

Dewsbury Town Deal Board

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Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Dewsbury Town Board

The **Dewsbury Town Board** will meet in the **Virtual Meeting - online** at **5.30 pm** on **Thursday 3 February 2022**.

The items which will be discussed are described in the agenda and there are reports attached which give more details.



Keith Ramsay
Chair

The Dewsbury Town Board members are:-

Member	Responsible For:	
Keith Ramsay	Mid Yorkshire Hospitals NHS	Chair
Councillor Shabir Pandor	Leader of the Council	Leader of the Council
Mark Eastwood, MP	Member of Parliament	Central Government
Martin Hathaway	Managing Director, Mid Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce	Business Sector
Iqbal Bhana (MBE)	Senior Business Consultant	Business Sector
Paul Burnett	Empire House – Targetfollow	Business Sector
Fara Butt	Shire Beds Ltd	Business Sector
Sue Baker	Dewsbury Community Outreach	Community Sector
Martin Walsh	Dewsbury Town Board	Business Sector
Peter Mason	Dewsbury Town Board	Developer Sector
Palvinder Singh	Principle and Chief Executive, Kirklees College	Education Sector
Nancy Barrett	Chief Executive, Brigantia Creative and Creative Director, Creative Scene	Creative Sector
Martyn Broadest	Connecting Housing	Housing Sector
Bruce Bird	The Dewsbury Partnership/Federation of Small Businesses	Community Sector
Heather Waddington	Head of European Structural and Investment Funds, and Future Funding Policy	Observer
Charles Smith	Head of Region North East and Yorkshire – Historic England	Observer

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of Dewsbury Town Deal Board

To receive apologies for absence from Board Members who are unable to attend this meeting.

2: Declaration of Interests

Members will be asked to advise if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest, which would prevent them from participating in any discussion on the item of participating in a vote upon the item, or any other interests.

3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on Thursday 2nd December 2021.

4: Public Question Time

The meeting will hear any questions from the general public. Questions should be emailed to nicola.sylvester@kirklees.gov.uk no later than 5:00pm Monday 31 January 2022.

Members of the public can ask questions relating to the work of the Town Board or issues set out on this agenda.

5: Chairs Update

Keith Ramsay – Chair of Board

- 6: Sustainable Transport Modes** 7 - 8
- Officers – Armin Alisic – Project Officer
Robert Stanley – Project Officer
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- 7: Cultural Programme Update - Creative Hub Project** 9 - 10
- Nancy Barrett – Board Member
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- 8: Communication - Report to follow**
- Keith Ramsay – Chair of the Board
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- 9: Business Case Update**
- Officer – Michelle Illingworth - ER Project Officer, Economy and Skills
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- 10: Board Membership - New appointments**
- Keith Ramsay – Chair of the Board
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- 11: Proposed dates for future meetings**
- Keith Ramsay – Chair of the Board
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- 12: AOB**
- Cultural Arts Programme
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- 13: Date of Next Meeting**
- Thursday 17th March 2022 at 5:30pm
Location: To be confirmed

For Terms of Reference please visit

www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/regeneration-and-development/pdf/deswbury-town-board-terms-of-reference-jan-2021.pdf

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Thursday 2nd December 2021

Present: Keith Ramsay (Chair)
Mark Eastwood, MP
Iqbal Bhana (MBE)
Paul Burnett
Fara Butt
Sue Baker
Martin Walsh
Peter Mason
Palvinder Singh
Martyn Broadest
Bruce Bird
Heather Waddington
Councillor Cathy Scott

In attendance: Joanne Bartholomew – Kirklees Council
Simon Taylor – Kirklees Council
Michelle Illingworth – Kirklees Council

Apologies: Martin Hathaway
Nancy Barrett
Councillor Shabir Pandor

1 Membership of Dewsbury Town Deal Board

Apologies for absence were received from Martin Hathaway and Nancy Barrett.
Councillor Cathy Scott substituted for Councillor Shabir Pandor.

2 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared. The register of Board Members is reviewed annually by Kirklees Council. The Chair asked that all Board Members updated their interests.

3 Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 4th November 2021 were agreed as a correct record subject to the wording on item 6, which should read “The Board received a late update from Kit Burnett, Project Officer, West Yorkshire Combined Authority on the provisional results of the public consultation of Dewsbury which was a discussion item only”.

4 Chairs Update

The Chair thanked Board Members for the use of venues for Board meetings and confirmed that the offer would be greatly received in the New Year. Dewsbury Town Hall was an alternative venue which could accommodate Hybrid meetings.

