

Dewsbury Town Board

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Wednesday 29 January 2025

Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

Dewsbury Town Board

The **Dewsbury Town Board** will meet in the **Council Chamber , Town Hall, Dewsbury** at **4.00 pm** on **Thursday 6 February 2025**.

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 Graham Turner	Cabinet Member - Finance and Regeneration	Local Authority
Chief Supt Jim Griffiths	West Yorkshire Police	Central Government
Paul Burnett	Empire House – Targetfollow	Business Sector
Fara Butt	Shire Beds Ltd	Business Sector
Anis Dadu	Managing Partner, XYZ Law	Business Sector
Charlie Dunn	Director - Charles Neil Advisory Ltd	Business Sector
Natalie Liddle	Steering Group Member, The Arcade	Business Sector
Martin Walsh	Martin Walsh Associates	Business Sector
Sue Baker	Dewsbury Community Outreach	Community Sector
Sam Heaton	Charity Representative, Outlookers	Community Sector
Sophie Johnson	Director, Northfield Consulting	Community Sector & Deputy Chair
Anum Rehman	Youth Voice Champions Group	Community Sector
Peter Mason	Managing Director, Mood Developments	Developer Sector
Helen Rose	Director of External Relations, Kirklees College	Education Sector
Palvinder Singh	Principal and Chief Executive, Kirklees College	Education Sector
Christine Fox	Director of Customer and Community Service, Connect Housing	Housing Sector
Iqbal Mohamed	Member of Parliament	Central Government

Agenda

Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

Pages

1: Membership of Dewsbury Town 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 say if there are any items on the Agenda in which they have any disclosable pecuniary interests or any other interests, which may prevent them from participating in any discussion of the items or participating in any vote upon the items.

3: Minutes of Previous Meeting

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To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 28th November 2024.

4: Admission of the Public

Most agenda items take place in public. This only changes where there is a need to consider exempt information, as contained at Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972. You will be informed at this point which items are to be recommended for exclusion and to be resolved by the Board.

5: Public Question Time

The meeting will hear any questions from the general public.

Questions should be emailed to executive.governance@kirklees.gov.uk no later than 5:00pm Monday 3rd February 2025.

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

6: Deputations/Petitions

The Board will receive any petitions and/or deputations from members of the public. A deputation is where up to five people can attend the meeting and make a presentation on some particular issue of concern. A member of the public can also submit a petition at the meeting relating to a matter on which the body has powers and responsibilities.

In accordance with Council Procedure Rule 10, Members of the Public must submit a deputation in writing, at least three clear working days in advance of the meeting and shall subsequently be notified if the deputation shall be heard. A maximum of four deputations shall be heard at any one meeting.

7: Chairs Update

Keith Ramsay – Chair of Board

8: Board Member Update

Dewsbury Town Board Members.

9: Communication Update

To receive a communication update from the Dewsbury Town Board communications working group.

10: Long Term Plan Update

To receive an update on the Long Term Plan.

Contact: David Wildman, Acting Head of Town Centres.
James Blamires, Economic Resilience Project Officer,
Michelle Illingworth, Project Officer, Dewsbury Town
Investment Plan.

11: Project Update

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To receive updates on the following projects:

- Sustainable Transport Modes
- Arcade
- Market
- Daisy Hill
- Town Park – Public Realm
- Building Grant Revival Scheme
- Kirklees Build

Contact: Michelle Illingworth, Project Officer, Town Investment Plan.
Andy Raleigh, Economic Resilience Manager.
Thomas Fish, Acting Head of Housing Growth.

12: AOB

To discuss any other business.

13: Date of Next Meeting

1st May 2025.

Location: Dewsbury Town Hall.

For Terms of Reference please visit

<https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/regeneration-and-development/pdf/dewsbury-town-board-terms-of-reference.pdf>

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Contact Officer: Nicola Sylvester

Dewsbury Town Board

Thursday 28th November 2024

Present: Keith Ramsay (Chair)
Sophie Johnson
Councillor Graham Turner
Charlie Dunn
Natalie Liddle
Martin Walsh
Sophie Johnson
Anum Rehman
Peter Mason
Christine Fox

In attendance: Iqbal Mohamad (Virtual)
Fara Butt (Virtual)
Anis Dadu (Virtual)
Sam Heaton (Virtual)
Helen Rose (Virtual)
Palvinder Singh (Virtual)
David Wildman, Kirklees Council
James Blamires, Kirklees Council
Andy Raleigh, Kirklees Council
Helen Jakes, Kirklees Council
Joanne Bartholomew, Kirklees Council
Jaime Nalson, Kirklees Council
Gareth Sidebottom, Kirklees Council
Richard Thorpe, Ministry of Housing, Communities and
Local Government

Observers: Richard Butterfield (Historic England)

Apologies: Chief Supt Jim Griffiths
Paul Burnett

- 1 Membership of Dewsbury Town Board**
Apologies were received on behalf of Chief Superintendent Jim Griffiths and Paul Burnett.

