

Housing and Infrastructure Board

Thursday, 08 December 2022

Programme Approvals

Is the paper exempt from the press and public?	No
Reason why exempt:	Not applicable
Purpose of this report:	Funding Decision
Is this a Key Decision?	No
Has it been included on the Forward Plan of Key Decisions?	Not a Key Decision

Director Approving Submission of the Report:

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Executive Summary

This report requests approval for two schemes progression from SBC (Strategic Business Case) subject to recommendation from Assurance Panel to continue developing their business case.

What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?

This report is seeking approval to progress business cases and enter into contract for two investment proposals which will support the MCA's aspirations.

Recommendations

The Board consider and approve:

1. Progression of "Rotherham Markets and Library Complex" project from SBC to OBC/FBC (Outline/Full Business Case) for Rotherham Metropolitan Borough Council (RMBC).
2. Progression of "Barnsley Civic Eldon Street Capital Development" project from SBC to OBC/FBC for Barnsley Metropolitan Borough Council (BMBC).

Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel

Assurance Panel

06 December 2022

1. Background

- 1.1 This report seeks approval for two projects to progress development of their business cases from strategic stage to development of a full business case. Whilst the two projects have been subject to a rigorous strategic assessment in line with the Assurance Framework, the panel that meets to discuss the assessments prior to Thematic Board is due to be meet on the 6th December 2022, therefore any further considerations from this panel are to be presented verbally during the meeting. If Board grants approval for the two business cases, then a full business case will be developed which will come back to a future meeting for approval of funding.

2. Proposals and Justification

2.1 Rotherham Markets and Library Complex – RMBC - SBC to OBC

The applicant is seeking approval for the project to progress to OBC/FBC. The project plans significant investment and modernisation of the markets and library complex. The site is in the Council's ownership and is a key priority as outlined in the Town Centre Masterplan.

Proposed works will create a modern, efficient facility that reflects its primary purpose to serve as a place for small business owners to trade and engage with customers, whilst also including elements of flexible space, suitable for easy adaptation to host temporary and changing uses.

The applicant is requesting £3m in grant funding as part of an overall £31.7m scheme that will include work to the indoor market, outdoor market, library and some public realm works.

The assessment has recommended that the project draw out the economic benefits of the scheme as they develop the business case through new employment opportunities and any amenity benefits and land value uplift. The assurance considerations are detailed in Annex A. The Board are asked to approve the 'Rotherham Markets and Library Complex' project to develop a Full Business Case.

2.2 Barnsley Civic Eldon Street Capital Development – BMBC - SBC to OBC/FBC

The applicant is seeking approval for the project to progress to OBC/FBC. The project plans to redevelop the Civic building, attract more people to become involved in cultural activities and accelerate the renewal of Barnsley town centre.

The development plans to deliver a renewed frontage onto the busy Eldon Street, facing onto the Glass Works development and opposite the transport interchange. The applicant requests £1.19m grant funding towards a total scheme cost of £2.60m.

A bar, restaurant and coffee shop will take the ground and first floors, the second floor will see quality office provision and the third floor will become a creative space for the community. These developments plan to attract new audiences and participants into the Civic and bring new income into the operation.

The assessment concludes that the scheme is comprehensively developed and current delivery plan is achievable, with a start date for works planned for February 2022. The assurance considerations are detailed in Annex B. The Board are asked to approve the 'Barnsley Civic Eldon Street Capital Development' project to develop a Full Business Case.

3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

3.1 Option 1 Risks and Mitigations

Rejection of some, or all, of the recommendations in this report would mean the region foregoing the forecast benefits arising from the investment.

3.2 Option 2

Approve all recommendations

3.3 Option 2 Risks and Mitigations

Approval of the schemes would require a commitment being made against the MCA's gainshare allocation.

3.4 Recommended Option

Option 2

4. Consultation on Proposal

- 4.1 Project sponsors are required to publish business cases on their own websites (or an appropriate summary of the submission) and must consider all comments received as part of the project development and delivery.

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The promoter is responsible for the further development of projects that have gateway approval to the next stage of the MCA Assurance process.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice

- 6.1 The proposed investments presented in this report are all fully funded and within budget.

7. Legal Implications and Advice

- 7.1 The legal implications of the projects are fully considered by a representative of the Monitoring Officer and included in the recommendations agreed within the Assurance Summaries.

8. Human Resources Implications and Advice

- 8.1 N/A

9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice

- 9.1 Appropriate equality and diversity considerations are taken into account as part of the assurance of the project business cases.

10. Climate Change Implications and Advice

- 10.1 The schemes include new and/or enhanced improvements to public and community infrastructure. This aims to deliver benefits for health and the prosperity of towns and cities, positively contributing to the SYMCA's climate change aspirations.

11. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice

11.1 N/A

12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice

12.1 The approvals provide positive opportunities to highlight the difference the MCA's investments will make to people, passengers, businesses and places across South Yorkshire and how Members are taking action to support the region's recovery from COVID.

List of Appendices Included

A Rotherham Markets and Library Complex Assurance Summary

B Barnsley Civic Eldon Street Capital Development Assurance Summary

Background Papers

N/A