

Goole Town Deal Board Meeting

09 December 2022

2.00pm to 4.00pm

Dial In Meeting

AGENDA

1. Welcome and Apologies
2. Declaration of Interests
3. Minutes of the meeting held on 11 November – attached
4. Victoria Pleasure Ground verbal update Re England Athletics, Engagement Event, and the Business Case
5. Communication & Engagement Plan – Attached and to be discussed by Lisa Welton, Principal Press Officer ERYC, and Lucy Oates.
6. Business Case Summary document submission: 4xNov Public Realm, Leisure Centre, Dutch River, Property Activation Fund. 2xDec Opportunity Goole & Market Hall. 2xJan Station Hub & VPG
7. Goole Leeds Rail project – Confirmation that additional funding has not been secured.
8. Proposals for a December Project Adjustment Request for released Rail funding – note under this agenda
9. Monitoring & Evaluation Return (16 December) – HH to report.
10. Appointment of Chair options for discussion
11. Incoming Communications – added under this agenda
12. Any Other Business
13. Date and time future Board meetings – 2pm to 4pm in person at Raise Business Centre (unless advised otherwise)

Dates to be set for 2pm Fridays:

Mid/Late January

February

March
April and then Bi-Monthly

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On the 9th of December the Board are required to make a final decision on the Goole Leeds rail uplift service. The Town Deal delivery team confirm that following further approaches from the Leader of ERYC, match funding is not forthcoming from neighbouring Authorities. The proposal was also submitted via the Rail North Partnership Board to Department for Transport and Transport for the North.

Without a Financial Business Case to support the economic, strategic, commercial and management cases already produced, **the Board are asked to conclude the process and remove the project from the Town Deal.** Assurance is given that there is a firm the commitment from East Riding of Yorkshire Council to continue to push for the uplift service via traditional Rail service routes.

This decision would release £1million of revenue funding back into the Goole Town Deal programme (it is not guaranteed and has a degree of risk of loss). A formal Project Variation Request (PAR) would need to be prepared and submitted ASAP

The Board will want to consider how best to propose reallocation of the valuable revenue funding into the remaining project portfolio of Business Cases where, increased project costs can be justified and where further improvements will be evident to outcomes and outputs as well as, Benefit Cost Ratios.

Goole Town Deal has very little revenue funding across the other projects. Submissions for Town Deal funding were intended to have only 5% revenue funding however, Goole secured nearer 8.4% (£2.1m of the £25m total) in view of the Rail project. There is an option via the PAR to request a change of revenue to capital but not vice versa. Careful consideration can be given as to how any released revenue funding could be best utilised to help secure the establishing period of new ventures during an increasingly uncertain economic period.

This table details outlines one consideration for the Boards discussions based on justifying (via a PAR) increased project costs.

Project	Amounts £m	Current Allocation £m
Rail Funding release	£1 million of revenue if released.	£1m
Market Hall	Additional revenue request of £0.200k to provide increased support and security to the new business ventures within the hall during an uncertain economic climate.	£3.600 Capital £0.200 revenue – support early operational costs during foundation years £0.190 Private Sector Match(unconfirmed)
Victoria Pleasure Ground	Revenue request of between £0.100k to £0.250 to subsidise the increased hire/use costs to be incurred by community sporting organisations during the current cost of living climate for using the upgraded facilities.	£3.5 Capital (Previously increased from £2m) £1.6 Match Funding

Station Hub	Following a request from the Board, Council officers have gathered information from major local employers across Goole & Howden to determine what additional solutions might look like. The information to date is inconclusive with some Businesses offering their own transport. The information available to date will be discussed within the Board meeting and the Board are asked to consider this in more detail.	£1.9 Capital Revenue but would be required for a Town Bus Subsidy connecting Goole 36 & Howden (including the rail station)
Opportunity Goole	The Board may want to consider increasing this budget, however, attention will need to be given to what the added value is as the Heads of Terms Offer had already flagged a request to know more of how the fund will be used and evidence of gaps in provision.	£0.900 Flexi Skills Fund
Balance		

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The following information was received by the Accountable Body (ERYC) from the central Town Fund Team within the Levelling up Department on the 28th of November 2022.

Dear Town Deal colleagues,

Thank you for your continuing hard work and commitment to your Town Deals. This email gives some important information and key dates; please take a few minutes to read through.

Summary Document submission deadlines and payment dates

The next payment run will be in January 2023. This will be first project payments against Summary Documents that were received before 15th October, where any issues have been resolved by the start of December.

The next Summary Document deadline is 13th January 2023, for payment this financial year (in March). We strongly urge any places who have not yet submitted their summary documents to endeavour to meet this January deadline. Summary Documents received after this date are highly unlikely to receive a payment in this financial year.

The final deadline for all Summary Documents to be received is 31st March 2023. All Summary Documents must be received by this date otherwise we cannot guarantee that your project will be able to proceed. The only exemption to this is where a project is reliant on additional external funding, and this has not yet been confirmed. In such cases places should submit a summary document by March 2023 for **conditional approval**; no funding will be released until confirmation that any other external funding has been secured. Ministers have indicated that they are unlikely to agree any further extensions or exemptions to this deadline, but please speak to your Area Team if this is likely to cause you problems as we have committed to updating Ministers on any specific obstacles that we may be able to help unblock as a department.

Project Adjustment Requests

Please find attached updated guidance on Project Adjustment Requests which includes the process for submitting “in delivery” PARs. In recognition of the challenging delivery environment adjustments to projects in delivery will be allowed; however, the process is focused on securing the viability of existing, agreed projects rather than bringing new projects into the programme. In addition to the criteria that we have use to assess PARs to date, you will need to confirm that you have updated and reappraised the project business case and that it still represents good value for money. This will include providing an updated BCR, which we would expect to be above 1. Where the BCR is close to 1 then additional information may also be requested.

Performance Reporting and Baselining

Thank you for your engagement with the performance reporting process. As a reminder, the deadline for submission of both templates (baselining and six-monthly M&E Performance reporting) is 16th December 2022. FAQs will be circulated this week.

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Email received by the Goole Town Deal Account 29 November 2022

Message: I write in response to the Chairman, Joseph Richardson\'s article in this week\'s Goole Times. It is excellent the work the Town Deal Board are doing and the amount of funding our area has been given. Plus, we also have the Wind Farm Fund but, we have a cost-of-living crisis, and nothing mentioned in relation to this. I have recently heard of the RIPPLE ENERGY - Wales Community Utilities\' - who are funding their own wind turbine(s) to enable cheaper electricity in the future for those who sign up. Agreed, if we started now, it wouldn\'t be immediate but East Yorkshire is a big area, so is the Goole and Howden area so it would be a positive step to creating our own electricity. Anyone can take a share from £25, and I am sure our residents would be up to something like this rather than remain beholden to some lucrative power company who dictate to us what we get per annum whilst they take home the immense profits for themselves.

I would expect my comments above be put before the Town Deal Board and look forward to hearing their response.