

## Bletchley and Fenny Stratford Town Deal Advisory Group

**Tuesday 12 September 2023, 17:30 – 19:00**

### Microsoft Teams

<p><b>Attendees:</b>          Cllr Veronica Belcher (VB), Darrel Canvin (DC), Cllr Ed Hume (EH), Arosh Ali (AA), Mariee Wymer (ME), Cllr Nigel Long (NL), Cllr Waqas Ahmad (WA), Clare Baars (CB), Cllr Mohammed Khan (MK), Valda Stuckey (VS), Yvette Lamidey (YL), Adam Sciberras (AS)</p>
<p><b>Apologies:</b>          Lorraine Andrews (LA), Ayesha Khanom (AK), Cllr Emily Darlington (ED), Cllr Ethaniel Kelly-Wilson (EK), Cllr Mo Imran (MO), Roger Bradbury (RB)</p>
<p><b>Action Notes:</b>          Emma Pierce (EP)</p>

	Discussion items	Action
1.	<p><b>Welcome Introductions and Apologies</b></p> <p>VB welcomed members of the group and YL introduced herself as a first-time attendee.</p>	
2.	<p><b>Recap of minutes and actions from previous meeting</b></p> <p>The minutes of the last meeting were reviewed and approved. Follow up discussions took place regarding Youth Engagement and the group Terms of Reference.</p> <p><u>Youth Engagement</u></p> <p>CB provided an update. Contact has been made with the College and Lord Grey Academy. Lord Grey students have previously been involved in the Enigma project so are familiar with the requirements of this type of group. There has been a delay in response due to it being the start of a new academic year.</p> <p>Other organisations including the Q Alliance, Community Action MK and a basketball group have also been contacted and an interest in the group has been shown.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Contact CB with any additional Youth organisation contacts.</p> <p><u>Terms of Reference</u></p> <p>DC has received feedback on the current ToR from CB and VS and is in the process of working through the comments and suggestions.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>

	<p><b>Action:</b> To send through any additional ToR comments to DC by the 17 September.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>3.</b></p>	<p><b>Brunel Centre Redevelopment</b></p> <p>Adam Sciberras Special Projects Manager for MKDP presented on the Brunel Centre Redevelopment</p> <p>MKCC have developed a brief for the Brunel centre. The brief is expected to be open ended and flexible. A detailed design is likely to take place in late 2024 in to 2025 with work onsite expected in 2026. Current tenants are aware of these dates in terms of lease renewals.</p> <p>MKCC is also commissioning a parking study and are keen to look at behaviour enforcement. This will take a holistic approach and will take place over the coming months.</p> <p>AA asked how the train station will link into development plans. AS advised that the brief assumes the centre is demolished and will open up the connection to the station. There is currently a lot of uncertainty around the station eastern entrance plans.</p> <p>CB said that it would be good to see more innovative use of space, potentially something that could attract younger people.</p> <p>MKDP are happy to receive any suggestions on how to utilise the current empty centre units.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Contact AS is anyone is aware of any local initiatives that could utilise some of the empty space.</p> <p>CB queried what work is being done regarding business engagement in Bletchley. DC advised there is a dedicated Project Manager for the project who can be invited to the next meeting to provide an update on the work being done.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> Invite Sukhi Gill to the next Advisory Group meeting.</p> <p>CB requested more details on the 8-week consultation period. AS confirmed it would be online and both residents and business can provide comments. It will run over October/November.</p> <p>MK requested details on what is happening with the Sainsburys site. AS confirmed that MKDP are looking at demolition as it is a dangerous building with asbestos issues and antisocial behaviour surrounds it. Demolition is likely to take place early next year.</p> <p>NL said that we need to establish and understand what the residents of Bletchley want for the town centre. He also expressed concerns relating to Affordable housing not being affordable for those that need it most. AS advised that housing issues are recognised and active engagement is taking place with Homes England.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>All</b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>DC</b></p>

<p><b>4.</b></p>	<p><b>Town Deal Programme of activity and major milestones</b></p> <p>DC reviewed the high level programme plan and provided an outline of each of the projects.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> To share the presentation with the group.</p> <p>Community engagement was referenced and VB suggested this needs to be a regular item on the agenda with more in-depth conversations required.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> To add Community Engagement to the next and future agendas</p>	<p><b>DC</b></p> <p><b>EP</b></p>
<p><b>5.</b></p>	<p><b>Group Aims and Plans Moving Forwards</b></p> <p>CB said that the ToR are critical in order to shape this conversation. AA asked what activity should be taking place outside of the group e.g engaging with other focus groups.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> To provide DC with information on any forums which could feed into the group or ideas how we can interact with existing groups.</p>	<p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>6.</b></p>	<p><b>Review of group membership</b></p> <p><b>Action:</b> To share the current list of members and who they represent with the group.</p> <p>CB asked what can be done to proactively work with wider groups and how we can tie in with them. It was suggested that some local events could be run showcasing the work that is in the pipeline, online information sharing or flyers produced.</p> <p>DC acknowledged there is a communications and community engagement gap that needs addressing.</p> <p><b>Action:</b> To look at opportunities to actively engage with the local community and agree some dates for events to take place.</p> <p>CB requested that an in person event/and or an online event takes place before Christmas</p>	<p><b>DC</b></p> <p><b>All</b></p>
<p><b>7.</b></p>	<p><b>AOB</b></p> <p>No AOB was received. The date for the next Advisory Group meeting was agreed as the 5<sup>th</sup> December.</p>	

**Meeting concluded at 18:50**

**Date for the next meeting: 05 December 2023 17:30 – 19:00 – Microsoft Teams**