

**NORTH LINCOLNSHIRE COUNCIL**

**CABINET**

**SCUNTHORPE TOWN DEAL – HEADS OF TERMS**

**1. OBJECT AND KEY POINTS IN THIS REPORT**

- 1.1 To approve the recommendation of the Towns Fund Board to accept and sign the Heads of Terms for Scunthorpe Town Deal.

**2. BACKGROUND INFORMATION**

- 2.1 Scunthorpe's Town Investment Plan (TIP) was submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) for approval of £26.9m in December 2020 for 7 projects.
- 2.2 Our Town Investment Plan was deemed to be of a strong standard which has enabled us to move forward to a Draft Heads of Terms (HoT) received on the 3 March 2021. MHCLG have confirmed through the Heads of Terms that the Scunthorpe allocation is £20.9m.
- 2.3 The Heads of Terms offer to Scunthorpe is the start of stage 2, is not a contractually binding document and the offer is subject to various conditions being met. The Heads of Terms will act as a Memorandum of Understanding for the future development and delivery of Scunthorpe's Town Investment Plan and project proposals.

It sets out joint expectations as we enter the business case development phase.

- 2.4 The HoT were presented to the Towns Fund Board on the 8<sup>th</sup> March 2021 with a timeline (Appendix A). The board unanimously made the recommendation to the Accountable Body to accept the Heads of Terms by submitting them to MHCLG on the 24<sup>th</sup> March 2021 and move to the next stage.

**3. OPTIONS FOR CONSIDERATION**

- 3.1 Option 1 – Support and approve the recommendation of the Towns Fund Board to the Accountable Body (NLC) to accept the Heads of Terms.
- 3.2 Option 2 - Do not support and approve the recommendation of the Towns Fund Board.

#### 4. **ANALYSIS OF OPTIONS**

- 4.1 Option 1 is the recommended option as it provides the opportunity for North Lincolnshire to draw down £20.9m of investment for Scunthorpe as part of a 5-year programme. The 7 projects submitted as part of our Town Investment Plan will support the delivery of our Economic Growth Plan and Council Plan moving us from planning and into delivery.

The HoTs is not a contractual arrangement with MHCLG but an agreement that there is £20.9m of funding available to the Accountable Body to deliver the programme subject to conditions and full business case.

- 4.2 Option 2 would bring a halt to the Towns Fund Deal and programme for Scunthorpe and was not the recommendation of the Towns Fund Board.

#### 5. **FINANCIAL AND OTHER RESOURCE IMPLICATIONS (e.g. LEGAL, HR, PROPERTY, IT, COMMUNICATIONS etc.)**

##### 5.1 **Financial**

Not applicable.

##### 5.2 **Staffing**

Staffing resources for the delivery of stage 2 will be from within existing capacity.

##### 5.3 **Property**

There are no Land implications associated with the HoTs.

##### 5.4 **IT**

There are no IT implications.

#### 6. **OTHER RELEVANT IMPLICATIONS (e.g. CRIME AND DISORDER, EQUALITIES, COUNCIL PLAN, ENVIRONMENTAL, RISK etc.)**

- 6.1 Nothing to report at this stage in the programme.

#### 7. **OUTCOMES OF INTEGRATED IMPACT ASSESSMENT (IF APPLICABLE)**

- 7.1 We will undertake programme-wide level impact assessment, relevant project-level impact assessment and relevant Environmental Impact Assessments through Stage 2 of the programme.

**8. OUTCOMES OF CONSULTATION AND CONFLICTS OF INTERESTS DECLARED**

8.1 Consultation has taken place with the Towns Fund Board, MHCLG and the Executive prior to presenting this report. No issues have been raised.

**9. RECOMMENDATIONS**

9.1 That the Cabinet supports and approve the recommendation of the Towns Fund Board to accept the Heads of Terms for Scunthorpe Town Deal.

9.2 That Cabinet delegate the signing of the Heads of Terms to the Chief Executive and S151 Officer on behalf of the Accountable Body.

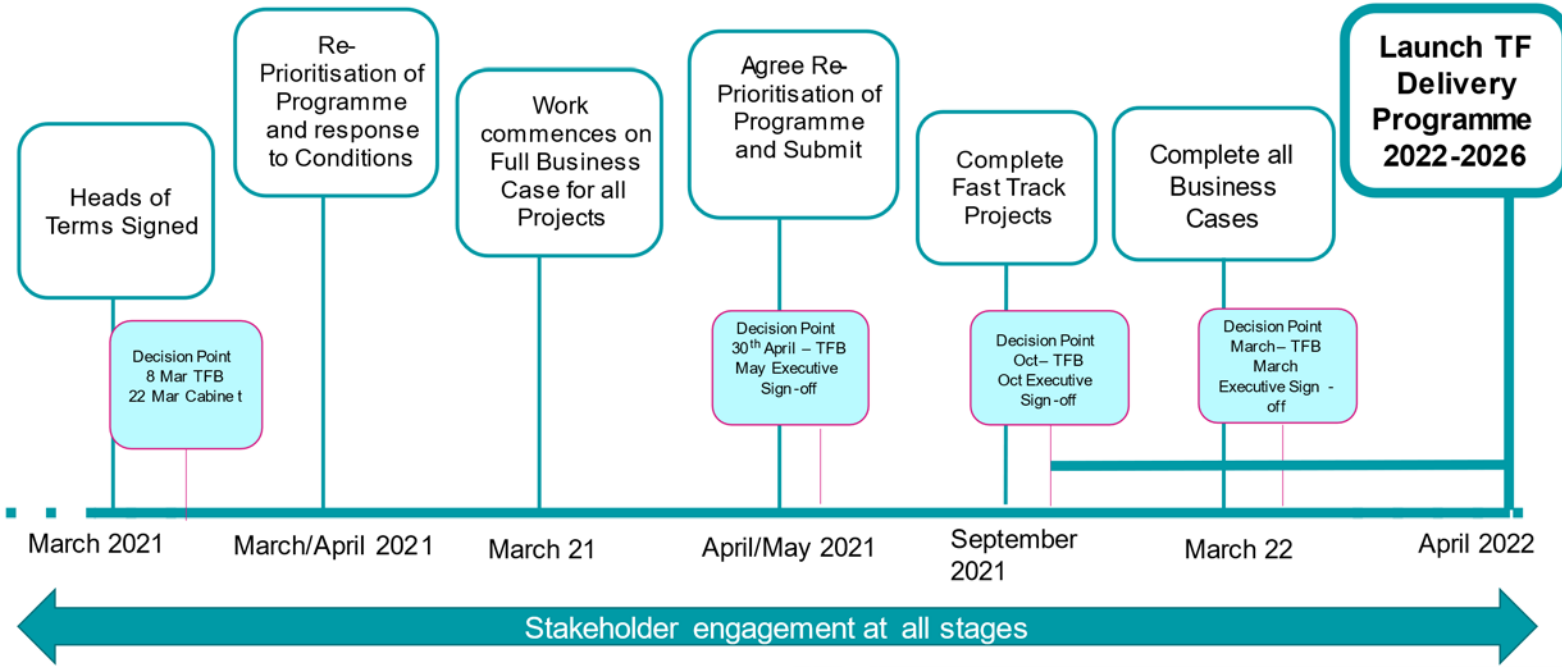
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**Background Papers used in the preparation of this report –**

- HOTs

Timeline: Towns Fund Stage 2



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