

Item 15 – Full Council 16th March 2022

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Town Deal Sponsor – Centre Vale Park Projects update.

Understanding of individual projects

- Site meetings held re Tennis, Bowls, Greenhouse, Bandstand and Fielden Hall
- Meeting with Fielden Hall Architectural Heritage consultant to consider environmental improvement retro fit.
- To be held – MUGA – **waiting on CMBC to meet to discuss options.**

History and Background

- Provided by all except MUGA

Engagement of parties

Five zoom meetings held, apart for MUGA- scheduled each Thursday evening

Business Case Presentation

- By consultant to outline Treasury Green Book Business Case
 - Too rushed and unable to grasp
 - Examples still awaited of previous submission
 - Introduction to Strategic Case Workshop attended with follow up scheduled for week commencing 21st March 2022 **working with CV groups to complete Matrix of likely outputs to consider for themes re strategic case.**

Early need

- Matrix of project leads needs developed and submitted for consideration
 - Identified need from all to appoint Grant Seekers to inform what could be available and to submit applications in due course

Brief being prepared to seek quotes for two stages (identifying potential

providers and then submitting applications)- may appoint direct or through CMBC – see

Appendix 1 for draft brief – working with CV groups to complete Matrix of likely outputs

- Need to get to, likely capital build costs as early part of works – to employ Architects/Quantity Surveyors/ Specialist advisers

Waiting on CMBC to advise whether will be using approved panel or to seek start to seek

providers

- CMBC considering how to take this forward – either Individual commissions or collective for all Town Deal projects

We are pressing for early decision

Legal/Agreements

- Under way with CMBC
 - Already agreed assurances
 - Procurement process to be agreed with CMBC
 - Funding agreement and Grant conditions to be agreed – **this is with CMBC legal to approve before being issued to all Sponsors**

Barriers

To press/engage on all

- CMBC need to sort all Governance and Financial control issues and legal agreements - **pressing**
- CMBC need to decide whether individual projects place initial work with a global approach and appoint overall consultants re delivery of grant availability and likely construction costs or from sponsors to appoint directly
 - It is important to establish current baseline costs at an early stage for each element of project delivery
 Planning /Environment Agency/highways approvals – **need to start dialogue**
- Listed building status - **need to start dialogue**
- Land ownership – to establish from CMBC as to how they wish to progress ownership for all projects – Community Asset Transfer, retained ownership with management agreements - **need to formally start dialogue**
- Different levels of readiness by groups – **Bandstand group to be re-energised**
- Complexity of Green book submission-being lead by external consultants so to their timetable but component parts need to be fed in