

## **Whitehill and Bordon Delivery and Implementation Group**

Notes and actions – 21 February 2023

Attendees		Apologies		Abbreviations
Vanessa Marden - Chair	DIO	Kevin Travers	EM3LEP	EHDC – East Hampshire District Council
Penny Cooper	Secretariat	Lydia Forbes Manson	EHDC	EM3 – Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise
Clare Chester	EHDC	Beatrice Hubert-Price	EHDC	Partnership
Danielle Friedman-Brown	EHDC	Richard Kenny	HCC	DIO – Defence Infrastructure Organisation
David Wilson	HCC	Robert Smith	DIO	HCC – Hampshire County Council
Emma Meredith	HCC	Bob Wallbridge	HCC	WBRC – Whitehill & Bordon Regeneration
James Child	WBRC	Dan Grindey	EHDC	Company
Julie McLatch	EHDC			WTC – Whitehill Town Council
Lorraine Jeffs	WTC			
Ralph Facey	Abri			
Will Parsons	EHDC			
Fiona McMurray	EM3			
Peter Colenutt	HCC			
Claire Burnett	Homes England			
Lisa Medway	NHS CCG			
Emma Fyfield	WBCT			

Ref	Item	Notes/Action	Owner
1.	Welcome, Introductions & Actions from last meeting	Introductions and welcome to Peter Colenutt, Lisa Medway and Emma Fyfield.  Outstanding actions will be reported to next DIG minutes if relevant – subsequently, no outstanding actions noted.	
2.	Heart of the Town  • Town Centre delivery update	Town centre – Question time event 21/2/2023 Finalising the planning application for McCarthy and Stone retirement living on Budds Lane. There will be a public consultation in the next couple of months.	



	Morrisons – procurement prices are expected back middle March 2023; expecting works to begin on site August 2023; 12 months' delivery with the car park. Will likely be completed Summer 2024 rather than original timeframe of Easter 2024.
	<u>Sergeant Mess</u> – Currently looking to redesign Mess Hall due to rising cost; will be required to go back to planning.
	Substation and employment parcels - being brought forward; aim is to bring in more employment to the town.
Health Hub update	Housebuilding – Town Centre / High Street area residential likely to commence late 2025.
·	Louisburg North – looking at opportunities to expand employment space.
	Health Hub [update from Lisa Medway – Integrated Care Board (ICB and formerly CCG] – Looking at relocating Forest Surgery and community health services offered at Chase Community Hospital to the Health Hub. Currently finalising details and completing legal agreement to allow work to commence on detailed design. Pinehill Surgery will be staying in its current location.
	Planning application to be submitted April 2023; engagement work will begin around the same time. Aiming for planning permission to be secured in September 2023.
	Works to start on site in 2024 with completion and opening in 2025.
	ICB and Southern Health are working with Everyone Active to utilise the fitness suite at the Leisure Centre, Bordon, for physiotherapy provision.
	In delivering the Health Hub, ICB have considered the future growth of the town and the Health Hub will meet those needs.
	ICB acknowledge that transport is a challenge in the relocation of the Health Hub.
Community Trust	ICB confirmed Chase Hospital will remain open until all services are available within the Health Hub.
update	Community Trust (update from Emma Fyfield – WBCT) – Despite lack of trustees, the Community
5.p. 3.0.0	Trust is doing very well. Community Trustee recruits were trained but ultimately did not continue. It



Six (6) trustees currently and not much capacity due to limited resource.

Café Hogmoor – Six (6) local members of staff, including apprentices, and some work experience staff during busier months.

Beehive function room - available for hire, has regular activities scheduled.

Building 94 - Youth hub well use. Project 94 – CIC – have youth activities with regular attendees (10), and 2 youth workers. Outreach work is currently being discussed.

Polytunnel and various planting projects have taken place.

Looking to encourage cycle scheme.

