

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 12 April 2017 16:36
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

[REDACTED],

What we have done in the past is agree a form of words, using the principle wording that we have already agreed with COSLA, to allow an organisation to sign up to. This pledge is then kept by them and we will formally announce something via a news release and media invite that usually involves a visit by the Minister and COSLA, with relevant officials from the organisation signing up to the principle.

This publicly highlights all of our commitment to town centres and then it is down to the organisation signing up to the principle to then adopt it in its town centre investment decisions.

If Boots are content to agree this approach and the principle itself I can engage my communications colleagues to start the process, agreeing a date for a formal announcement. May might be a realistic time given council elections just now and our restrictions on what we can and can't announce during purdah period.

If you get the agreement from Boots to proceed we can discuss the details and choreography of this.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 03 April 2017 13:57
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

Hi [REDACTED],

Just to check what is best way to take this forward- is there a formal document for Boots to sign?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2017 14:54
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

Hi [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is minded to have Boots sign up but as you would expect is cautious. I have highlighted to him the preamble to the principle that stresses this is not prescriptive about every individual action. He

will be ok with this but I wondered what the next steps would be / how to promote this from your end?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 22 March 2017 13:21
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

[REDACTED],

Apologies for the delay in responding. The Scottish Cabinet and all council leaders agreed to the principle, effectively signing up all public bodies and local authorities in Scotland. Abellio are the only private organisation to sign up the principle alongside Carnegie Trust UK, a charitable organisation. We haven't been pushing lots of organisations to sign up as those that do tend to step forward, recognising their own commitment to town centre regeneration and continued relationship with Scottish Government on improving town centres.

I hope this helps.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 March 2017 16:33
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

[REDACTED],

Can I check who else has signed the pledge-I know you mentioned Abellio-Is there a list I can share with Boots?

Thanks

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 March 2017 21:05
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

[REDACTED],

The ask of the principle and therefore the Minister, is that those who sign up to it will consider the wider impact of the town centre on their investment (and possible de-investment) decisions on that place. It asks that town centres are considered first and decisions are transparent. In practice, this may mean that an impact

assessment is carried out before any investment decision is made to ensure the vibrancy of the town centre is taken into account.

The thinking is that Boots, as a retailer who are committed to a high street presence, will continue to consider the town centre first in future decision making. I should stress this is not a duty and if Boots do sign up to this then they can apply the principle in a way that suits their business model.

Hope this makes sense and happy to chat further to [REDACTED] if that would be easier.

Regards,

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

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From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 06 March 2017 11:30
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED] is asking what specifically what the Minister's ask is with regard to Town Centre First Principle.

From what you said on Wednesday it seemed as if you were keen for Boots to become to first retailer to sign up and that the principle is more about a statement on intent rather than a binding commitment that can be held against us- is that about right?

Thanks

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 01 March 2017 20:39
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

Great thanks. I can talk through the approach and answer any questions he may have on this.

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 27 February 2017 10:34
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

[REDACTED]

Just to add that as well as [REDACTED], me and [REDACTED] from Boots were planning to attend the meeting on Wednesday. [REDACTED] is a Healthcare Development Manager at Boots and leads on the company's MSP engagement

Hope that is ok

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 13 January 2017 16:15
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Boots meeting

[REDACTED] that's great yes [REDACTED] can meet then. Thanks for fitting the meeting in around [REDACTED] availability

Thanks

[REDACTED]

Sent from my iPhone

On 13 Jan 2017, at 15:11, "[REDACTED]" > wrote:

[REDACTED],

The Ministers office have suggested 1500-1545 on 1 March in the Parliament to meet with [REDACTED].

Can you confirm if this suits and who will be attending from Boots?

Thanks,

[REDACTED]

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 11 January 2017 10:24
To: [REDACTED]
Subject: RE: Boots meeting

Sorry [REDACTED] I wasn't in yesterday so just got your email now.

Yes [REDACTED] is up on the 1st and 2nd March and then 28th/29th of March

Tha am post-d seo (agus faidhle neo ceanglan còmhla ris) dhan neach neo luchd-ainmichte a-mhàin. Chan eil e ceadachd a chleachdadh ann an dòigh sam bith, a' toirt a-steach còraichean, foillseachadh neo sgaoileadh, gun chead. Ma 's e is gun d'fhuair sibh seo le gun fhiosd', bu choir cur às dhan phost-d agus lethbhreac sam bith air an t-siostam agaibh, leig fios chun neach a sgaoil am post-d gun dàil.

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