2 Declaration of Interests

No interests were declared.

Forms are to be completed and received prior to the next Board meeting to allow Board Members to participate.

**3 Minutes of Previous Meeting
RESOLVED:**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd October 2024 be approved as a correct record.

4 Admission of the Public

All items were considered in public.

5 Public Question Time

Written questions from Councillor Paul Moore:

- 1) With the closure of Dewsbury Sports Centre confirmed this month, which I appreciate is not the remit of this board, my question is about the devastating impact this will have on footfall in the town centre.
With just over 20,000 visits per month now gone forever, coupled with Kirklees staff being removed from Empire House how has the Dewsbury Blueprint been amended to reflect this chronic loss of footfall and what is the town board's strategy to try and address/replace this footfall?

Joanne Bartholomew, Director for Development, provided a response on the Dewsbury Blueprint which was developed with footfall in the town centre in mind. Projects such as the Town Park, the Market and the reopening of the Arcade were key to ensuring increased footfall in the town centre. Ms Bartholomew undertook to forward the Cabinet report associated with the Dewsbury Sports Centre to the Board Members and the questioner, as it contained information on the impact of footfall in the area.

The Chair noted that the Board recognised that the Dewsbury Sport Centre was a priority for the community, however, that funding secured by the Town Deal, and any future funding from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government could not be used to fund its re-opening. Funding for the Dewsbury Sports Centre was a matter for the Council to respond to. The focus of Dewsbury Town Board remained on the delivery of committed projects to support regeneration and on a programme of interventions to be brought forward through a long-term plan to support economic growth.

- 2) Since being elected as a Councillor in May 2023 I have seen shops and businesses shutting at an alarming rate, little if any enforcement of street drinkers and large groups of men congregating and intimidating people in the town centre, especially women. People perceive Dewsbury town centre as not being safe, which I think is a fair assessment. Can this board agree to multi agency approach to target visible enforcement on market days, which are Wednesday and Saturday, so we give the public confidence and try and

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protect the only two days where there is some reasonable footfall left in Dewsbury town centre?

The Chair responded to the question by advising that the Board supported multi-agency working and would be seeking revenue funding to help deal with compliance and safety and security in the next financial year.

Question from Christine Cagna:

“Since Dewsbury was, and is still, billed as a Leisure Town, what specific plans are in place to make this a reality as Dewsbury Sports Centre, which was a given in original plans, has now been closed permanently?”

The Chair responded to the question by referring to his earlier response on Dewsbury Sports Centre and advised that the Board would support leisure and health activity in the long term plan strategy.

A supplementary question was asked, which queried how long it would be until plans were put in place to provide Dewsbury residents with leisure services.

The Chair of the Board advised that the Board would not be able to answer the questions and requested that Kirklees Council provide a response. Ms Bartholomew, Service Director, Kirklees Council, advised that officers were working on a wider Dewsbury Leisure offer and undertook to liaise with colleagues tasked with the work, and to return to a future Board meeting with the information.

Question from Gill Young:

“The Board’s own Investment Plan text talks about our town’s ‘assets, opportunities and challenges’ and central Government publications emphasise the need to involve local people in local decisions so it would be interesting to hear how the Town Board reconciles these fine words while failing to respond to local people’s commitment to Dewsbury Leisure Centre, the saving of which would maintain an asset, be the main reason for local people to visit the town and offer opportunities to challenge deprivation. An explanation of the Town Board’s failure so far to commit to its continuation, despite its obvious benefits to other schemes, will be welcome.”

The Chair responded to the question by advising that when funding for the Dewsbury Town Deal was secured, Dewsbury Sports Centre was in operation. The Town Investment Plan was agreed in June 2021, with funding allocated to nine key projects. Dewsbury Town Board does not have the funds to maintain and run the Dewsbury Sports Centre, it does want leisure, entertainment and recreation to be part of a vibrant offer and will work with Kirklees Council to achieve this.