The Chair had received minutes of a meeting that took place on 8th December with Peer Chairs and LEP Chair, Sir Roger Marsh. The majority of the meeting focused on updates from the 8 towns in the Leeds City Region/ West Yorkshire Combined Authority. Sir Roger Marsh spoke about the progress made with Combined Authority and LEP submission to the comprehensive spending review. It was noted that they wanted to align Town Deals with the West Yorkshire Recover plan and Government plan for growth. Tracy Brabin was taking an interest in Town Deals. It was noted that one topic to be discussed at the next meeting was access to other funding.

The Chair advised that he was keen to develop working groups and asked Board Members to advise if they were interested in being part of the Youth Engagement Working Group.

The Chair advised that he had spoken at Kirklees Planning Committee to support the planning application for Dewsbury Markets.

The Chair advised that a meeting had not been arranged in January 2022, if there was a need for a Board Meeting at short notice, one would be arranged with the appropriate notice as the Terms of Reference.

RESOLVED:

- That Board Members contact the Chair to expression their interest to be part of the Youth Engagement working group,
- That Martin Broadest and Palvinder Singh be thanked for the use of their venues for Board Meetings,
- That the Chair would call a meeting in January if necessary, working to the timescales within the Terms of Reference.

5 Project Update - Construction Skills Village

The Board received an update on the Constructions Skills Village. Chris Duffill, Head of Service, Business and Skills explained Kirklees Builds which was a new skills and education centre that delivered practical construction training within a live

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site environment, working closely with Kirklees College and partners. Kirklees Build was a leading-edge facility which delivered specialist training in modern methods of construction, retrofit, low carbon energy and other future skill needs. It provided a safe/secure environment to deliver training to young people, unemployed adults and other target groups which was supported by major employers, Colleges and the CITB.

The project involved a 1-hectare site containing a mix of low cost teaching/welfare accommodation and a secure site compound, specialist training facilities, a mobile facility that could be relocated as development phases complete and a location within/adjoining the Dewsbury riverside housing site and close to TRU and other major projects.

The next steps were;

- Complete the feasibility study/business plan - January 2022
- Confirm preferred site – February 2022
- Cabinet approval – March 2022
- Planning application – Summer 2022

A discussion took place around soft landscaping, apprentice opportunities, white collar skills and Dewsbury Riverside, Chris Duffill advised that soft landscaping, “apprenticeships for all” and white-collar skills would be included within the project. The timing of Dewsbury riverside was pertinent to the project and Kirklees Council were keeping their options open to exploring other site opportunities.

There were concerns around skills in the bedding industry within Dewsbury, Chris Duffill advised that there were discussions taking place and was an area that was to be considered.

A suggestion was made for conditions be added to planning approvals where a percentage of the workforce had to be apprenticeships, Joanne Bartholomew, Head of Service, advised that the Head of Planning was working with large developments, looking at what employment was available and it would be an expectation that apprenticeships would be part of contracts.

A question was raised regarding BAME and the construction industry, how would promoting the wider job opportunities within the broader construction industry and try to change the narrative around the bricks and mortar take place. Palvinder Singh, Principle and Chief Executive, Kirklees College advised that narrative needed to be challenged with parents, as being skilled in construction was as good as being a doctor, there were outdated myths on construction employment.

It was asked that Heritage skills be considered within Kirklees Build.

RESOLVED:

- That the Chair speaks with Officers regarding the bedding industry,
- That Martin Walsh be involved in Kirklees Build,

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- Head of skills to provide the Board with an oversight of the different industries across the directorate and for Palvinder Singh to support on apprenticeships at a meeting in February/March.

6 Programme Update

The Board received a programme update which reflected on the Town Investment Plan Key Milestones.

Michelle Illingworth, ER Project Officer advised of the following key dates;

Late 2019 – Dewsbury was one of the 101 place invited to develop proposals for a new generation of multi-million pound Town Deal,

Early 2020 – The Dewsbury Town Deal Board held their first meeting,

June 2020 – Avison Young were appointed by Kirklees Council to prepare and develop the Dewsbury Town Investment Plan,

September 2020 – Government approved £750,000 advanced funding towards 6 projects,

October 2020 – Social Communication were appointed to carry out an inclusive programme of consultation and engagement to support the Dewsbury Town Investment Plan,

December 2020 – Engagement and consultation report was finalised,

January 2021 – The Town Board was fully constituted and endorsed the Dewsbury Town Investment Plan. Cabinet approved the Dewsbury Town Investment Plan paper and agreed additional Council capital match funding of “26.4m. Cabinet meeting – Capital Plan update presented and approval of funding for the Dewsbury Town Investment Plan agreed. The Dewsbury Town Investment Plan was submitted to seek £25.58m of government funding,

March 2021 – Advance funded projects completed,

April/May 2021 – Recruitment for a new Town Deal Chair begun,

June 2021 – Confirmation the Dewsbury Town Investment Plan had been accepted and Kirklees Council had been awarded £24.8m. Heads of Terms was issued to Kirklees Council. The appointment of a new Town Deal Chair took place and Heads of Terms were signed by Kirklees Council and Dewsbury Town Board Chair,

October 2021 – Cabinet signed off the business case assurance process and final confirmation of all the match funding for the Town Investment Plan projects including external partners - £36m,

November 2021 – The first business case was signed off and summary document submitted to Department for Levelling Up, Housing and Communities.

