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£750,000 confirmed for accelerator projects under Towns' Fund

At Full Council on Monday 10th August 2020 Boston Borough Council approved a range of exciting projects that will be delivered through the Government's Towns Fund Accelerated Funding.

The Borough Council and the Boston Towns Deal Board are already in the process of producing a Town Investment Plan which will be the basis of their bid for up to £25million of funding from the Towns Fund to help level-up the town, but it was announced last month that Boston would also benefit from £750,000 Accelerated Funding to help deliver projects in this financial year.

At the Full Council meeting Boston Councillors agreed a shortlist of six projects that they are looking to take forward to access this funding, these are:

Haven High Academy – 3G Pitch Development Project

Haven High Academy is applying to the Football Foundation for funding towards a full size floodlit 3G Football Turf Pitch on the site in Marian Road. The academy is keen to provide high quality facilities that will not only benefit their students but turn the venue into a hub for the local community.

Boston College Digital, Transport and Logistics Academy

Boston College's Digital, Transport and Logistics Academy (DTLA) is proposed to introduce new courses that will provide skills training for Lincolnshire's established logistics and transportation industry and is set for completion in November this year. Following consultation with the logistics industry, including the Port of Boston, the College have identified what equipment is required to accelerate the support for skills and employment and help the DTLA become fully operational in time to support the local economy as it recovers from the COVID-19 pandemic.

Boston Town Heritage Project

The Boston Townscape Heritage Project has been developed through a partnership between Boston Borough

Council and Heritage Lincolnshire which aims to build upon the momentum gained from recent heritage led regeneration initiatives in the town and seeks to significantly enhance the eastern area of the town's historic market place. The project has already successfully bid for match funding to the Heritage Lottery Fund and Lincolnshire County Council and the accelerated funding would allow the project to be realised in full.

Experience Boston: Travel, Trade and Influence

Looking to capitalise on the success of the 'Boston: Explore and Discover' project, Experience Boston: Travel, Trade and Influence will enhance the Town's cultural infrastructure to engage and share more effectively these stories as well as Boston's historic trade and maritime associations, and the influence the town has had locally and internationally. The project will develop physical interpretation and heritage resources that are focussed on the historic environment of the town and its culture.

PE21 Feasibility Funding

The PE21 project is one of the Council's key priorities and a major regeneration project that places the vibrancy and vitality of the town centre at the heart of its vision, contributing to building a strong, responsive and competitive economy. There are many elements of the PE21 masterplan which may be included within the Town Investment Plan, however, a further feasibility study is needed into the viability of these interventions and market demand post COVID-19.

The Sanctuary, Restore Church

Restore Church are looking to bring forward this exemplar project within the PE21 area. The Sanctuary will be an inclusive community hub focussing on supporting homeless and vulnerable people; it will provide a range of services and opportunities that support people into accommodation, into training, into education and into work. *Read more here <https://bit.ly/3afvhZu>*

Boston's Haven Banks and Black Sluice Lock updates

Over the last few months work on the Boston Haven Banks Improvement Scheme has continued at pace, improving the sea defences downstream of Boston and helping to better protect over 17,000 properties along with the town's new tidal flood barrier. *Read more here <https://bit.ly/3kxJ02D>*



County council to takes reins of pavement licences

Boston Borough Council has agreed to let Lincolnshire County Council take the reins on a new pavement licensing function. *Read more here <https://bit.ly/2XPaoPW>*

Official Opening of Yummy

Mayor Cllr Anton Dani, attended the official opening of the new Yummy offices in Boston on Thursday 30th July, cutting the ribbon to mark the occasion. Yummy is a food delivery service who pride themselves on delivering fresh local food from Lincolnshire's best provider's right to your doorstep.



Electoral Registration Canvass 2020

Local residents are being warned not to lose their voice on decisions that affect them by making sure their electoral registration details are up to date. *Read more here <https://bit.ly/3kyNIT9>*

Get your 2.5 hour free parking ticket from the machine

The free parking initiative was launched 29 June 2020 as an incentive designed to encourage people to come to Boston to shop and eat out. We hope this will provide a much needed boost to the economy and help to support local businesses during this challenging time. Visitors to the town will be able to park for free for 2.5 hours but must display a ticket. To get your free ticket look for the word free on the screen and press the yellow button below it followed by the green button on the machine. For the full list of carparks where the free 2.5 hours parking for shoppers is available follow the link <https://bit.ly/31F13xM>

Who is your favourite Boston Market Trader? And the winner is...

John Williamson of JVV Fruit & Veg

Thank you to all of those who voted in the Your Market Trader of the Year campaign. John and Lisa from JVV received the most amount of votes and will be your Market Trader of the Year for Boston Market 2020. The two of them make a great team standing in the corner of the Market Place near Three and British Heart Foundation. They continued to work throughout lockdown providing fresh fruit and vegetables to the Town. JVV have been trading on Boston Market for over 21 years. Well done to all the Market Traders but a special mention to Carla Beavers in second place and in third place was Jeanie Killick.



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