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Chair: Robert Richards. Vice-Chair: James Heappey MP



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Glastonbury Town Deal projects formally confirmed to Government, bringing £23.6m investment closer

The confirmation paperwork for all 12 projects outlined in Glastonbury's Town Investment Plan (TIP) has been formally submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG). This is the next step in a process that should bring £23.6m of investment into the town.

The Glastonbury Town Deal Board agreed at the end of July to go ahead with all 12 projects detailed in the TIP. Having submitted the formal confirmation paperwork, including additional draft financial and monitoring & evaluation information, the Town Deal Board and Mendip District Council will now focus on developing the detailed Business Cases as required by the government.

In line with HM Treasury's Green Book and Supplementary Guidance, a five Stage Business Case will be developed for each project, as well as an overarching Business Case for the whole programme. This work will be undertaken over the next 10 months, with all Business Cases needing to be submitted to the MHCLG by 28 June 2022. Funds will be released as and when the individual Business Cases have been approved.

As part of the Business Case development process, the Town Deal Board and Mendip District Council will be holding a series of open day events for the local community over the coming months. Although it is not possible to add new projects as the proposals have now been formally agreed, the detail within the individual projects is yet to be finalised.

As a result, the Board and Support Team for Glastonbury are keen to engage with the local community to gather opinions, comments and ideas relating to the projects outlined in the TIP before the Business Cases are completed. Information about community-focused events will be published on the Glastonbury Town Deal website and social media pages.

Chair of the Town Deal Board, Robert Richards, said: "The Town Deal investment offers an amazing opportunity for Glastonbury. Now that the confirmation paperwork has been

submitted, we can move on to the next stage of the process, working on the detail of the 12 projects in the TIP. We are looking forward to engaging with local residents and businesses about this over the coming months and are keen to make sure this once-in-a-generation investment delivers benefits for the Glastonbury community as a whole.”

Mayor of Glastonbury, Cllr Jon Cousins, said: “As Glastonbury’s Town Deal progresses and the Business Cases are built, this is the perfect time for our residents and businesses to contribute to the development of these brilliant projects, which will undoubtedly help Glastonbury – our community and this special place – to flourish.”

Leader of Mendip District Council, Cllr Ros Wyke, said: “The processes we have followed to date have been rigorous and in line with the requirements of Government in order to realise the potential of this major investment in Glastonbury. Now that the development of the Business Cases is underway, the Town Deal Board and Mendip District Council will be inviting the local community to learn more about the projects and influence the detail, ensuring this investment delivers the greatest potential for the whole town.”

The TIP was developed by the Town Deal Board through engagement with key partners, businesses, community groups and Mendip District Council as the lead authority. It aims to deliver a necessary ‘levelling up’ opportunity for the town, bringing existing assets back into community use, and working with local communities to develop the spaces and resources that they want and need. The overall aim is for Glastonbury to be a sustainable, prosperous, modern town and global tourist centre, drawing on its rural landscape, history and unique legacy.

For further information, visit: www.mendip.gov.uk/glastotownddeal

Read the published TIP here: www.mendip.gov.uk/towninvestmentplan

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Notes to editors:

Town Investment Plan

You can view Glastonbury’s TIP here: [HERE](#)

The Plan was submitted to Government on 29 January 2021

The 12 projects featured in the TIP are:

- Regeneration of the Baily’s Buildings
- Establishment of an Enterprise and Innovation Centre in Beckery House
- Completion of the work on Building C
- Glastonbury Clean Energy
- Establishment of Glastonbury Environment Centre
- Renovation of St Brigid’s Chapel and Field
- Delivery of a Food and Regenerative Farming Centre
- Transport and Travel
- An enabling Project
- Regeneration of St Dunstan’s House
- Renovation of the entrance to Glastonbury Abbey
- Establishment of a new Sports and Leisure Facility

500K accelerator funding

Investment has already started in Glastonbury, thanks to the work of the Town Deal Board. In August 2020, the Board successfully bid for £500k 'accelerator' funding made available by Government to all 101 of the Town Deal areas, to address issues arising from the COVID pandemic. Projects included:

- The renovation of The Glastonbury Way
- The renovation of St Edmund's Hall
- Some refurbishments in the High Street
- The development of Herbies Field
- The renovation of part of Building C, the Red Brick Buildings

Glastonbury Town Deal Board

The Board is chaired by Robert Richards. Vice-Chair is James Heappey MP.

Also represented are Mendip District Council, Somerset County Council, Glastonbury Town Council, Glastonbury Chamber of Commerce & Tourism, Street and Glastonbury YMCA, Redbrick Building Centre, Mendip District Council, Somerset NHS, Cooper and Tanner, Melhuish and Saunders, Strode College, Heart of the South West LEP, Cities and Local Growth Unit (BEIS/MHCLM), Department of Work and Pensions and representatives from the community.

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Towns Fund – Town Deals

On 27 July 2019, the Prime Minister announced that the Towns Fund would support an initial 101 places across England to develop Town Deal proposals, to drive economic regeneration and deliver long-term economic and productivity growth. See further details of the [announcement](#).

A Town Deal is an agreement in principle between government, the Lead Council and the Town Deal Board. It will set out a vision and strategy for the town, and what each party agrees to do to achieve this vision.

See the [101 places being supported to develop Town Deals](#).

Each of the 101 towns selected to work towards a Town Deal also received accelerated funding last year for investment in capital projects that would have an immediate impact and help places "build back better" in the wake of Covid-19. View a list of [accelerated funding by place](#) (PDF, 266 KB, 11 pages).

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