EHDC expressed thanks for ICB attending and acknowledge it is a very complex project, but good progress is being made.

WTC commented that transport should be discussed in tonight's question time event – WBRC confirmed a proposal for a Hopper service has been submitted to HCC to consider.

EHDC commented that as a group we need to see if the WBCT model works and to hear about the challenges faced.

DIO expressed thanks to WBCT for attending and that the legacy of sites such as this is very important.

Action: EHDC to follow up on Cycle scheme with WBCT

Action: JC to share slides with EHDC Comms



3.	Green and Active Travel •Transport update	Key issue is to look at the transport proposal / offer. This was highlighted by Council Leader at the Celebratory Event in January.  HCC have commissioned some survey work on travel behaviours for new residents to use as basis for further passenger transport solutions. HCC is to recruit a demand responsive transport officer to work with Passenger Transport to help take this forward.  Hopper service is a charitable service and a good stop gap solution until a long-term solution can be sought.  Timing will be key to rolling out a solution.  Action: Leader's meeting still to take place – EHDC to follow up	
4.	Employment Group update	Julie McLatch is now the Chair of the DIG Employment Group. The last meeting was held on 6 December and focused on the way forward.  Priority 1 – New Jobs target BASE 5th anniversary – 74 businesses and created 79 new jobs.  Priority 2 – Employment sites Focus on protecting and enabling employment sites: Lion Court, Enterprise Zone, Bordon Trading estate Monitoring employment sites across the town including: - Asmodee to open Spring 2023 Longmoor Depot – will bring town more employment more quickly than other sites; planning application submitted and approved EM3 is looking at business rates forecasting across the employment zones Woolmer Trading Estate is fully occupied Enterprise Zone – revised plan under discussion with Cushman & Wakefield who have been commissioned to update implementation of sites. They will assess the property market, update	



		forecasts on business rates generation and consider impacts on business rates revaluation from	
		this year followed by a new plan.	
		- Tech Forest – site was marketed, and preferred bidder pulled out at pre-application stage.	
		Homes England to work with EHDC further.	
		Priority 3 – Business support	
		Business East Hants meets quarterly and Bordon businesses attend and engage heavily.	
		Priority 4 – Skills and Employability	
		Abri "CREATE" scheme was well received; scheme ended with the end of the European funding	
		but Abri is looking at different opportunities. Current priority is to target resource. The cost of living	
		is a priority support to Abri customers and residents. Rent arrears are increasing currently for Abri.	
		Integrating work experience and T-levels under discussion as difficult to do that in the hybrid	
		working model.	
5.	Governance,	Communication plan was shared with the group prior to meeting - no comments raised. Agreed if	
	Communication and	any comments were thought of after meeting, they are to be sent to WP in next couple of weeks.	
	Monitoring:	Delivery plan was reviewed, and group agreed with current RAG ratings.	
	3	Agreed to add infrastructure delivery, SSE power issue into the delivery plan.	
	<ul><li>Delivery Plan update</li></ul>		
		TOR – agreed.	
	•Communications Plan		
	update	Action: Add infrastructure to delivery plan DFB/BHP	
		<b>Action:</b> Any comments on ToR to be sent to BHP no later than 7 <sup>th</sup> March 2023	
6.	AOB	Infrastructure delivery at Arrival Square – work is ongoing on the delivery of the entrance to the	
		new town centre to improve the look and feel of the public realm and promote cycling and walking	
		ahead of the delivery of Morrisons.	
		Further junctions work at Station Road - options to prioritise walking and cycling.	



Traders / businesses reporting reduction in trade during the works for Arrival Square, 40-60% reduction in trade although provision has been made for parking. Traffic management is a one-way system which does allow some movement.

Action: DFB to send business rates information to JC - Post meeting note: completed.

DIO – Thanks to BHP for preparing all meeting papers.

CB – In future another officer from Homes England may attend as role changing.

**Meeting dates** 

25th April 2023