

Thursday 22nd March 2018 8:30-10:30
Chester Racecourse, the Paddock room

	<p>Action Points</p> <p>Further updates from the Northgate team as work progresses</p> <p>CGP to review how apprenticeships schemes can be promoted</p> <p>Provide a list of the current planning applications for hotels in Chester</p> <p>West Cheshire BID to be invited to the next meeting to give an Update</p>
1.	<p>Welcome and Minutes of the last meeting</p> <p>Everybody was welcomed to the meeting.</p> <p>The minutes from the last meeting on 28th September 2017 were approved.</p>
2.	<p>Chester Northgate Project</p> <p>Compulsory purchase order public Inquiry was held in February</p> <p>There should be a decision on the Inquiry by the end of Summer.</p> <p>Currently in procurement for building contractors.</p> <p>The Forum in Chester will become an Information Hub.</p> <p>An update on finance and funding was given.</p>
3.	<p>Chester Racecourse Masterplan</p> <p>An overview of the Chester Racecourse Masterplan over the years to come was given:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -To secure Chester's position as one of the UK's top racecourses -Improve facilities and new buildings benefiting the CRC and Chester -To maintain Chester Racecourse as a major local employer <p>There will an extension to the Racecourse and a sequence of new buildings.</p> <p>There will be an events building/conference center for City and regional events on non-race days.</p>

	<p>Will also be different access for vehicles. Less cars onsite, more of a pedestrian and cycle space will be created.</p> <p>Delivery vehicles will access around the back and there will be drop off points for cars and taxis. There will be a new three level car park on existing surface car park at New Crane Street/Saddlery Way.</p> <p>Will be preparing a hybrid application to be submitted around May/June time and they have also undertaken a consultation with the Design Review Panel.</p> <p>Mentioned public transport and if there will be any to get to the racecourse. A traffic assessment has just started and he will update once this is completed.</p> <p>Discussions with CWaC and Marketing Cheshire should take place about attracting the larger conferences as these usually are planned well in advance.</p> <p>Further updates from the Northgate team as work progresses.</p>
4.	<p>Business growth, inward investment and account management</p> <p>An update was given on the key activities of the business growth team:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -They provide a point of contact for Businesses -Signposting businesses to European and National Programmes -Dedicated business startup service -Coordinate investment enquiries -Account Management for key companies <p>Board was updated on some of the current projects:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> -West Cheshire BID -Service Blue Orchid -Bumpers Lane (ERDF) -Northern Powerhouse investment -Employers and schools through the Young Chamber <p>There has been an increase of 120,000 small businesses last year</p> <p>Mentioned the success of apprenticeships schemes and how do we retain young people. Previous apprenticeship events have taken place.</p> <p>Suggestion of having a wider support group for apprenticeships.</p>
5.	<p>West Cheshire BID Update</p> <p>Apologies were sent and a written update was provided.</p> <p>BID commenced in September, a lot of work has already taken place to date</p> <p>In January the BID met with CWaC and discussed practical issues such as potholes, parking, and cleanliness.</p>

	<p>The BID are looking at improving communications between the businesses to encourage inter trading and joint service purchasing.</p> <p>West Cheshire BID to be invited to the next meeting to give an Update</p>
6.	<p>Project Updates</p> <p>Project update report circulated:</p> <p>Update on the development of the West and Wales rail prospectus which had a Parliamentary launch on 26th February 2018. The prospectus sets out a range of improvements across the entire CWaC area.</p>
7.	<p>Planning Applications</p> <p>Current Planning applications circulated:</p> <p>Mentioned recent planning application for Pepper Street – a proposed hotel.</p> <p>For next meeting will provide a list of all the current planning applications for hotels in Chester.</p>
8.	<p>Terms Of Reference</p> <p>Draft Terms of Reference circulated for approval.</p> <p>Any suggested changes to be emailed.</p>
9.	<p>Draft 5 Year One City Plan review to be discussed</p> <p>The One City Plan for Chester 2012-202, which was adopted in 2012, is a single coordinated strategy that sets out the direction for the City to move in. It is a 'live' document and as such would be reviewed and monitored to ensure progress.</p> <p>A draft 5 year review of the One City Plan was provided.</p> <p>This will be a document to celebrate the achievements to date and future priorities.</p>
	<p>AOB</p> <p>Request for any suggestions for a venue for the next meeting.</p>
	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Friday 25th May 8:30-10:30 – Chester University</p>