Questions from Bruce Bird:

- 1) “At the October meeting I asked the Chair for a progress report on his commitment in July 2023 to provide information regarding progress on all 9 TIP projects in the town centre for those members of the community who do not use the internet. Regrettably, his reply in writing contained no relevant

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information. It also included a statement that information is available on the hoardings around the Arcade. This is not true. I replied to him with the suggestion that he make a second attempt in order to avoid my having to raise the issue again tonight. I have received no reply. Will the Chair now tell us what he has done to fulfil his 18 month old commitment to provide information on progress on all nine TIP projects in the town centre for those who do not use the internet?"

The Chair responded to the question and advised that during Item 9 of the agenda there would be a full discussion on the matter.

A supplementary question was asked: "Will you make sure that all of your answers are available to the public?"

The Chair advised that he would endeavour to make sure that the Board was as transparent as possible in what is said, and in the answers to any questions.

- 2) "There is every indication that the current definition of the Board's area of responsibility has led to different interpretations. This has led to the Chair giving responses both to Mr Mohamed at the May meeting and Ms Cagna in his last written reply that others find difficult to understand. The geographic area of responsibility is clearly defined by article 1.2 of the Terms of Reference while the phrase 'significant focus on the town centre' is intrinsically vague. This is presumed to reflect the minutes for 28 March that record that '...senior officers strongly recommended that investment was concentrated in the town centre'. While the benefit of focusing on existing projects is self-evident, the 'significant focus' by the Board is a subjective judgement based on an assessment of whether any project is more or less beneficial to existing efforts. To reach that conclusion the Board must necessarily consider the issue in question before reaching a conclusion. Similarly, one of the Board's responsibilities is to advise the council and it will be failing in this responsibility if it does not have sufficient knowledge arising from a competent assessment of issues arising in the town. Will the Chair therefore confirm that:
 - No issue within the area shown in Appendix A of the Terms is or will be excluded for reasons of geography.
 - To avoid any repetition of the current confusion any decision on whether a matter will be taken into consideration by the Board is properly considered by the Board before decisions are made?"

The Chair advised that in Item 7, clarity would be provided on the geography of the boundary of the Town Board and on the process by which projects were considered by the Board in those geographical boundaries.

Questions from Jennifer Devlin:

- 1) "The Director of Overview and Scrutiny having apparently failed to validate the call in of the decision to permanently close Dewsbury Sports Centre without giving any reasons for that decision, will the Chair of Dewsbury Town Board now fulfil his role as set out in the Dewsbury Town Board Terms of

reference (Roles and Responsibilities) to Act as a Champion for the Town by finding out the reasons for that decision on behalf of the 5,000 signatories of the petition to keep Dewsbury Sports Centre open, the residents who used to make over 20,000 visits a month to DSC, and the residents who are now denied access to sports facilities. Despite the assertions in the report to Cabinet of 5.11.24, there is a serious lack of alternative sports facilities in the town, with school children now missing teaching time travelling to alternative swimming provision, congestion at Spen Valley and Batley Sports and Tennis Centres, and the virtual impossibility of accessing these alternative centres without private transport?”

The Chair responded to the question by referring to his earlier response on Dewsbury Sports Centre and undertook to request a response in writing from Kirklees Council, as it was not within the remit of the Dewsbury Town Board.

- 2) “Also in his role of Champion for the Town of Dewsbury, will the Chair work with Kirklees Council to secure access for a member of the group seeking the reopening of Dewsbury Sports Centre to assess the building and the extent of the RAAC. The report on the presence of RAAC provided to KMC did not indicate the need for closure. Uncertainty about the real extent of RAAC (there is none on the dryside) and the true cost of work to mitigate the situation (which may be considerably less than stated by KMC) needs to be clarified before a building of such fundamental importance to the town is demolished. The reopening of Dewsbury Sports Centre is key to footfall in the town and therefore to the viability and sustainability of the Board's projects?”

The Chair undertook to request a response in writing from Kirklees Council.

6 Deputations/Petitions

No deputations or petitions were received.

7 Chairs Update

The Chair provided an update on a number of issues, which included updates from Kirklees Council officers.

Clarity on the geographical boundary of the Town Board and whether the Dewsbury Sports Centre is within that geographical boundary.

- David Wildman, Head of Town Centre Regeneration apologised for any previous confusion regarding geographic and funding boundaries. He went on to state the following:
- The geographic boundary for the Town Board was set by Central Government as the Office for National Statistics [ONS Built Up Area](#), this is the area shown in Appendix A of the March 2024 Terms of Reference. In developing the [Town Investment Plan](#) it was agreed that the primary focus of investment activities should be the town centre. In response to the Long-term Plan for Towns guidance, issued by the Government, the Terms of Reference were updated (and issued in March 2024) but the geographic boundary for the Town Board remained unchanged as the ONS Built Up Area.
- However, it was agreed by Board members with advice from Government officials that any future funding should focus on the town centre to ensure

future investment builds on and aligns with existing regeneration plans and priorities.

