

MEETING REPORT

Meeting Type: Digital and Connectivity Subgroup

Date: 29/6/2020

Present: Neil Davis, Ian McChesney, Jill Block, Julian Cowans

Summary of Conversation:

1. Update from board meeting:
 - a. Phill Woods (CC lead) is producing a summary of the 70 page Towns Fund Guidance document;
 - b. the government Towns Hub will soon be available to help with the production of the Town Investment Plan (TIP);
 - c. board currently discussing which TIP submission to go for – October or January, January is favoured to give adequate time for public consultation on the TIP, decision this week after discussion with Towns Hub team;
 - d. St Ives TD website now up www.stivestowndeal.org.uk;
 - e. Overall vision and objectives drafted but not yet ready for publication;
 - f. Subgroups encouraged to send distribution lists that they may be using to TD board to ensure wide public reach of the Town Deal;
 - g. Subgroups encouraged to firm up plans and seek private company leads and investors where possible;
 - h. Subgroups directed to selection matrix to ensure projects meet its criteria.
2. Julian was welcomed to the subgroup. Julian is Programme Manager for Superfast Cornwall, working for Cornwall Development Company and brings this wealth of experience and contacts to the subgroup.
3. Julian said that part of the Superfast Cornwall project was to analyse public and business take-up once the service had been provided.
4. Neil asked all to think about digital project outlines arising from discussions so far. For example: Community Platform, support for the heritage centre, support for the Sports and Wellbeing Centre, digital skills training, post implementation analysis, etc etc

ACTIONS:

- **Lucy** will ask all sub-groups how their plans can be supported by digital
- **Lucy** will write in to finance plan; will talk to Sarah about Food and Fishing
- **Ian** continue to look into links with Transport and Energy group
- **Neil** continue to investigate digital requirements of culture and heritage
- **Jill** talk to Dan Rainbow about health digital links; and housing; and the Harbour Users Group; and continue conversation with Open Data Institute
- **Neil** send to subgroup:- selection matrix, Towns Fund Guidance document, list of TD Board members and subgroup leads
- **Jill** to investigate further “Digital Twinning” done in some cities.
- **Jill and Julian** to investigate, where possible, current digital support used by businesses in St Ives
- **Julian** to investigate where there are holes in broadband coverage in St Ives, if any
- **Julian** to investigate the wifi mesh in Falmouth and the abandoned scheme for St Ives (Neil to get the ST Ives BID contact to Julian)
- **Ian** to study further the type of outcomes and type of evidence which we should be considering and produce a draft of his conclusions.

Next meeting: Monday 13th July 4.30pm