

TUNBRIDGE WELLS BOROUGH COUNCIL

COMMUNITIES AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CABINET ADVISORY BOARD

MINUTES of the meeting held at the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Royal Tunbridge Wells, TN1 1RS, at 6.30 pm on Wednesday, 13 July 2022

**Present: Councillor Wendy Fitzsimmons (Chair)
Councillors Pope (Vice-Chair), Fairweather, Funnell, Hill, Neville, Ms Palmer and Rutland**

Officers in Attendance: David Candlin (Head of Economic Development and Property) and Emer Moran (Democratic Services Officer)

Other Members in Attendance: Councillor Chapelard

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

COM73/22 Apologies were received from Councillors March and White.

Councillor Everitt was not present.

DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

COM74/22 There were no declarations of disclosable pecuniary or other significant interest made at the meeting.

NOTIFICATION OF PERSONS WISHING TO SPEAK

COM75/22 There were no members of the public or visiting Members registered to speak.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING DATED 30 MARCH 2022

COM76/22 **RESOLVED:** That the minutes of the meeting dated 30 March 2022 be approved as a correct record.

FORWARD PLAN AS AT 28 JUNE 2022

COM77/22 **RESOLVED** – that the Forward Plan as at 28 June 2022 be approved as a correct record.

SHARED PROSPERITY FUND INVESTMENT PLAN

COM78/22 David Candlin, Head of Economic Development and Property presented his report as per the agenda.

Discussion and questions from Members included the following:

- i. It was advised that community led and based applications for projects were welcomed at Tunbridge Wells Borough Council (TWBC), project ideas and proposals had been sought from Members, Parish and Town Councils and other stakeholders, and a significant number had been received.
- ii. Project proposals received had been developed to meet the various key criteria of UKSPF and the themes identified by Government.

- iii. Cabinet had selected the proposed interventions to meet the priorities set out in the focus on five.
 - iv. Thanks were given to David Candlin, Hilary Smith and James Read in Economic Development for the production of the report.
 - v. In terms of the timescale; it was acknowledged that it was a short time table from April to end of July however, subject to the approval of the Investment Plans by TWBC, the Investment Plan was scheduled to be submitted by the 1 August.
 - vi. The Government indicated that Investment Plans were scheduled to be signed off from October and a memorandum of understanding provided between the Government and TWBC for the money and interventions to be addressed.
 - vii. It was advised that between now and October there was a focus on putting processes in place so that at the point where the Government gave approval, some of the projects that had been loosely identified in the investment plan could be implemented.
 - viii. The Government had not issued all guidance and therefore there was a need for flexibility.
1. That the recommendations to Cabinet as set out in the report be supported.

URGENT BUSINESS

COM79/22 There was no urgent business for consideration.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

COM80/22 The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday 7 September 2022.

NOTES:

The meeting concluded at 6.55 pm.