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The next steps and future milestones:

Business Case completion target dates –

- The Arcade – November 2021
- Cultural Events Programme – December 2021
- Dewsbury Market and Fibre – December 2021
- Daisy Hill – February 2022
- Cultural Hub, Urban Realm, Building Revival and Construction Skills Village – March 2022
- Sustainable Travel – February 2022

The aim was to have all of the business cases signed off by April 2022 and summary documents to be submitted to Department of Levelling Up, Housing and Communities by June 2022 with a Communication and Marketing Plan developed in January 2022.

RESOLVED:

- That Michelle Illingworth and colleagues be thanked for the valuable work that had taken place,
- That Michelle Illingworth circulates the presentation to all Board Members and officers,
- That the Board walk around the town to observe the projects in the April meeting.

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AOB

No items were received.

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Date of Next Meeting

Thursday 3rd February 2022 – 5.30pm

Location to be advised.

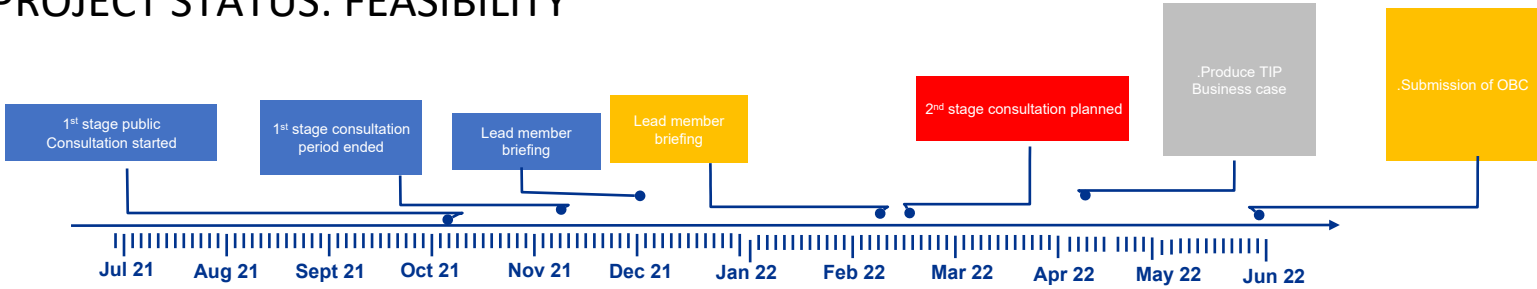
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Project update (January 2022) – TCF Dewsbury Town Centre W&C Improvements / TIP

Overall
RAG
Amber

PROJECT STATUS: FEASIBILITY



Summary
Walking & cycling improvements achieving better connectivity through safer and more direct routes. Supports the implementation of Dewsbury Blueprint and SDF by increasing options for sustainable modes and hence sustainable growth. The TIP co-funds Bond Street, Wellington Street and Leeds Rd – Bradford Rd Junction connection.

Timescale/Programme
Start on site 2022, Completion 2023/4.

Budget/Funding
Transforming Cities Fund £10.25m (total project), TIP £1.35m, Kirklees Council £2m

Outputs (MHCLG KPIs)

- Widened footways/improved paths – 400m
- New improved cycle ways – 100m
- New highway – tbc
- New trees planted – tbc

Key risks and mitigation

- Negative outcome to 2nd stage consultation. Mitigation Undertake pre-consultation stakeholder engagement. Consult on option alternatives with a view to shortlist.
- Traffic management during construction. Mitigation Effective traffic management plan to be produced well in advance of the construction phase commencing.
- Impact on local businesses during construction Mitigation Engage into early consultation with all stakeholders including all affected businesses.

Any issues to report:

- Interrelationship of transport impacts of this scheme & TIP/M2D2L projects. Mitigation Dewsbury Town Centre + key routes transport model being developed; coordination between teams.

Activities completed last six months period & underway

- 1st stage public consultation on options completed.
- Replacement options for those not supported reviewed.
- Practical completion of access feasibility and technically feasible options identified.