- The Sports Centre has always been within the boundary of the geographic area covered by the Town Board. However, the Town Deal funding was allocated to specific schemes (the majority of which are within the town centre to support economic regeneration) through an appraisal and business case process which was approved by Government.
- We await the new prospectus and scope for the long-term plan for Towns but we expect the geographic boundary to remain as is shown within Appendix A of the March 2024 Terms of Reference.

Summary of how the Town Deal projects were identified

- The Chair provided a summary to remind members the process undertaken to identify the Town Deal projects:
- **The Strategic Development Framework 2010** was developed in partnership with Kirklees Council and Yorkshire Forward and included an extensive amount of public engagement.
- **The Strategic Development Framework 2018** was a refresh of the original 2010 Strategic Development Fund and developed and set out a 25-year vision for the town centre. It was supported by a delivery programme that included projects and actions over the next 5 years.
- **Dewsbury Blueprint** was launched in Spring 2020 and outlined a 10-year plan to bring more activity into the centre, and make it more attractive and more accessible.
- **Dewsbury Blueprint Consultation undertaken in 2020 by Kirklees Council** sought to gain an understanding from the public as to how the Blueprint should be shaped, for the benefit of for residents, business and visitors to the town centre.
- **June 2020 - Avison Young appointed** to prepare and develop the Dewsbury Town Investment Plan (TIP), this included a review of the above documents and consultation results.
- **October 2020 – Social Communications** appointed to carry out an inclusive programme of consultation and engagement to support the TIP and inform the long list. The “**Our Town**” 2020 report helped to inform the long list of projects for the TIP.
- **October 2020 – Project selection** process led by **Avison Young** in partnership with Kirklees Council and Dewsbury Town Deal Board. Technical work by council, consultants and board to inform the long list of projects was undertaken using Town Fund eligibility and appraisal criteria (in accordance with HM Treasury Green Book). Option assessment was undertaken to refine the long list to short list for inclusion in the TIP submission.
- **January 2021** - Dewsbury Town Board endorsed the TIP including short list projects.
- **January 2021** - Cabinet approved the TIP paper and agreed additional council match funding.
- **January 2021** - TIP submitted to government to seek £25.58m
- **June 2021** - Confirmation the TIP had been accepted and council awarded £24.8m.

Ability to move funding on Town Deal projects or use Long-term Plan funding for the Dewsbury Sports Centre

- David Wildman, Head of Town Centre Regeneration, advised that the Town Fund grant could be moved between the approved Town Deal projects, subject to a Project Adjustment Request (PAR) being approved by Government, but that money could not be moved from an approved Town Deal project to something new. A PAR should focus on securing the viability of existing projects and ensuring that interventions are deliverable, good value for money and continue to have a strong strategic fit with the original TIP. Funding recipients must provide an updated Benefit-Cost Ratio and confirm they have updated and reappraised the project business case to show that it still represents good value for money.
- The Long-term Plan funding would not provide sufficient funds for the Capital or Revenue requirements associated with reopening and running Dewsbury Sports Centre.
- Richard Thorpe, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government advised the Board that a cross-government assessment process had taken place in terms of town investment plans; the specific projects put forward determined the actual quantum that Dewsbury was awarded. Any sort of significant changes towards new projects would undermine that assessment process.

Mr Wildman responded to a question from the Deputy Chair regarding funding that was not yet contractually committed and updated the Board that £8-9 million had yet to be contractually committed, with the majority of this being associated with the market project, the urban realm improvement schemes and the Construction Skills Village which are all in the latter stages of development.

Risk management and budget contingency for the Town Deal programme

- Mr Wildman updated on the following:
- Council Officers maintained a risk register for all projects within the Town Deal to capture risks and opportunities.
- Risks were reviewed at a programme level; the Project Management Office reported and processed this monthly.
- Contingency budget was included into each individual project
- Programme level contingency – Uncommitted funding from schemes planned would be held to deal with emerging risks and issues.

Clarity on the Procurement process for the Arcade

- The Chair provided the following update:
- William Birch & Sons Ltd won the tender for the Dewsbury Arcades scheme with a £5,629,259.68 value of contract. The contract was awarded on 28 February 2024, with a formal start date of 5th April 2024. The appointment followed the public sector procurement process and used a recognised, appropriate framework to procure from.
- Early contractor liaison took place to understand the interest in the scheme. All 12 prospective Tenderers on the Yorbuild 3 Lot 1 Over £4m - £10m framework were invited to an open day at the Dewsbury Arcade site and were provided with a comprehensive information pack. Following

engagement with contractors the terms of contract were amended, and the tender was re-issued via the Yorbuild Framework to the same operators.

