

Towns Fund update

28th April 2022

Town Deal - Funding

Towns Fund received to date:

Capital - Total £8,757,500;

This includes the £1M Forward Funding and allocations to date across all nine intervention projects.

Revenue – Total £341,029

Consisting of capacity funding and programme development.



Town Deal - Funding

Following successful DLUHC Assurance and Performance reporting 2022/23 additional payments will be received in April 2022:

Capital - £1,347,889 (Adult skills; Skinnergate & Yards; Tlevels)

Revenue - £133,665 (Programme development)



Town Deal - Reporting

Performance and Assurance return submitted February and March. Agreement released the proposed April funding.

Subject to further DLUHC satisfactory review:

For first projects (Adult skills; Skinnergate & Yards; Tlevels); Up to 70% of 22/23 funding released in April (confirmed) Remaining 30% 22/23 funding released June – September

Remaining six projects;

Performance review summer 22/23, and if acceptable funding released later in 22/23



The Yards - continues

The Yards Phase 1 is concluding - Work is now continuing as part of main project.





TLevels

- Design work progressing
- Tender returned
- Funding Agreement between DBC and College being finalised



Adult Skills

- Northern Echo Purchased
- Designer has been procured progressing with stakeholders
- Met with Northern Echo
- Visioning session arranged to refine working arrangements



Skinnergate & The Yards

Drop-in session held 27th April in Skinnergate (same day as Northumbria in Bloom visit)

- Public Realm/Highway engagement process commenced – Stage 1 and 2 complete. Handed over to highway designers.
- Residential/Development scheme design progressing; preparing for tender.
- Property enhancements are ongoing



Skinnergate & The Yards





Projects

Railway Heritage Quarter

TVCA Business Case (BC) completed, funding in place. Launch held 3rd March

Bank Top

TVCA and Town Fund BC completed. Progressing.

Linear Park

Towns Fund BC completed. Summary agreed. Masterplan & Conservation Area Study completed Commencing feasibility work on cycle route Concept design proposals underway For Garden Street area



Projects

North Road & Northgate House

Towns Fund BC completed, Summary agreed. Masterplan & Conservation Area Study completed Stakeholder and Engagement Plan to be developed for agreement and progression

Edward Pease House

Towns Fund BC completed. Summary agreed. Heritage surveys undertaken

Victoria Road

Towns Fund BC completed. Summary agreed. Engagement and property enhancements commenced.



Town Deal Next steps

 Stakeholder and Engagement Plans to be developed and agreed.

 Progression of engagement throughout all projects

 Project Development and delivery of all interventions to progress

