

15 February 2022**Report of** **Assistant Director for Place and Client** **Author** **Matt Sterling****Title** **Town Deal Covering Report****Wards affected** Not applicable**1. Executive summary**

- 1.1 This report invites the Panel to review and comment on the decisions relating to the Town Deal included in the appended Cabinet report that are being submitted to 9 March 2022 Cabinet.
- 1.2 The Cabinet decisions Scrutiny Panel are being asked to pre-scrutinise are that Cabinet:
- a. Confirms Colchester Borough Council's ongoing commitment to the Town Deal Programme in the role of Accountable Body
 - b. Notes the findings of the Section 151 Officer's Internal Assurance process for the Town Deal Business Cases.
 - c. Approves the Town Deal Business Cases and the Summary Documents
 - d. Approves, as the Accountable Body, the Summary Document being submitted to Government on behalf of the independent We Are Colchester Board
- 1.3 The Summaries for each Business Case are attached as appendices. Panel members may wish to review the full Business Cases which are also available online on the webpage for this meeting and can be accessed via the links in the Appendices section overleaf. Please note however that these full Business Cases contain information which is exempt and therefore confidential as they contain information considered commercially sensitive. Panel members may wish to review them to inform their considerations, but they should be treated as confidential and any reference to their content should be in the confidential part of the meeting.
- 1.4 Decisions about which projects to include in the Town Deal are made by the independent We Are Colchester Board. Colchester Borough Council acts as accountable body for the monies.

2. Action Required

- 2.1 The Panel is asked to review and comment on the decisions relating to the Town Deal included in the appended Cabinet report that are being submitted to 9 March 2022 Cabinet. Any comments made by the Panel will be submitted to the Cabinet meeting for further consideration.

3. Reason for Scrutiny

- 3.1. The attached reports should be read and considered alongside each other to provide an assessment of the Cabinet decisions.
- 3.2 The Panel may, at the Cabinet's request, scrutinise decisions to be taken by the Cabinet and report any comments or concerns for further consideration by Cabinet prior to the decision being taken.

Appendices:

Appendix A – Cabinet Report: Town Deal Business Cases, submission to Government (9 March 2022), and Business Cases Summary

Appendix B – Town Deal Business Case Documents [Commercially Sensitive and therefore confidential]

[Digital Working Hub Business Case](#)

[Transformed Youth Facilities Business Case](#)

[Digital Skills Hub Business Case](#)

[Town Centre & Gateways Business Case](#)

[Heart of Greenstead Business Case](#)

[Town Centre 5G - Connected Tourism Business Case](#)

[Walking & Cycling Links Business Case](#)