- There was a single bid in response to the exercise and to ensure value for money and due diligence around costings was evaluated against the published award criteria and scored accordingly. Pricing was benchmarked against the initial tender estimates. It was noted that the limited interest in the contract was likely to be due to the specialist nature of the restoration work on a listed building in a town centre setting.
- William Birch & Sons Ltd had shown interest in the scheme throughout the procurement process and were proven specialists in Historic building restoration. The contract overheads and profit were in line with industry standards of between 3% and 5%.

Update on the tenant strategy for the Arcade

- The Chair provided the following update using information provided by Chris Hill, Dewsbury Arcade Project Manager:
- Marketing the Arcade to prospective tenants was underway, a [Tenant Brochure](#) had been produced and the [Arcade website](#) had been updated with details of the available units and how to register interest.
- Two companies had been procured to help seek tenants on a commission basis from November 2024.
- Toolbox Marketing had been procured to produce a tenant campaign around 'win a free shop for a year'. The target of this work would be specific sectors like specialist foods.
- A Social Media Content Producer was due to start work prior to Christmas, producing content to promote the Arcade.
- 18 businesses had enquired into taking a lease this year. Firm interest had been received from 7 businesses.
- Work continued on delivering the Heritage Fund activity plan. The Arcade group had good links with Kirklees College and community groups. A Pop-up space had been set up in the Princess of Wales which was now open Mondays and Fridays 10am to 2pm.

RESOLVED:

That the Chair's update be noted

8 Board Member Update

RESOLVED:

There were no updates regarding Dewsbury Town Board Members.

9 Communication Update

Helen Jakes, Senior Communications Officer, provided an update regarding visible communications in the Town Centre. The hoardings around the Arcade gave detailed information about the Arcade project and further information on the plans for Dewsbury Town Centre. Signage referencing the Board was visible from the Ring Road on the side of Field House. The issue of Dewsbury being multi-lingual

had been addressed through translators available at in-person engagement events, and options for written communications in multiple languages were being considered. Anum Rehman agreed to meet with Helen Jakes to discuss translation of communication into languages commonly spoken in the community.

Helen Rose, Vice Principal of Kirklees College, advised the Board that a Town Board Working Group had met to provide a focus on communications. Ms Rose advised that a final report would be received from Counter Context and the website was making progress. The key message from the working group was that Board Members engaging with and sharing content on social media about the projects would be beneficial.

Ms Jakes informed the Board that there was the opportunity to increase physical communication activity in the town centre and provided a number of options with associated costs. The Board agreed to allocate a budget of up to £12,500, and asked that a proposal from the Town Board Working Group be provided by the 6th February.

Ms Jakes noted that communications from December 2024 to March 2025 would include the following:

- The relocation of the bandstand to Crow Nest park.
- The visit from Kirklees College's new skills village, 'Kirklees Build', to the arcade.
- The installation of planter signage.
- A construction update on the Dewsbury Arcade, highlighting the local business working on the glass roof.
- Details of the Dewsbury Market decant, how this will work within the town centre and for traders.
- Supporting the Arcade Group in seeking new traders.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Communication Update be noted.
- 2) That £12,500 be allocated to the Town Board Working Group in relation to communications around the town centre and to report back to the Board.

10 Long Term Plan Update

The Chair advised the Board that the funding for the Long-Term Plan was originally planned to be available from April 2025, this had now been delayed to April 2026.

Mr Wildman provided an update and explained that the Town Board programme may be renamed and would be reformed, with a new prospectus expected in January 2025 which would include a revised set of interventions, to reflect Labour's missions and provide more flexibility. It was expected that the ten-year profile and the amount of funding would remain the same.

A small amount of additional programme management capacity funding (£200,000) was expected for 2025/2026 to help the Board rescope additional engagement as required, undertake preparation work, and potentially look at other measures. The

Chair advised that discussions were ongoing on how this money could be spent to support the priorities from recent engagement, which would be reported back to the Board. In discussion there was the suggestion that some of this capacity funding may be used to support existing events and safety concerns in the town centre.

