Towns Board Update

A meeting was held on 16 July 2020 with Julian Pye from Arup who are the Delivery Partner for the Towns Fund on behalf of – Ministry of Communities Health and Local Government (MCHLG).

The vision for the Town Investment Plan (TIP) is currently being put together and the Council are in the process of appointing consultants to support with the TIP.

On site visit arranged for September 2020 with Julian Pye and Ian Smith (BEIS).

DMBC are raising purchase orders to appointed consultants to prepare the feasibility study.

Started process of detailed programme and developing risk register.

‘Work to prepare the feasibility study for the proposed new University Building has commenced with pre application meetings to agree design principles being held with the planning officers.

Site survey works have been planned and are awaiting confirmation of orders to proceed, to allow initial design works to commence.

Expressions of interest for partners, have been obtained from a number of Universities and these are being progressed to enable them to be engaged in the design process and business planning going forward.’

CAPA pulling togethers Comms plan.

Agreed the £1 million acceleration fund – agreed spend on Public Realm works from Dudley Castle down to B’ham Street and also on Zoological Way to get to adoptable standard. Letter to be sent to MCHLG detailing what money will be spent on by 14th August.

The first Steering Group meeting took place on the 23rd July.

Started linking in with Sandwell who have 3 Town Funds in process which will compliment Dudley projects.

A request has been received from the LEP for a presentation for all Town Fund bids across the Black Country.