

Friday 2nd November 2018 8.30am-10.30am
Riverside Innovation Centre, Chester

CHESTER GROWTH PARTNERSHIP MEMBERS

Peter Carstensen, Harry Bolton, Chris Matheson MP, Kate Howe, Katrina Michel, Andrew Bentley,
 Andrew Lewis, Alex Siddell, Phil Harris, Andy Foster, Carl Critchlow

OTHER ATTENDEES

Ruth Wojtan, Caroline Thomas, Beth Skinner, Jane Makin, Clare Huber, Chloe Taylor, Murray Graham

APOLOGIES

Lisa Harris, Peter Cocker, Roz Munslow, Cllr Brian Crowe, Cllr Ben Powell, Richard Grove, Ed Oliver

	<p>Action Points</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CGP Terms of Reference to be amended for formal approval • Incorporate a 'Skills' section into the Chester Dashboard • Add 'Digital Signage' to the next board meeting agenda/provide an update • Cheshire and Warrington Local Industrial Strategy update to be given at next board meeting • Confirm 2019 meeting dates and send diary invitations to board members
1.	<p>Welcome and Introductions Everybody was welcomed to the meeting and introductions were made. The minutes from the last meeting on 25th May were approved.</p> <p>The CGP Terms of Reference were presented with a suggestion that the data protection element be incorporated into the board member letter of appointment rather than in the terms of reference. It was also suggested the ToR should make reference to the level of resources the CGP relies on from its partners.</p> <p>Once the appropriate changes have been made the Terms of Reference will be formally adopted.</p> <p>ACTION: CGP Terms of Reference to be amended for formal approval</p>
2.	<p>Chester Northgate Highlighted the positive steps moving forward with the creation of two new CGP Northgate working groups - 'How' and 'What'.</p> <p>Council have been successful in securing the CPO and have now gained consent to bring forward Phase 1 of the project in isolation. The Phase 1 plans for the mixed use development will include a new relocated market, six-screen cinema, restaurants, a public square and high quality car parking.</p> <p>Current success of Chester Market, who are expected to hit 1 million visitors over the</p>

	<p>coming weeks, is being used as a test for the new market. Footfall and dwell time has increased enhancing the cultural offer.</p> <p>Highlighted the large amount of local support the rejuvenated market has seen and would urge local names to be included on plans rather than just large chains - a good opportunity to showcase and celebrate what makes Chester unique.</p> <p>VINCI Construction have been appointed as the 'Preferred Bidder' for the building works. They will formally be appointed for Phase 1 detail design next autumn and until then they will work with the Council whilst detailed planning work is completed over the coming months.</p> <p>Work for Phase 2 is ongoing with stakeholders. Residential is not currently featured in Phase 1 but isn't ruled out, however is seen as better suited in Phase 2. Raised the need for a well balanced mix in the residential offer.</p> <p>Discussion on the difficulty in getting in and out of Chester in the evening and the need to provide a safe environment for customers. There are groups looking at ASB issues. Storyhouse would like to be seen as a partner to the project and the ultimate anchor tenant.</p> <p>A discussion took place on the Parking Strategy which encourages the use of Park and Ride rather than bringing cars into the city, and questioned whether the increased parking in Northgate contradicts messages to the business community.</p> <p>Informed of the consultation plan in place. The shop in the Forum will be updated and any contacts to add to the list of consultees can be sent through. The number of businesses in the city was highlighted and the need to use the BID to help convey/communicate to the businesses.</p>
3.	<p>Residential Development as a Driver for Urban Regeneration</p> <p>A presentation overview of Iceni was given and the work they have done on similar regeneration projects across the country.</p> <p>Highlighted that residential has to be a part of a city centre and studies show there is a demand from different age groups for city centre living. A city the size of Chester can become a vibrant and livable place and Northgate will help to achieve that.</p> <p>There is work to be done on a wider residential strategy for the city and residential developments need to be in the right area. About finding a balance which applies to residential and commercial, looking at the impact on the wider city.</p> <p>The city needs to feel like a community and needs character and culture to create a safe and happy place, with visible residential in the centre a big contributing factor.</p> <p>Also highlighted students within the city and the need to retain them once they have graduated. To retain the demographic in Chester you need to provide a quality standard of living and lifestyle.</p>

4.	<p>Dee House</p> <p>An update on the Dee House project was given. Dee House sits in the One City Plan and needs to be considered in the wider setting/context of the city.</p> <p>As the board are aware several attempts have been made to secure a use on this sensitive location. The council had entered into a Conditional Development Agreement with Thwaites in 2015 however was mutually terminated as it was no longer possible to find a way forward for the scheme.</p> <p>The current period is being seen as an opportunity to take stock. CGP and CWaC are setting up a Dee House working group which includes a group of stakeholders to work together to find a way forward for the project.</p> <p>The Terms of Reference were taken as agreed.</p>
5.	<p>Review of One City Plan progress</p> <p>An overview of the review of the One City Plan progress was given. The timeline featured in the OCP has been reviewed and highlights the many projects delivered and shows the projects currently being worked on are around where the timeline set them out to be. A position statement of the One City Plan document itself is also underway.</p> <p>An interactive dashboard is being produced by the CGP team working with internal colleagues which will have a number of layers/sections around; the vision, regeneration, housing, hotels, transport, culture, leisure, heritage, retail and data. It is envisaged the dashboard will be launched publically next year.</p> <p>Suggested the addition of skills into the dashboard to ensure it isn't missed.</p> <p>ACTION: Incorporate a 'Skills' section into the Chester Dashboard</p> <p>Comment on how useful the dashboard will be from an inward investment perspective and stating it a helpful tool to demonstrate what has been delivered in the city from a positive point of view.</p>
6.	<p>General Updates</p> <p>An overview of recent planning applications was given which mostly comprise of the Chester Racecourse Masterplan. An agreement would be encouraged for the Council owned car park opposite the Racecourse entrance to be considered as part of the wider masterplan.</p> <p>Noted another change of use from offices to apartments within the city which sometimes causes problems as they are difficult to convert.</p> <p>A brief update was given on the City Gateway project - the Council are still in talks with LCR and Network Rail.</p>
7.	<p>AOB</p> <p>An action point from the last meeting was highlighted to add 'Digital Signage' to the board agenda. This will be looked at and added to the next meeting agenda/an update provided.</p>

	<p>ACTION: Add 'Digital Signage' to the next board meeting agenda/provide update</p> <p>An update was given on the Cheshire and Warrington Local Industrial Strategy and the importance of involving the CGP group to help shape the content. Will be in a position to provide a further update at the next meeting.</p> <p>ACTION: Cheshire and Warrington Local Industrial Strategy update to be given at next board meeting</p> <p>Good news of a record number of applicants from the area for the High Sheriff's Awards for Enterprise 2018/19.</p>
8.	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>Next meeting to be held in February 2019.</p> <p>Further dates to be confirmed for May, end of June (to coincide with a Northgate planning update), September and November.</p> <p>ACTION: Confirm 2019 meeting dates and send diary invitations to board members</p>