James Blamires, Projects Officer, Town Centre Regeneration Team gave an update on recent additional engagement carried out with young people in Dewsbury, which had been commissioned by the Board following a review of responses to previous engagement. This included a targeted social media campaigns by Counter Context, and in-person engagement events. Over 100 young people, aged 10 to late twenties had been consulted, in a range of educational settings, to gather their views. It was found that young people felt passionately about the town centre and wanted to make positive change

In summing up, James Blamires concluded that the priorities of young people were consistent with the wider engagement sessions and aligned with the priorities from previous engagement activities. There were also some new ideas from young people in terms of what they wanted for the future, such as affordable housing, safety & security improvements and supporting homeless people in the town centre more.

During discussion the Board commented on the need for managing the messaging around the pause in funding, and the need to target the capacity funding in ways which would be visible and which responded directly to issues raised during the engagement. It was suggested that an update on disused buildings and the perception of safety in the town centre, be brought to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

- 1) That the Long-Term Plan update be noted.
- 2) That an update on opportunities associated Dewsbury's disused buildings and multi-disciplinary enforcement be presented at the next Board meeting.

11 Project Update

The Chair referred to the nine project schemes that had been part of the Town Deal, and invited Board Members for comment on each project.

Ms Rose, Kirklees College, invited Board Members to visit the construction skills village to see their progress. The dates of the invitation were 16th December or 15th January.

During questions and answers, it was stated that:

- The outcome of the planning application for the Market was due in the next few weeks.
- Signage detailing plans for the Market would be considered, with options given at the next meeting by the Communications Team.
- A mop-up session was planned for Members who were unavailable to attend the Board member market workshop. Dates would be emailed to all Board Members.

Andy Raleigh, Kirklees Town Centre Programme Manager, advised the Board that the Experimental Traffic Regulation Order (ETRO) on the Corporation Street junction would now be in place before Christmas and joint working between Kirklees Build and the Arcade was planned in December, with students experiencing the live building project.

The Board noted that optioneering on 27, Market Place, the disused building next to the Arcade, had been completed. The next step was to understand whether the funding could be used for the building revival and to discuss options with Richard Thorpe and his team. This would then be shared with the Board to consider options to acquire the building to improve the offer of the Arcade and mitigate the risk of having a deteriorating building next to it. The Board agreed that the work on this should continue.

RESOLVED:

That the Project Update be noted.

**12 AOB
RESOLVED –**

That there were no other business items.

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6th February 2025
Location: Dewsbury Town Hall**

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Dewsbury Town Board – Status Report 6th February 2025 Sustainable Transport Modes – Armin Alisic

Project Manager Project Name Funding/ Forecast/Gap	RAG Status Exec Summary for Project Progress Commencing with RAG Rationale and Route to Green		Stage Working Towards	H/L Progress in Period	A) Officer/ Political Approvals/ Sign off for next stage:	Upcoming Key Milestones		Hot Topics/ Emerging Risks/ Opportunities
					B) Consultation/ Engagement/ Planning/ TRO progress:	Name	Planned Date	
Sustainable Transport Modes			Completion	Completed phase 1 of 3 Programme ahead of schedule Cost saving achieved during first phase	Stage: Delivery			No new hot topics to report
Armin Alisic	Delivering Phase 2 of 3 now. Progressing well.				A) Planned Sign Offs: None	Construction Start	Oct 24 – on site	
Bus Case (Town Fund ONLY): £1.325m	Experimental Traffic Road Order (ETRO) legal advert now live for Bond Street/Northgate Junction				• B)Planned Engagements: None	Construction finish	April-25	

Key Milestone Tracker 6 th February 2025		
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Key Milestone	Previous Forecast Date	Current Forecast Date
Invitation to Tender		
Contract Award		
Next Consultation Start Date		
Estimated Start	Oct 2023	Sep 2024
Estimated Finish	March 2024	Apr 2025
Project Closure		2025
Other Dates: Please use the rows below to add High Level Key Milestones that need to be added, also please insert more rows if required. As a general rule Less is More.		
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Key Milestone	Previous Forecast Date	Current Forecast Date
Mobilisation	May-24	May-24
Estimated Start	May-24	May-24
Estimated Finish	June -25	Autumn - 25
Project Closure	Aug-25	Autumn - 25

Other Dates: Please use the rows below to add High Level Key Milestones that need to be added, also please insert more rows if required. As a general rule Less is More.

