Banner Jones
Toby Perkins, MP	Member of Parliament
Jacqui Willis	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Mahmud Nawaz	Chesterfield Royal Hospital Foundation Trust
Laura-Jo Owen	Adorn Jewellers
Angela Stansfield	Job Centre Plus
Officers in support:	
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Craig Busby	Officer in Support of Toby Perkins, MP
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Christine Durrant	Chesterfield Borough Council
Michael Rich	On behalf of Chesterfield Borough Council
Alan Marsden	Derbyshire County Council
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council
Edward James	Derbyshire County Council
Daniel McRory	Derbyshire County Council
Juliet Rose	Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Adam Holmes	Cities and Local Growth Unit
Apologies:	
Canon Patrick Coleman	Chesterfield Parish Church
Andrew Kelly	Parkside School
Gavin Grainger	Bottle and Thyme
Simon Davidson	Cheese factor
Neil Johnson	Chesterfield Borough Council
Dave Kirby	Derbyshire Police
Nicole Ndiweni	Police and Crime Commissioner
John Croot	Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust
Councillor Carolyn Renwick	Derbyshire County Council
Liz Wigley	Cities and Local Growth Unit
Kath Mitchell	University of Derby
Emily Bowman	Junction Arts

Item No	Item	Action (by whom)
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and introductions</p> <p>DS welcomed officers from Derbyshire County Council who were attending to lead the workshop on Transport and Connectivity.</p> <p>Apologies were noted.</p> <p>Due to the volume of apologies received, the Chair asked for the Terms of reference to be checked to ensure the meeting was quorate. LS confirmed 8 Board members is required for quoracy so the meeting could go ahead (as 9 in attendance).</p>	
2.	<p>Declaration of Interest</p> <p>No declarations of interest were received.</p>	
3.	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (27/11/2024) and matters arising</p> <p>DS asked the Board to confirm to confirm that the minutes of the meeting of that the minutes shared of the Board meeting on 7th November 2024, were a true and accurate record. This was agreed. AK had previously highlighted a typing error, this has been corrected.</p> <p>DS confirmed that all actions had been undertaken with the exception of notes being shared from the workshop held on ASB and anti-social behavior. These notes would follow in due course when all workshop notes could be collated in one document.</p>	LS

	Comms and engagement group to be established. MR is arranging and Board members that previously volunteered will be contacted in due course.	MR
4.	<p>Feedback from MHCLG LTPT Webinar.</p> <p>HB updated the Board on updates on programme shared at MHCLG Webinar. HB advised that following its pause, the LTPT programme will continue but be subject to reform:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding will remain as originally allocated (£20 million over 10 years and capital/revenue funding allocation unchanged). • HB advised that the programme will need to align with the new Government's missions (growth, opportunity, NHS, safer streets and net zero). • The name of the programme is also likely to be changed. New guidance will be issued in January 25. • Government is keen that work done to date by places is not lost and that the process of realigning the programme should be additive. • Government has indicated that there will be no change in governance arrangements. <p>HB advised that including Chesterfield, 10 towns had submitted their plans to Government. Whilst not requested, feedback from Government is that receiving the submissions it has, it has been helpful in terms of resetting the programme and in preparing the new guidance. As a consequence, Government has indicated that they are likely to broaden the scope of pre-approved project interventions.</p> <p>In terms of funding, delivery funding will not be available until April 2026 onwards. Additional capacity funding will be allocated from April 25 onwards to help support LTPT's to get delivery ready. Capacity funding can be spent on additional engagement, feasibility studies, obtaining planning permissions etc. It can't be spent on actual project delivery. HB advised that if</p>	

	<p>towns were ready to get into delivery phase earlier, LA's as Accountable Body could advance fund (effectively loan the programme funding to recover later within the 10 year programme period). HB advised that this is something that would have to be considered as required and post revised guidance being issued.</p> <p>DS enquired whether the remaining capacity funding allocated previously to the Board was still available. HB confirmed that this was still available to the Board and that it has been ring-fenced. He estimated that circa half of this funding remained and that again, any use of this funding would be limited to supporting the development of the LTPT programme, rather than delivery.</p> <p>DS confirmed that the Board would await the revised guidance in the New Year and that a paper would be brought to the next Board meeting, outlining proposed next steps.</p> <p>LS advised that DHCLG had asked to meet with CBC to provide feedback on our LTPT submission. The offer of a meeting was presented at very short notice and CBC had to decline due to other commitments. It is hoped that an alternative date can be arranged in the new year.</p>	
5.	<p>Focus on Transport and Connectivity</p> <p>KA and officers from DCC introduced Board members to the workshop sessions around transport and connectivity. Board members had received a data pack with the papers for the meeting that provided background information and the focus for discussions.</p>	
6.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AH advised that DHCLG are commencing engagement with businesses on the emerging Industrial Strategy. Government is keen to engage with businesses from green, advanced manufacturing, professional services etc. They are keen to establish an understanding of</p>	

	<p>barriers to business growth. AH is keen to have a conversation with local businesses. LS advised that Chesterfield Champions might be a good starting point for engagement with Chesterfield's business and will introduce AH to Dominic Stevens from Destination Chesterfield.</p> <p>AH advised that he would also welcome one to one conversations with Board Members if they are inclined.</p> <p>Action: LS to introduce AH to Dominic Stevens.</p>	LS
7.	<p>Date and Time of future meetings</p> <p>Thursday January 30th 2025, venue TBC</p>	