From: Sent: 12 April 2017 16:36
To:

Subject: RE: Boots meeting



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,



From: Sent: 03 April 2017 13:57

Subject: RE: Boots meeting



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

Thanks



Sent: 22 March 2017 14:54

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Subject: RE: Boots meeting



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

From

Sent: 22 March 2017 13:21

To:

Subject: RE: Boots meeting



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,

From:

Sent: 13 March 2017 16:33

To:

Subject: RE: Boots meeting



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

Sent: 06 March 2017 21:05

To:

Subject: RE: Boots meeting



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 deinvestment) 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 if that would be easier.

Regards,

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From: Sent: 06 March 2017 11:30

Subject: RE: Boots meeting

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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

From

Sent: 01 March 2017 20:39

To:

Subject: RE: Boots meeting

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

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From: Sent: 01 March 2017 17:08 To: Subject: RE: Boots meeting
Good to see you again today . I had passed on your email to and I think Boots will be more than happy to sign up- he just needs to ran it past people internally
Cheers
From: Sent: 28 February 2017 13:36 To: Subject: RE: Boots meeting
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Yes that's fine, I'll see you tomorrow.
The Minister may want to raise the Town Centre First Principle with and ask whether or not Boots would be in a position to sign up to it. I raised this before with but at that time a new Chief Exec was in place and we agreed that it is possibly something best to look at further down the line. I attach the link to the principle wording as way of background.
http://www.gov.scot/Topics/Built-Environment/regeneration/town-centres/TheTownCentreFirstPrinciple
I'll see you all in Parliament tomorrow.
Regards,
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Sent: 27 February 2017 10:34 To: Subject: RE: Boots meeting
Just to add that as well as a second of the meeting on Wednesday. It is a Healthcare Development Manager at Boots and leads on the company's MSP engagement
Hope that is ok
Thanks,
From: Sent: 13 January 2017 16:15 To: Subject: Re: Boots meeting
that's great yes can meet then. Thanks for fitting the meeting in around availability
Thanks
Sent from my iPhone
On 13 Jan 2017, at 15:11, " > wrote:
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The Ministers office have suggested 1500-1545 on 1 March in the Parliament to meet with
Can you confirm if this suits and who will be attending from Boots?
Thanks,
Sent: 11 January 2017 10:24 To: Subject: RE: Boots meeting
Sorry wasn't in yesterday so just got your email now.
Yes is up on the 1 st and 2 nd March and then 28 th /29 th of March

He has the SRC board meeting on the morning of the 1st but that is it so far.

Thanks for checking

From

Sent: 10 January 2017 13:55

To:

Subject: Boots meeting

Hi

I hope this email finds you well following your Christmas and new year break.

You mentioned that would be back in Scotland in March. I wondered if you had dates for this so that I could check the Minister's availability at that time?

Regards,

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