

Contact Officer: Nicola Sylvester

Dewsbury Town Deal Board

Thursday 30th March 2023

Present: Keith Ramsay (Chair)
Councillor Shabir Pandor
Mark Eastwood, MP
Paul Burnett
Martin Walsh
Sue Baker
Peter Mason
Palvinder Singh
Nancy Barrett
Martyn Broadest
Anum Rehman

In attendance: Fara Butt (Virtual)
Heather Waddington (Virtual)
Jane Jackson (Virtual)
Joanne Bartholomew, Kirklees Council
Simon Taylor, Kirklees Council
Peter Thompson, Kirklees Council
Richard Thorpe, BEIS
Shannon Prendergast, DLUHC
Councillor Liz Smaje
Councillor Yusra Hussain

Apologies: Charles Smith

- 1 **Membership of Dewsbury Town Deal Board**
Jane Jackson substituted on behalf of Charles Smith.
- 2 **Declaration of Interests**
No interests were received.
- 3 **Minutes of Previous Meeting**
RESOLVED: That the minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 19th January be approved as a correct record subject to amendment of agenda item 1, that Anum Rehman attended the meeting.

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4 **Admission of the Public**

It was noted that exempt information was considered in relation to Agenda item 6.

5 **Deputations/Petitions 4:30 - 4:35**

No deputations or petitions were received.

6 **Project Update 4:35 - 4:55**

The Board received an update from Peter Thompson on each project of the Dewsbury Town Deal which explained that:

Arcade - The National Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) application had been submitted in February 2023 and an assessor had been appointed. A visit to the Arcade had been arranged for the assessment team in May 2023. The Board noted that an engagement session had taken place with contractors in February 2023 and was going out to tender in advance of approval from HLF.

Market - Rationalising the market scheme was underway by the architects as part of a cost cutting exercise.

Town Park – The Town Park had currently been paused whilst a review of the programme was undertaken. A proposal was to combine the project into the Market scope.

Sustainable Transport Modes - Tendering information had been received, with the financial charges being subject to a review.

Building Revival Scheme - 6-8 Westgate had been approved by Kirklees Cabinet in March 2023 and a contractor had been appointed. The project was awaiting a start date.

Fibre scheme - The scheme was on track to be completed at the end of March 2023.

Cultural events - The Board received a programme of cultural events which provided information on events taking place throughout March and April 2023.

Construction Skills Village - A project manager was in the process of being appointed and a positive discussion had taken place with Church Commissioners on the location. Discussions were ongoing with Kirklees College regarding curriculum planning and delivery arrangements.

Daisy Hill - Kirklees Council had acquired 46 Daisy Hill and were awaiting final documents around the Master Plan which would then be circulated to Board Members. An agreement had been made for the use of 44 Daisy Hill. It was noted that the Project Officer would provide an update on the project progress for Daisy Hill Neighbourhood at the Board meeting in May 2023.

Peter Mason provided an update to the Board on Field House which advised that discussions were underway on the grant funding agreement.

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During discussions, the Board noted that there had been a 'Call in' request on the Chidswell site for the Skills Village. It was suggested that other sites be considered for the project, along with reviewing sites that had previously been considered.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That Mr Thompson be thanked for the project updates,
- 2) That Mr Mason be thanked for the Field House update,
- 3) That Daisy Hill Masterplan be circulated to Board Members,
- 4) That a report on Daisy Hill Neighbourhood to be considered at the next Board meeting.

7 Chairs Update 4:55 - 5:05

The Chair advised the Board that in response to Board Members commenting on the Terms of Reference, he would like to invite all Board Members to attend a workshop where Legal and Governance would also be invited in April or May 2023. The Terms of Reference would then be discussed and agreed at a future Board meeting.

The Chair updated the Board on an advertisement for additional Board Members which had been placed on LinkedIn and other social media platforms. The Board noted that James Conn and Iqbal Bhana had resigned from the Board.

RESOLVED: That a workshop take place in April or May 2023 to discuss the Terms of Reference.

8 Dates of future Meetings

It was noted that the dates of future meetings were:-

- 18 May 2023
- 20 July 2023
- 28 September 2023
- 16 November 2023

9 Exclusion of the Public

RESOLVED: That under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of the following items of business, on the grounds that they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

10 Project Update 5:05 to close

(Exempt information in accordance with Schedule 12A Local Government Act 1972, as amended by the Local Government (Access to Information) (Variation) Order 2006, namely it contains information relating to the financial and business affairs of third parties (including the Authority holding that information). It is considered that the disclosure of the information would adversely affect those third parties including the Authority and therefore the public interest in maintaining the exemption, which would protect the rights of an individual or the Authority, outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness and transparency in relation to public expenditure in the Authority's decision making.)

The Board considered exempt information in relation to agenda item 6.