

UPDATE REPORT FOR CHAPELCROSS SITE STAKEHOLDER GROUP

10 MARCH 2017

1. Summary

An extended delivery time to 31 August 2017 has been agreed in order to close off ongoing case commitments and to cover salary costs of CX staff developing succession plan with NDA. The existing CX Project commitments are almost fully delivered in both enterprise support and strategic projects. The GLA Project Officer is maintaining local profile from the Annan office and supporting both Annan and Gretna Regeneration Steering Groups. Work with potential relocating firms to Chapelcross continues and a fresh contact has been made with MoD regarding the potential development of MoD Eastriggs. NDA and the GLA colleagues are working together on the CX succession bid to NDA. SE, NDA and DGC signed the Memorandum of Understanding covering this successor programme on 7 March 2017.

2. CX Project Growth Business and Young Entrepreneur Start up support to end January 2017

- Business Grants - £127k target £32k to date with £18k in process
- There are more businesses and individuals being supported than forecast. New start numbers are on profile.
- New jobs achieved to date in 2016/17 is 14 against an annual target of 22
- Significant business leverage is being achieved - £1.3m to date against annual target of £720k

3. Strategic Projects Team update to end January 2017

Gretna projects.

Completed and moving through snagging into hand over period. The projects emanating from the master plans have levered over £1.3m through council's capital investment budget.

Annan projects –

- High Street Public Realm consultancy commission is in process.
- Liaison ongoing with housing associations (RSLs) regarding brown field sites in town centre.
- Employment Land Study – Funded by DGC, close to completion it will highlight opportunities for a step change in marketing sites in DC area, especially in the GLA corridor and at Chapelcross

- Annan Masterplan – The CX Project Officer work with businesses exploring relocation and expansion is ongoing with one firm in particular looking to double its footprint and number of employees.

MoD Eastriggs

Initial conversations and site visit concerned with the MoD position regarding the exploration of future uses for the site.

CX Project MoU.

The MoU wording has been agreed by officials of all three parties. Signing ceremony agreed for 7 March with NDA, Scottish Enterprise and DGC as signatories.

‘Low Carbon Infrastructure Transition Programme’.

Offer from Scottish Govt. officials for their technical ongoing support for business case still to be progressed. Also urged we maintain political pressure to ensure Scottish Parliament aware of CX succession aspirations. Energy theme has been developed through initial discussions with enquiring low carbon energy producers.

Chapelcross Site Programme as a follow on to the CX Project which ends August 2017.

NDA and CX colleagues collaborating on a bid document with a view to meeting the timetable for the April NDA panel.

- A five year programme from September 2017
- Match NDA grant with SE and DGC
- Focus on delivering the action points from the Chapelcross Development Framework
- Linked to Key Performance Indicators such as new jobs, acreage developed, private funds levered and business expansions attracted
- Simplified Planning Zone development, ‘specialist consultancy costs’ associated with bringing forward the site and/or easing business relocation phasing
- Mixed site proposal with a potential ‘low carbon energy’ speciality
- Costs associated with landing a potential anchor tenant
- Create marketing collateral for the site as part of a wider strategy in South of Scotland

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