



Minutes of the Chesterfield Long Term Plan for Towns Board

Tuesday 9th July 2024, 5:00pm, Boardroom, Chesterfield College, Chesterfield

Board Members:	
Dominic Staniforth, Chair	Barber Harrison and Platt
Cllr Amanda Serjeant	Chesterfield Borough Council
Nicolle Ndiweni	Police and Crime Commissioner
Julie Richards	Chesterfield College
Andrew Kelly	Parkside School
Angela Stansfield	Job Centre Plus
Jacqui Willis	North Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Mahmud Nawaz	Chesterfield Royal Hospital Foundation Trust
Laura-Jo Owen	Adorn Jewellers
Emily Bowman	Junction Arts
Cllr Carolyn Renwick	Derbyshire County Council
John Croot	Chesterfield Football Club Community Trust
Simon Davidson	Cheese Factor
Cannon Patrick Coleman	Chesterfield Parish Church
Cllr Carolyn Renwick	Derbyshire County Council
Officers in support:	
Karl Apps	Derbyshire County Council
Huw Bowen	Chesterfield Borough Council
Neil Johnson	Chesterfield Borough Council
Lynda Sharp	Chesterfield Borough Council
Christine Durrant	Chesterfield Borough Council
John Till	Thinking Place
Daniel Hall	Police and Crime Commissioner Support Officer
Lindsay Wetton	Chesterfield Borough Council
Juliet Grace	North Derbyshire Voluntary Action
Liz Wigley	DHLUC
Apologies:	
Simon Wright	Banner Jones
Toby Perkins	Chesterfield Labour Party
Kath Mitchell	University of Derby
Michael Rich	Interim Project Support

Item No	Item	Action (by whom)
1.	<p>Welcome, apologies and introductions</p> <p>Dominic Staniforth (DS) welcomed all to the meeting. He introduced John Croot and Cllr Carolyn Renwick to the Board as this was their first meeting and asked them to introduce themselves to the Board.</p> <p>Apologies were noted from Simon Wright, Kath Mitchell and Toby Perkins, MP.</p> <p>DS welcomed Mr Chip and the students in attendance from Parkside School that are representing their Youth Parliament to the meeting.</p> <p>DS thanked Julie Richards and the team at Chesterfield College for hosting the meeting.</p>	
2.	<p>Parkside School School Parliament</p> <p>Students from Parkside School presented to the Board. The presentation focused on sharing the outcome from research the students had undertaken within the school community on the future of Chesterfield. Following the presentation, they invited questions from the Board.</p> <p>JR thanked the students for the presentation, commenting that their Headteacher should be very proud. She reflected that in the presentation the students had highlighted that they would like to see more activities for young people to do. JR enquired if the students had any specific ideas as to the type of activities they would like to see? The students responded that they would like more youth clubs, additional places to go and that it is important that places to go outside of school are better advertised to young people.</p> <p>L-JO thanked the students for the excellent presentation and enquired what type of shops that young people would like to see? The students confirmed that they</p>	

would like more choice, more clothes shops and that they were disappointed with the shops currently in town that could be from any place.

PC asked the students about what they would do to improve transport and connectivity? The students highlighted that their key issue was around reliability of bus service (due to a shortage of drivers, buses are often cancelled).

JW enquired whether young people had an appetite to engage in the provision of and shaping of community services. The students responded positively and confirmed that they would support the provision of centralised activities that would catch their eyes and keep them entertained. JW advised that NDVA were looking at creating a space in the Town Centre and asked if the students would be willing to engage in developing proposals. The students confirmed they would be.

AS complimented the students on delivering an excellent presentation and asked them for more detail around the type of events that they would like to see. The students advised that they feel they don't get to know enough about the events being delivered locally and that more marketing was needed. The students would welcome detail of events being shared within schools or via social media (Tik Tok, Snapchat and Whats App). They also highlighted that consistency or event delivery is also key, so people expect an event to happen at a certain time as it always does.

CR asked the students where they consider the heart of Chesterfield to be. She enquired where they go now and how easy it is to move around town. The students advised that they spend time in Queens Park and Sports Centre. This is near school and where they live. They confirmed that in their case, they tend to walk to gain access to parks and the Town Centre (but they live locally).