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Status Report 6th February 2025: Dewsbury Arcade – Andy Raleigh

Project Manager Project Name Funding/ Forecast/Gap	RAG Status Exec Summary for Project Progress Commencing with RAG Rationale and Route to Green	High Level Progress in Period	Stage	Upcoming Key Milestones		Hot Topics/ Emerging Risks/ Opportunities
			A) Planned Sign Offs	Name	Planned Date	
			B) Planned Engagements			
Dewsbury Arcade			Stage: Construction Delivery	Complete design for works impacted by timber survey - Review and reduce works to Market Place roof.	Jan-25	Contingency budget currently being considered to help mitigate against issues identified Risk remain in Unit 1 and 2 basements and Unit 36 roof Implementation of roof security to be discussed with planning team
Andy Raleigh	Completion date still under review due to Issues identified including window repairs, ground floor concrete slab replacement, cost and delays due to additional timber repair work.	1. Capital Delivery Team undertaken a review of the completion date 2. Access Agreements – All required properties contacted. Some agreements still outstanding. 3. All new structural steel installed. 4. Scaffolding installed within lift shaft for wall assessment and outside Market Place bookend.	Construction Finish	Autumn 25		
Funding Town Deal Fund: £1.3m + £1.246m = £2.556m GBF (WYCA): £0.6m HLF: Development £0.107m. Delivery £4.441m Kirklees Council Match: £2.565m Arcade Group: £0.034m Total: £10.3m Forecast: £10.3m	Risks remain around basement areas and unit 36 roof. Route to green is resolution of these issues.		Unit fit out complete	Autumn 25		
				Arcade opens	Autumn 25	

Total Project Forecast £10.30m

Funding Gap Value Zero

Supporting Narrative

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Status Report 6th February 2025 Dewsbury Market/Market Public Realm – Andy Raleigh

Project Manager Project Name Funding/ Forecast/Gap	RAG Status Exec Summary for Project Progress Commencing with RAG Rationale and Route to Green	High Level Progress in Period	Stage	Upcoming Key Milestones		Hot Topics/ Emerging Risks/ Opportunities
			A) Planned Sign Offs	Name	Planned Date	
			B) Planned Engagements			
Dewsbury Market (inc Public Realm)		<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Market container decant design finalised for review. Hostile Vehicle Mitigation work with RSES Engineers. Approach to risks decided upon and design work underway. Dewsbury Market & Town Park / interim cost estimate produced, and Value Engineering workshops undertaken. EOI for single stage construction contract released - 9 companies responded. Hostile Vehicle Mitigation – RSES Engineer note on residual received for Senior Officers review workshop. Programme V9 produced by Capital Delivery team. BDP Planner met with EA to resolve EA issue. 	Stage: RIBA3 Design	Complete Stage 3 design and associated cost estimate	Jan 25	<p>Interim cost estimate produced - BDP to explore savings/ reductions on Market & Town Park.</p> <p>Hostile Vehicle Mitigation approach and residual risks to be shared with senior Officers for review workshop.</p> <p>Planning Application Submitted August 2024 still not approved due to EA comments.</p>
Andy Raleigh	Planning Application approval delayed due to Environment Agency comments. Route to green meet with EA to resolve issue.			Highways design work to be determined for costing.	Jan 25	
Funding Town Fund £11.5m KC Match £11m Total: £22.5m Forecast: £22.5m Gap: Figures including past expenditure	Town Board agreed to meet the circa £30k PA revenue cost for water feature.		A) Planned Sign Off's: Planning application	Planning application determination.	Jan 25	
	Investigation into most appropriate and economical decant market.			Hostile Vehicle Mitigation residual risks review workshop	Jan 25	
	Route to green – Complete VE exercise and understand what funds can be drawn from uncommitted Town Fund projects.		B) Planned Engagements:	Decant Market Options	Sep 2025 (TBC)	
				Mobilisation Start/ Construction Start	Oct -2025 (TBC)	

Key Milestone Tracker 6 th February 2025		
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Key Milestone	Previous Forecast Date	Current Forecast Date
Next Cabinet Report	N/A	N/A
Invitation to Tender	TBC	TBC
Contract Award	TBC	TBC
Planning Application Submitted	Spring - 24	August 24
Planning Determination	Summer 24	January 25
Next Consultation Start Date	TBC	TBC
Mobilisation Start	TBC	TBC
Estimated Start	2025 TBC	2025 TBC
Estimated Finish	2025 TBC	2026 TBC
Project Closure	2026 TBC	2026 TBC
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Status Report 6th February 2025 Daisy Hill Neighbourhood – Thomas Fish, Field House – Peter Mason

