

Smethwick Long Term Plan Programme Introduction



Programme Overview

Programme Criteria

- Long Term Plan will include a 10-year vision and a 3-year investment plan
- 3 x Investment Themes: -
 - Safety and Security
 - High Streets, Heritage and Regeneration
 - Transport and Connectivity
- 'On Menu' (Pre-Approved by DLUHC)
- 'Off-Menu' (Business Cases Required)

3 x Investment Theme Examples

Safety and Security

- New and improved security infrastructure such as CCTV and streetlights
- Additional hotspot policing
- Local Authority wardens

High Streets, Heritage and Regeneration

- Preserving and improving heritage sites
- Creating and maintaining parks and green spaces
- Establishing Business Improvement Districts
- Running High Street rental auctions

Transport and Connectivity

- New infrastructure schemes
- Road improvements, such as fixing potholes or improving congested junctions
- New programmes to encourage cycling
- Making the town centre more walkable and accessible

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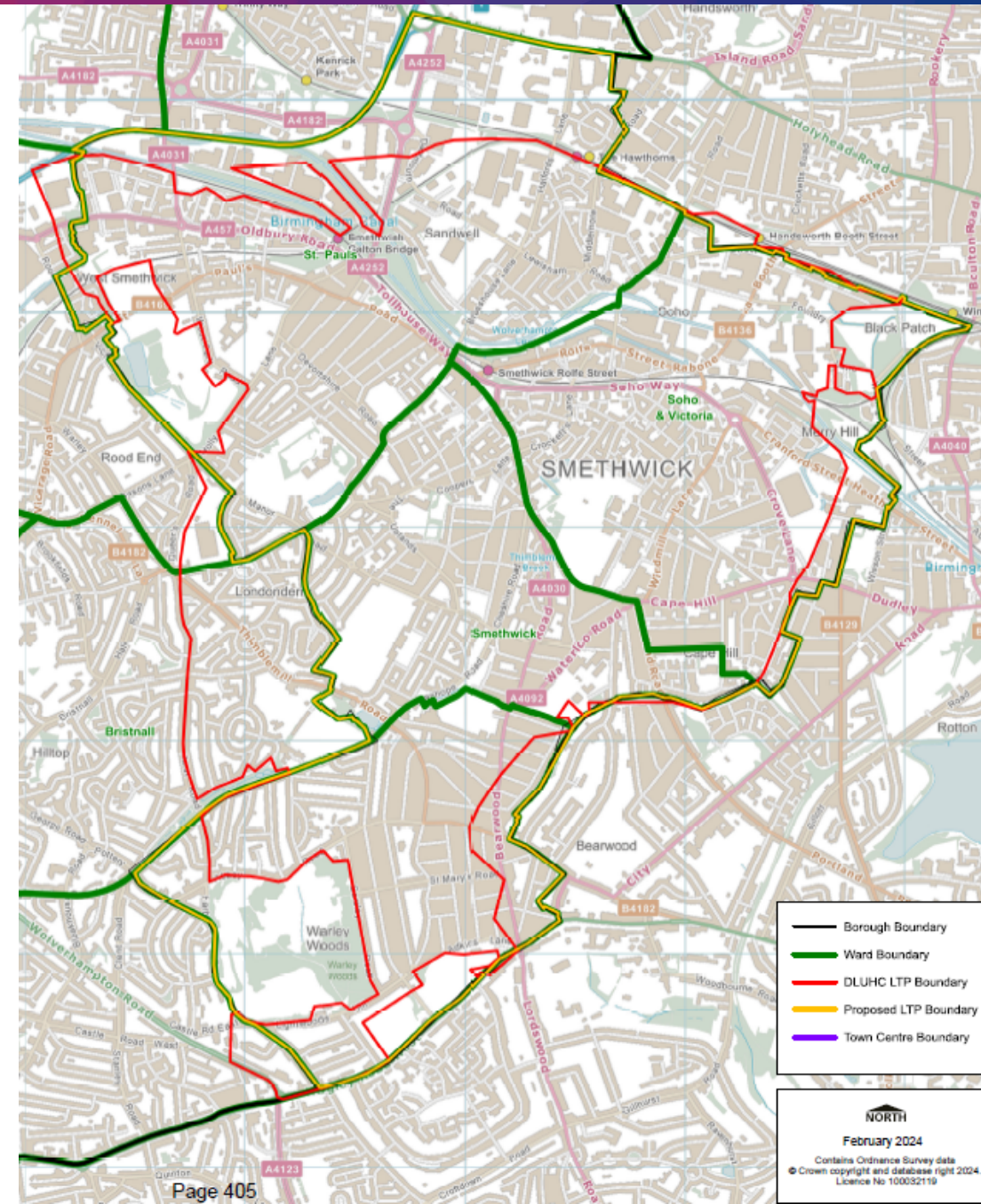
Funding Arrangements

- £20 million endowment style funding
- Funding is issued to Local Authorities as the Accountable Body
- 25% Revenue and 75% Capital
- £400k Revenue and £1.6m Capital per annum over 7 years
- Flexibility to roll funding between financial years

Investment Boundary

- Government's guidance advises the investment boundary must represent the town as intended.
- The Boundary provided by DLUHC included communities in the Bristnall ward that identify as being part of the Oldbury Town rather than Smethwick Town therefore, the inclusion of this area within the Smethwick Long Term Plan boundary could give rise to some confusion.
- The proposed revised investment boundary aligns to the Smethwick Town boundary, encompassing Abbey; Smethwick; Soho and Victoria; and St Pauls wards in their entirety. Open Spaces are also included.

Note: Proposed Investment Boundary is pending approval from DLUHC.



DLUHC Deadlines

1 April 2024 – Confirm Governance Arrangements with DLUHC *(All Completed)*

- Review and refresh Towns Fund Programme Governance Arrangements for Long Term Plan (February 2024)
- Seek Cabinet Approval of Governance Arrangements (March 2024)
- Expression of Interest to Community Organisations to become a member of the Smethwick Partnership Board (March/ April 2024)
- Submit Governance Checklist to DLUHC (April 2024)

1 August 2024 – Submit Long Term Plan to Government

- 10-year vision with 3-year investment plan

Long Term Plan Requirements

- 250-word vision statement that articulated, at a high level, the vision for the future of the town and how success will be judged
- Strategic case for change, building on evidence in the pack provided by DLUHC and local data
- Outcomes and objectives the town is trying to meet and how these align with priorities of local communities
- The planned direction of travel for the regeneration of the town, across the 3 investment themes
- Clear evidence that the Town Board is community led, including through its membership, ways of working and distinction from the local authority, and evidence of buy-in from local businesses, civil society and communities
- How communities and key stakeholders have been engaged with to date, and how that engagement will continue going forward
- How the Board will attract and combine new and existing private, public and philanthropic investment, setting out the existing commitments and ambitions to secure further support going forwards.
- High level delivery milestones over the 10-year lifespan of the programme

3-year Investment Plan Requirements

- The Interventions and powers the Town Board wishes to use over the 3 years for each investment theme
- Whether the interventions are from the list of interventions or are 'off-menu'
- How the Town Board will use the interventions locally and how much they will cost
- How the interventions will address the outcomes set out in the 10-year vision, grounded in evidence and data