	<p>JG highlighted to the Board that the presentation by the students highlighted to her the importance of the voice of young people to being central to everything the Board seeks to do. She asked the students if they had any ideas about what the “wow factor” the students referenced in their presentation looks like. The students responded that when they go to places like Sheffield that there is more to do. There are large leisure complexes, trampoline parks that are enjoyable and fun.</p> <p>NN asked the students asked the students to elaborate on some of the comments made in the presentation on crime. She wanted to know what makes young people feel unsafe. The students responded that they often see young people hanging around outside being loud and disrespectful. They feel that more work should be done in assemblies to highlight the issue. They added that when they visit Chesterfield Market, it is often closed and feels unwelcoming and isolating. The few people that are hanging out there are worrying.</p> <p>PC proposed that the Youth Parliament at Parkside could be tasked with undertaking a piece of work to help come up with ideas to design something for Chesterfield with a “wow factor”.</p> <p>JC thanked the students for an engaging presentation and by way of thanks he invited the students in attendance to attend a football match as his guest at Chesterfield FC.</p>	
<p>3.</p>	<p>Minutes of the previous meeting (06/06/2024) and matters arising</p> <p>DS asked the Board to confirm that the minutes shared of the Board meeting on 6th June 2024, were a true and accurate record. This was agreed.</p> <p>Actions from the Board meeting on the 6th June 2024 were reviewed. All actions have been delivered.</p>	

	<p>DS highlighted as a matter arising that the students of Parkside School had been engaged in a competition to develop a logo for the Chesterfield Long Term Plan for Towns Board. A winner has been selected and the design is being worked up by a local graphic designer.</p> <p>DS asked the Board to advise of any conflicts of interest. None were raised.</p>	
4.	<p>Process for Completion of Documents and Board forward plan.</p> <p>DS advised the Board to refer to the circulated flow chart that shows the process the Board will take to agreeing a Vision and Investment Plan by the deadline of 31st July 2024, for submission to Government. Beyond this, the Board will be asked to attend three further Board meetings to focus on the investment strands and ideas for investment/projects within these themes.</p> <p>DS asked that the Board confirm that they understand and agree this process. This was agreed.</p> <p>JW asked whether the submission to Government on the 31st July 2024, required detail around the type of interventions that the Board would like to fund. DS confirmed that this wasn't the case, the Vision document would be at a more strategic level and doesn't require project level detail before the end of July deadline. This would be picked up at the future Board meetings when interventions would be explored, by theme.</p>	
5.	<p>Engagement Findings</p> <p>John Till presented the findings of the engagement activity that has been undertaken on behalf of the Board. He highlighted that the work had been led by Thinking Place but included work undertaken by Junction Arts, Chesterfield College, Parkside School,</p>	

	<p>North Derbyshire Voluntary Action and Destination Chesterfield. In all, over 1,700 people have been engaged either through one to one engagement on the Market, through completion of the online questionnaires (822 completed) or via focus groups and activities.</p> <p>JT shared the draft 250 word, vision statement. The Board are asked to read and share and comments by 15th July 2024.</p> <p>Action 1 LS to share draft vision statement for Board comment. Comments to be emailed to LS by 15th July 2024.</p> <p>CR questioned the context of the vision statement as presented. JT confirmed that statement is part of the information required by Government and its purpose is to describe Chesterfield in 10 year's time, post LTPT intervention.</p> <p>JW commented that as a first thought, there needs to be more emphasis on young people within the statement.</p> <p>NN highlighted reference made to graduates within the text and suggested that this should be tweaked to include other educational pathways such as apprenticeships.</p> <p>JR commented that more emphasis should be made about residents and how they will engage in future career opportunities, highlighting that reference should also be made to inward investment creating opportunities for the future workforce.</p>	LS, All
6.	<p>Discussion and Workshop</p> <p>JT led the Board in workshop sessions to enable the Board to discuss the findings of the presentation and to explore initial thoughts on interventions.</p>	

	<p>In closing the session, JT advised that this concluded the work of Thinking Place in undertaking the consultation on behalf of the Board. He advised that this was work they were pleased to do and had enjoyed undertaking on behalf of the Board. JT urged the Board to retain the work undertaken as it is a huge amount of valuable data and information that can inform the Board moving forward.</p>	
7.	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No matters arising.</p>	