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STRATEGY & RESOURCES COMMITTEE

MEMBER/OFFICER REPORT

NAME OF ORGANISATION/BODY	Regeneration and Investment Board
DATE OF LAST MEETING	30 November 2022 (written summary below)
ATTENDED	25 January 2023 (verbal update to be provided)

BRIEF REPORT:

The Regeneration and Investment Board (RIB) met on 30 November 2022 and the following items were discussed:

Stroud District Prospectus

Representatives from One Voice Media (listed above) joined the meeting to provide the Board with a final visual 'run through' of the district wide prospectus, which was very well received. It was noted that a special briefing, to which all members had been invited, had taken place on 28 November 2022. This briefing had been recorded and would be shared via the Members Weekly Update for those that had not been able to attend.

The final prospectus would be ready in the New Year and would be launched in Spring 2023.

Project Updates:

- **Levelling Up Fund – Round 2.** We received the unfortunate news on 18 January 2023 that our £16.7m bid to the Levelling Up Fund was not successful. Nationally, only about a quarter of bids submitted in round 2 were successful and the Fund was massively over-subscribed. Although this is obviously very disappointing news, the work done to make our projects ready for delivery will not be wasted. Our delivery partners (Stroud Town Council, Gloucestershire County Council, Dransfeld Developments and Stroud Valleys Artspace) remain as committed and determined as we are to find alternative ways of delivering these much-needed projects, and we will continue to work with them to this end.
- **Bath Place, Stroud.** The Council's purchase of this key edge of Town brownfield site in Stroud was completed on 13 December 2022. Bath Place was noted as an important 'gateway' site, playing a central role in the Council's LUF bid (see below). The Project Charter was supported by the Board and outlined the vision to '*deliver an exemplar, sustainable, mixed tenure residential canal side scheme. The scheme will provide high quality apartments in the town centre, will connect the two key gateways of Wallbridge and the railway station and improve the connectivity between the canal and the town centre*'. Further reports would come to the Board and to S&R Cttee, as appropriate.
- **Brimscombe Port.** The Board noted that the project was progressing well and that the next key step would be entering into a Development Agreement with St Modwen Homes and finalising the amendments to the Funding Agreement with Homes England, with both anticipated to happen in February 2023. A workshop with the South West Design Review Panel had taken place on 10 November 2022, and this would assist in the preparation (by St



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Modwen Homes) of the planning application for the scheme, due to be submitted to the Council in May/June 2023. The Board also discussed the work under way with Brimscombe and Thrupp Parish Council to resolve the vision and delivery plan for a community facility/venue within the redevelopment project.

- **May Lane (Dursley)**

Progress with this project was noted as good overall. The scheme had been divided into two parts comprising the front of the site at May Lane and the former Electric Garage and the rear of the site (Prospect Place). Current and planned next steps included pre application and survey/feasibility work and continued dialogue and/or negotiations with landowners and local stakeholders, including the Town Council.

- **Zero Carbon Public Estate Project**

It was noted that this project was rated as 'amber' overall and was progressing more slowly than would be optimal, due to the capacity of partners to prioritise the consideration of co-location options. Key next steps were noted as working with the Active Building Centre to finalise a delivery programme for the listed buildings assessment, working with NHS Property Services to enable preparation of a masterplan for the Beeches Green site (Stroud) and scoping the master planning of the Cheapside site (Stroud) with Network Rail and London Continental Railways (LCR).

FUTURE MEETINGS	25 January 2023 and 22 March 2023
REPORT SUBMITTED BY	Brendan Cleere
DATE	January 2023