LONG TERM PLAN FOR TOWNS (LTPT) BOARD

Governance Meeting

15th of APRIL 2024

Present: Paul Gray (Chair); Gerald Jones MP; Ellis Cooper; Alyn Owen; Cllr

Geraint Thomas; Cllr Andrew Barry; Zoe Thomas; Paul Lewis; Victoria Parry; Ceri Dinham; Alex Stephens; Lis Mclean; Stephen Jones SWP;

Sharon Richards; Elizabeth Bedford; Karen Courts.

Apologies: Lisa Thomas; Liam Hull.

ISSUE	ACTION	BY WHOM	BY WHEN
Welcome, Introductions and Apologies			
Apologies as above.			
PG welcomed everyone to the meeting.			
Minutes of the Last Meeting			
The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed. ZT confirmed all actions had been completed including future Board Meeting dates issued, MTCBC LTPT presentation sent to all Board Members and that the boundary area approved by the Board has been sent to UK Government. ZT informed UK Government that the focus is primarily on the town Centre but there will be no request to formally change the boundary area. As this meeting is focusing on Governance, the minutes of the last Board Meeting, along with the minutes of this meeting, will be formally signed off at the next Board Meeting on the 26th April.	Share the Board approved town centre boundary area map.	ZT	Next Meeting
Agree Additional Board Representation			
The core board established currently has 10 Board Members. Local Authority Officers are only sitting on the Board in an advisory capacity with no voting rights. All Board Members have voting rights. The Board has agreed that there will be 15 Board Members in totality and based on the			

guidance and the Board considered additional Members from Faith Groups, Sports groups, Private Sector and Health.			
The Board were asked to nominate additional Board Members but also to give a consideration to any nominations as to whether they were most suitable to sit on the Board or to partake in the workshops that will be held to help inform the future Towns Plan.			
PG opened up to the Board for nominations.			
Many organisations were nominated as potential Board Members, and each nominated organisation was discussed as to whether they would be most valuable on the Board or at the workshops.			
It was agreed that the Board would invite a faith group and that the private sector was currently represented by the BID. More thought is needed on the wider business community engagement and how they can be represented at the workshops.			
It was confirmed by the Council that the Town Centre Partnership is still in existence, but this is a totally different Board with focused priorities to deliver the UK Government Programme.			
PG proposed that Merthyr Football and Rugby Club be invited to sit on the Board and this was agreed.	Contact Merthyr Tydfil RFC and Merthyr Tydfil FC	ZT	ASAP
Faith Groups would be contacted to agree a Board Member.	Obtain faith group information in Town Centre	ZT	ASAP
Further discussions will be held at the next meeting.			
Terms of Reference			
Following the meeting the draft Terms of Reference (TOR) will be circulated to the Board for comment in order for them to be finalised, agreed and signed off at the next LTPT Board meeting on 26th of April.	Email draft version of Terms of Reference to all Board Members	ZT	ASAP

The draft Terms of Reference were presented to the Board.			
A discussion was held as to whether deputies would be allowed, and this was down to the Board to agree. Many discussions were held on the pros and cons including impacts of holiday periods, work commitments, lack of knowledge and consistency and the opportunity to catch up with the Council following a missed meeting.			
The biggest concern is that there is a limited period to develop the Plan and that continuity and understanding is imperative over the coming months.			
PG invited the Board to formally vote in favour or not for a Deputy for the LTPT Board Meetings.			
The Board decided against members having a Deputy.			
It was agreed that a review of this decision would be undertaken following the submisison of the			
Town Plan.			
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consultation overload and the Board will ensure organisations that have led consultations will be invited to the planned workshops to share information.			
ZT will share the consultation plan to the Board at the next meeting. Each Board Member will be contacted to have a focused discussion with the Urbanists.	Share Plan at next Board Meeting	ZT	April
Next Meeting			
The next meeting will be held on 26 th of April.			
AOB			
There was no AOB.			