



Whitehill and Bordon Strategy Group

Notes and actions – 2nd October 2023

Attendees		Apologies
Cllr Andy Tree	EHDC	HCC – Hampshire County Council EHDC – East Hampshire District Council WTC – Whitehill Town Council DIO – Defence Infrastructure Organisation EM3 – Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise Partnership HE – Homes England
Clare Chester	EHDC	
Danielle Friedman Brown.	EHDC	
Cllr Rob Humby	HCC	
Peter Colenutt	HCC	
Robert Smith	DIO	
Stephen Martin	EM3	
Robin Oliver	HE	
Lorraine Jeffs	WTC	
Charlotte Baulf (EHDC, note taker)		

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1.	Welcome & introductions – context & scene setting.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> AT welcomed all as the new chair of the group and members introduced themselves. 	
2.	Governance and Strategy Group ToR http://whitehillbordon.com/whitehill-bordon-strategy-group/	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> CC reminding partners about the background and purpose of the Strategy Group (SG) – to bring the key partners together to provide the strategic direction & oversight of the regeneration programme, to celebrate successes and to address challenges and key issues as a collaborative. CC reminded the group it has no formal decision-making role – and decisions are made within the respective authorities. The ToR were circulated with the agenda. <p>ACTION: CC/DFB to review the ToR and propose any amendments as helpful.</p>	CC/DFB



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3.	Update presentation on WB project	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CC ran through a short presentation with the group to provide an outline of the programme and governance arrangements; <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Strategy Group ○ Delivery & Implementation Group ○ Stakeholder Engagement • CC talked through the approach and highlights of the ‘lessons learnt’ work previously carried out – which included a suggested new focus for the next phase of the programme; • RS talked through the MoD (DIO) approach to the programme and re-confirmed his commitment to seeing through delivery of the regeneration. RS commented that his priority at this time remains delivery of the next phases of town centre – the Health Hub and food store. He welcomed the ongoing ideas and support from the SG to help inform the next stages of delivery. • RH suggested it would be helpful to have a more detailed overview of the various workstreams and projects so that the SG could best target where it can focus its efforts. • AT agreed that it would be useful to have a clear workflow document to help drive the priority areas and to clarify the expectations of the group. <p>ACTION: CC/DFB to prepare a SG delivery plan document and to make available for the Group to view at the next meeting.</p>	CC/DFB
4.	Strategic issues – discussion and focus of SG <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Employment & Skills - Green & Active (inc. public transport) - Heart of the Town 	<p>CC highlighted those key strategic areas that have been established following the lessons learnt work and the group had a discussion around those themes;</p> <p>Employment & Skills</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RO: provided an update on Tech Forest site regarding previous efforts to dispose of it and set out the timeline for planning and marketing. CC had commented it remained one of the items sadly RAG(d) red in the DIG Delivery Plan as it has been available but empty for some time – and businesses have had to relocate from the area. RO 	



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		<p>recognised the importance. SM also commented that the new chair of the EZ has been working with HE to try and bring the site forward.</p> <p>Green & Active (inc. public transport)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• The Green Loop is near the end of its delivery phase and has been a successful joint working project for EHDC and HCC.• Public transport provision remains challenging – but AT set out it is an absolute priority. AT asked RH about s106 funding in terms of availability and timing. RH recognised the importance and suggested his officers establish that information and report back. Also agreed critical to work together to find the best solution within the resources available. <p>ACTION: PC to follow up discussions on transport s106 with HCC colleagues and feedback to CC to ensure progress is made.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• RS also noted power issues should remain on the group’s radar – a strategic issue, which if not resolved will impact on future phases of the programme delivery. CC noted this was identified as a risk by the DIG. <p>Heart of the Town</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• DIO highlighted the next steps in terms of food store and Health Hub delivery for town centre.• RS provided a more detailed update on the challenges in terms of health hub decision - that progress was being made and the planning application should be submitted shortly. <p>All agreed the key themes above remained the correct areas of focus and that the specific focus for the group (to shape the forward plan) would be refined further as the more detailed delivery issues are considered.</p>	<p>PC</p>



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5.	Date of Next Meeting and Forward Plan.	<p>All agreed that meetings should be held quarterly and that dates would be set in advance, but CC suggested there be some flexibility to ensure the meetings align with key events or significant milestones in the programme. RS also suggested the group call extraordinary meetings if and when required. This was agreed.</p> <p>It was also discussed and agreed that it would be good for the next meeting to be held in the town, so that there would be an opportunity to look at the progress made and look at specific issues in person.</p> <p>ACTION: The next meeting to be in W&B town (in person) to have a walk around to look at the progress and to finish up with a meeting. CC and the team to organise diaries to set this up with the Strategy Group</p> <p>Forward plan:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Delivery priorities• Strategic Comms• Power & utilities	CC
6.	AOB	None.	