Activities due next six months

- Further engagement with access groups.
- Lead member briefing on new options (Feb21)
- Production of TIP Business Case (Apr 22).
- Commence 2nd stage public consultation.
- Commence detail design.

Item	Last period	Current period	Trend
Programme	N/A	Amber	↔
Resourcing	N/A	Amber	↔
Stakeholders	N/A	Amber/Green	↔
Outputs	N/A	Amber	↔
OVERALL	N/A	Amber	↔

Dependencies:

- Dewsbury Town Investment Plan
- Mirfield-Dewsbury-Leeds WYTF
- Dewsbury Bus Station TCF

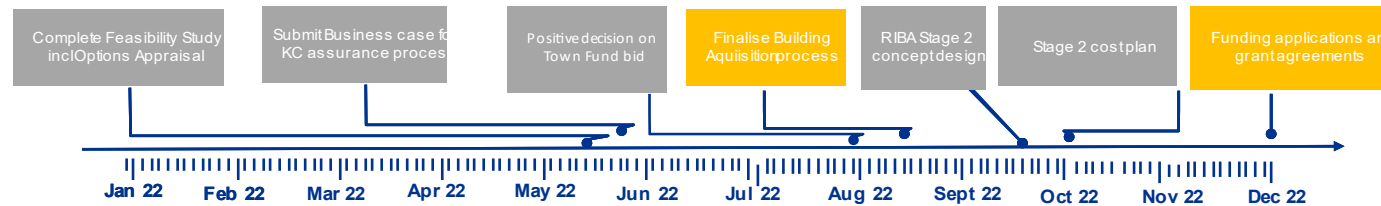
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Project update (January 2022) – UNION Creative Hub

Overall RAG Amber

PROJECT STATUS: FEASIBILITY – RIBA Stage 0



Summary: Union will be a thriving creative hub at the heart of Dewsbury, bringing together people from across the town's diverse communities. Union will be a space to enjoy, make, share and take part in and grow arts and cultural events. It will incubate creative enterprise of all kinds, nurturing and developing creative entrepreneurs and providing a focus and critical mass for culturally led economic regeneration

Timescale/ Programme – 2022 – see timeline above
 Design and Procurement late 2022 to early 2024;
 Start on site 2024; Completion and fit out 2025;
 Full operation from late 2025 or early 2026

Budget/ Funding - Detail in process at this stage
 £XXXm : TF £1.68m; Heritage (various) £xxxk ACE £xxxM (CDF).

Outputs (DLUHC KPIs)

- New hub for arts and culture – 2,400 m2
- Incubation and start-up of new creative businesses
- Increased occupancy of vacant buildings including a Grade II listed site
- Infrastructure and capacity for new cultural activities and events

Dependencies:

- Dewsbury Town Investment Plan
- Strategic alignment within Kirklees Council
- Strong support from local people
- Partnerships with other creative organisations

Key risks and mitigations:

- Acquiring of appropriate building(s)** due to private ownership (TOL) and existing tenancy (TOB). Mitigation Establish cross departmental strategic alignment at KC so proactive steps can be taken quickly
- Capital budget** – risk that insufficient overall to meet expectations/outputs and outcomes. Mitigation Secure alternative funding, ACE and develop fundraising strategy. Production of cost plan based on RIBA stage 2 design to deliver a more robust cost analysis
- Planning application issues.** Mitigation Consult on the preferred option. Pre appln. discussions. Early consultation with key stakeholders.
- Building or plot acquisition does not align** with funding or timescales or both Mitigation Take Phased approach to development and to funding

Any issues to report:

- Strategic decisions need to be made to secure all plots and realise the potential of the overall site
- Poor physical security (private owner) of the preferred option leads to continued break-ins and a catastrophic deterioration (e.g a serious fire).
- Sensitivity required to existing tenant(s) regarding existing business and incorporation within scheme or relocation.
- Adjacent abandoned plot needs strategic consideration

Activities underway (Jan 22 – June 22)

- Stakeholder consultation and engagement
- Consultants undertaking options appraisal
- Complete Feasibility study for entire project
- Alignment and feed into AY business case for KC TF sign off
- Further consultation with potential major partners e.g - WYPW and KC services

Activities due next six months (Jul 22 – Dec 22)

- Building Acquisition
- RIBA Stage 2 Concept design.
- Cost plan based on concept design
- Develop fundraising strategy further
- Engage ACE for significant support
- Engagement with the local community

Item	Last period	Current period	Trend
Programme	Red	Green	↑
Resourcing	Red	Amber	↑
Stakeholders	Red	Red	↔
Outputs	Amber	Amber	↔
OVERALL	Red	Amber	↑

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