

Whitehill and Bordon Strategy Group Notes and actions – 29th February 2024

Attendees			Apologies	
Cllr Andy Tree	EHDC	HCC – Hampshire County Council	Vanessa Marsden	DIO
Clare Chester	EHDC	EHDC – East Hampshire District Council	Lorraine Jeffs	WTC
Danielle Friedman Brown.	EHDC	WTC – Whitehill Town Council		
Cllr Rob Humby	HCC	DIO – Defence Infrastructure Organisation		
Peter Colenutt	HCC	EM3 – Enterprise M3 Local Enterprise		
Natalie Wigman	HCC	Partnership		
Stephen Martin	EM3	HE – Homes England		
Fiona McMurray	EM3	_		
Robin Oliver	HE			
Catherine Clark	WTC			
Robert Smith	DIO			

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1.	Welcome - Review of minutes (please find attached) - Review of TOR (please find attached)	 Updated terms of reference were considered. FM noted that EM3 to cease from 1 April 2024 and should be noted in the ToR. ToR agreed subject to FM's suggested amendment. Group discussed importance of keeping a focus on employment/skills – links to HCC new role post LEP. To review at next meeting. 	CChester/DFB
2.	Whitehill and Bordon Regeneration Update	 CChester highlighted the new SG work programme and all agreed it was a useful document. CChester ran through the update presentation and a useful and positive discussion was held on a number of key issues, including: Communications 	



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		 RH noted the importance of clear communications and clear messaging to partners, stakeholders and local residents. All acknowledged impact regeneration programme has on residents. AT/CClark commented from a local perspective. Discussion about role of social media – and risk around misunderstandings, but also positive role it can play in getting key messages out. AT referred to forthcoming Town Council magazine and discussion with HCC colleagues about potential future feature on schools programme ACTION: PC to follow up with LJ as appropriate. All agreed group had a key role to play in overseeing Strategic Comms. CChester noted the DIG oversee a communications plan and referred to previous approach around strategic messaging. All agreed it would be good to revisit that and refresh. ACTION: CChester/DFB to refresh Strategic Communications document and bring back proposed approach to next meeting. 	CChester/DFB
		 Employment & Skills All recognise this remained a challenging are in terms of securing land and sites for employment growth. CChester/DFB reminded group that there is an officer Employment & Skills group in place that brings together key partners and stakeholders to consider these issues in detail. They gather local intel on key issues/barriers and also monitor and forecast job numbers. CChester reminded the group that the strategic job number forecast is 1 job for each household. Discussion around how projections for public sector employment had shifted significantly since the original vision was developed. NW suggested we look in more detail at job numbers, sectors and forecasts. All agreed to take working group with providing a further update. ACTION: DFB to request Employment & Skills working group bring back an update on key issues to next SG – update to identify key areas for intervention/action. 	DFB



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	RO provided an update on the TechForest site – due to be put back on the market over next few months. Also brief discussion about former Garrrison Church building.	
	 RS provided an update on the Town Centre and reiterated DIO commitment to bringing forward next phase of TC. Health Hub delivery remains a priority and the group discussed the latest position, with the planning application currently pending. RS also highlighted power supply issues – and potential risk to future phases of the development. This is a national issue. Group suggested this be brought back as an update item at a future meeting. 	
	Transport	
	 AT/RH has a discussion on key transport issues, with particular reference to work around public transport solutions. NW updated; Public transport strategy – review is underway. Review will help shape where future s106 funding would be best spent and what improvements/changes need to be made to the programme. Aware there is a desire increased public transport – but at present no evidence to show it is viable. Existing public transport is not being used to its capacity – and update wit discussion with operators about average journey times and travel patterns. Majority of s106 has already been invested in transport infrastructure AT asked query about outstanding s106 sums. NW talked through the position but agreed she would send over a schedule with details in. Agreed any proposal for public transport would required a business case 	



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		 RH confirmed HCC are working with bus companies and operators etc, with ideas around school transport/community services being considered. AT asked - in theory, subject to business cases etc how much s106 would be available for public transport. ACTION: NW to send over to CC a schedule of s106 spend to date and what funds are not yet spent/allocated. NW to also confirm when strategy refresh will be completed. 	NW
		 Other DFB provided the group with a brief update on the Local Plan Consultation process, timelines and potential impact for WB. DFB updated group on work around KPIs/metrics Agreed it would be good to pull a risk register together for the group/build risk into delivery plan. 	DFB
5.	Date of Next Meeting and Forward Plan.	Next meeting is the 28 th May 2024 (on Teams). Now postponed to 17 th July 2024 Forward plan: • Strategic Communications • Employment & Skills • Power supply issues	
6.	AOB	None raised.	