

# TOWNS FUND ACCELERATION Projects

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| Intervention  | C/<br>R | Description  | Early Interventions<br>Alignment/Potential  | Intervention<br>Framework Area   | Cost           | Recommendation  |
|---|---------|--|---|--|----------------|---|
| Sustainable Transport Interventions  The planning and design of transport interventions, linking local people with jobs and training opportunities.                   | С       | Bloxwich-wide plan developed for interventions which can be delivered in a phased way to transform access to jobs and training, provides clear target for future investment and early outputs to influence Town Fund submission. With a focus on high unemployment and low skills areas. | <ul> <li>✓ Parks/greenspace</li> <li>✓ Sustainable transport links</li> <li>✓ Improvements to town centres</li> </ul>   | <ul> <li>✓ Local transport</li> <li>✓ Urban regeneration</li> <li>✓ Skills infrastructure</li> <li>✓ Enterprise infrastructure</li> </ul>    | Budget<br>£75k | Provides a framework for future investment in Bloxwich.  Revenue activity that can be capitalised.                      |
| Bloxwich Town Area Environmental Improvements  A kick start package of Improvements to public realm and environments to encourage people into the Bloxwich Town area. | С       | Physical improvements to promote a feeling of well being and safety, promoting footfall that connects people to jobs, training and businesses.   | <ul> <li>✓ Sustainable transport links</li> <li>✓ Improvements to town centres</li> <li>✓ Improved perceptions of the place by residents, businesses and visitors.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>✓ Local transport</li> <li>✓ Arts/Culture/Heritage</li> <li>✓ Skills infrastructure</li> <li>✓ Enterprise infrastructure</li> </ul> | Budget<br>£85k | Progress as capital ask, confidence in delivery, aligned to framework and addresses issues identified through partners. |
| Improved Community Safety  Upgraded / additional CCTV in Bloxwich Town Centre, identified local shopping areas and business parks.                                    | С       | Improvements to CCTV in shopping areas Bloxwich Town and local community shopping and Business Park areas. To support a feeling of wellbeing and community safety within and around key economic centres. To encourage trade, investment and footfall.                                   | <ul> <li>✓ Improvements to town and local centres</li> <li>✓ Improved perceptions of the place by residents, businesses and visitors.</li> </ul>                              | <ul><li>✓ Urban regeneration</li><li>✓ Enterprise infrastructure</li></ul>   | Budget<br>£250 | Progress as capital ask, as well aligned with guidance and supports community desire for improved safety.               |



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| Park & Green Spaces Improvements  Variety of rapid interventions in parks and greenspaces, enhancing the environment and outdoor sports facilities. | С       | Schedule of interventions in parks and green spaces across Bloxwich to improve quality of spaces and enhanced sports facilities, to promote health and wellbeing for residents and the workforce.                                    | <ul> <li>✓ Parks/greenspace</li> <li>✓ Improvements to town and local centres</li> <li>✓ Upgraded community spaces / assets linked to inclusive growth.</li> </ul> | <ul><li>✓ Urban regeneration</li><li>✓ Arts/Culture/Heritage</li></ul> | Budget<br>£100k | Progress as capital ask, as well aligned with guidance and supports community desire for investment in green spaces.  |
| Improving Transport access Across Bloxwich.  Transport control improvements to Bloxwich High Street to improve traffic flow and safety.             | С       | Improved traffic flow in Bloxwich, including journey time, traffic flow rates and energy efficiency improvements to traffic lights to improve the experience for visitors to the Town Centre, for pedestrians, cyclists and drivers. | <ul> <li>✓ Sustainable transport links</li> <li>✓ Improvements to town and local centres</li> </ul>  | ✓ Local transport ✓ Urban regeneration                                 | £240k           | Progress as capital ask, as well aligned with guidance, aligns with transport plans and supports community desire for improvements to Bloxwich High Street. |
|   |         |  |  | TOTAL  | £750K           |   |



# **WALSALL - Acceleration Fund Projects**

| Intervention   | C/<br>R | Description  | Early Interventions<br>Alignment/Potential  | Intervention<br>Framework Area   | Cost            | Recommendation  |
|--|---------|--|---|--|-----------------|---|
| Improving the Economy of the Walsall Town area.  By Identifying areas for improvement to encourage use by the public and businesses, to increase footfall, trade and investment. | С       | Building on the work of the Walsall Town Centre masterplan, the development of a Walsall Town Area Plan to enhance our public realm. To include; wayfinding, public art, lighting, seating, planting etc. This work will inform the development of the Walsall area Town Deal Bid. | <ul> <li>✓ Parks/greenspace</li> <li>✓ Improvements to town and local centres</li> </ul>  | <ul><li>✓ Local transport</li><li>✓ Urban regeneration</li><li>✓ Arts/Culture/Heritage</li></ul>                                     | Budget<br>£75k  | Provides details and a framework for consistency for future investment in Walsall.  Revenue activity that can be capitalised.                       |
| Walsall Town Area Environmental Improvements  A kick start package of Improvements to public realm and environments to encourage people into the Walsall Town area.              | C       | Building from the work in the masterplan, to design and deliver a range of improvements to the environment that promotes a feeling of well being and safety, increasing footfall that connects people to jobs, training and businesses; and promotes economic growth.              | <ul> <li>✓ Parks/greenspace</li> <li>✓ Sustainable transport links</li> <li>✓ Improvements to town and local centres</li> <li>✓ Improved perceptions of the place by residents, businesses and visitors.</li> </ul> | <ul> <li>✓ Local transport</li> <li>✓ Digital connectivity</li> <li>✓ Urban regeneration</li> <li>✓ Arts/Culture/Heritage</li> </ul> | Budget<br>£325k | Progress as capital<br>ask, as well aligned<br>with guidance, supports<br>community desires for<br>town, delivers on<br>masterplan ambitions<br>etc |
| Park & Green Spaces Improvements  Variety of rapid interventions in parks and greenspaces, enhancing the environment and outdoor sports facilities.                              | С       | Schedule of interventions in local community parks and green spaces across Walsall Town area; to improve quality of spaces and enhanced outdoor sports facilities, promoting health and wellbeing for residents and the workforce.   | <ul> <li>✓ Parks/greenspace</li> <li>✓ Improvements to town and local centres</li> <li>✓ Upgraded community spaces / assets linked to inclusive growth.</li> </ul>  | <ul><li>✓ Urban regeneration</li><li>✓ Arts/Culture/Heritage</li></ul>   | Budget<br>£100k | Progress as capital ask, as well aligned with guidance and supports community desire for investment in green spaces.                                |



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|  |         |   |  | TOTAL                          | £750k           |   |