Project Manager Project Name Funding/ Forecast/Gap	RAG Status Exec Summary for Project Progress Commencing with RAG Rationale and Route to Green	Stage Working Towards	H/L Progress in Period	A) Officer/ Political Approvals/ Sign off for next stage:	Upcoming Key Milestones		Hot Topics/ Emerging Risks/ Opportunities	
				B) Consultation/ Engagement/ Planning/ TRO progress:	Name	Planned Date		
Daisy Hill Neighbourhood and Field House		Acquisition Master Planning	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Neil Jordan House disposal – preparing for the marketing exercise which is to be carried out in early 2025. On going acquisitions of properties across Daisy Hill. Further housing opportunities across wider Dewsbury Town Centre identified through C&W scoping work. 	Stage: Acquisition Master Planning	Ongoing Acquisitions	2025	Field House - 8 weeks behind current programme, contractors working looking at ways to reduce this.	
Thomas Fish	Scheme continue to report Amber with funding constraints.			A) Planned Sign Offs:				
Funding Town Fund £0.84m KC Match £4.38m Total: £5.22m Forecast: £5.22m Gap: £0	<p>Negotiations are on-going for further acquisitions of properties within Daisy Hill.</p> <p>Cushman and Wakefield preparing marketing exercise document for Neil Jordon House, reviewing initial proposal.</p> <p>Field House –progressing well, with 85% of roof works completed and crash deck/roof covering completed</p>			B) Planned Engagements:	Neil Jordon House disposal	Jan-Apr 25		

Key Milestone Tracker 6 th February 2025		
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Key Milestone	Previous Forecast Date	Current Forecast Date
Next Cabinet Report – Daisy Hill		
Next Cabinet Report Field House		
Invitation to Tender – Field House		
Contract Award –Field House		
Planning Application Submitted		
Planning Determination		
Next Consultation Start Date		
Consultation Finish		
Estimated Start – Field House	March 23	Q1 2024
Estimated Finish - Field House	Q1 2024	June/July 25
Project Closure		
Stats Diversion Date		
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Status Report Better Spaces (Public Realm) Town Hall Env's: 6TH February 2025 – Michelle Illingworth

Project Manager Project Name Funding/ Forecast/Gap	RAG Status Exec Summary for Project Progress Commencing with RAG Rationale and Route to Green	High Level Progress in Period	Stage	Upcoming Key Milestones		Hot Topics/ Emerging Risks/ Opportunities
			A) Planned Sign Offs	Name	Planned Date	
			B) Planned Engagements			
Better Spaces (Public Realm) Town Hall Env's	TRO closed 5 th of December no objections noted.	1. Phase 1 works - taxi rank completed on Longcauseway, removal of planting bed completed. Creation of car parking rear of Town Hall ongoing. 2. Public realm works including installation of new paving Wakefield Old Road continue, disabled bays and loading area.	Stage: RIBA Equivalent Stage 3	Phase 1 complete Town Hall Way	Feb 25	No objections received from TRO can proceed without CCLI report. Second notice now to be advertised, date to be confirmed.
	Michelle Illingworth		Tree removal decision taken to board 9 th December no objections, however decision by project team to postpone removal until Autumn taken.	A) Planned Sign Off's:	TRO 2 nd notice advertised	
Funding Town Fund TBC KC Match TBC Total: £6.8m Forecast: £4.3m Gap: £0m Includes past expenditure.	Phase 2 site set up planned mid Jan – excavation & kerbing planned from Jan, further works commence March/April which include paving Apron/memorial gardens, formation works for steps and amphitheatre, tree pits on the apron and resurfacing and Town Hall Way works		B) Planned Engagements: TRO Public Consultation advert – Nov 24	Phase 2 Start – (Town Hall Apron)	Mar 25	
				Phase 2 completed	Jul- 25	
				Phase 3 Start (Memorial Gardens and Longcauseway)	May 25	
				Phase 3 Completed	Aug/Sep 25	

Key Milestone Tracker 6 th February 2025		
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Key Milestone	Previous Forecast Date	Current Forecast Date
Next Cabinet Report		
Invitation to Tender (MDT)	May 2024	TBC
Contract Award		
Planning Application Submitted	N/A	N/A
Planning Determination	N/A	N/A
Next Consultation Start Date		
Consultation Finish		
Estimated Start	Jul-24	Aug-24
Estimated Finish	Mar-25	Summer/ Autumn- 25
Project Closure	TBC	
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Dewsbury Town Deal Board – Status Report 6th February 2025 Building Revival – Michelle Illingworth

Project Manager Project Name Funding/Forecast/Gap	RAG Status Exec Summary for Project Progress Commencing with RAG Rationale and Route to Green	Stage Working Towards	H/L Progress in Period	Upcoming Key Milestones			Hot Topics/ Emerging Risks/ Opportunities
Building Revival Michelle Illingworth	Route to Green will be when the outline application process for Saleem House has been fully assessed and a grant agreement is in place and signed off.	Grant application/grant agreement	Saleem House Outline Application under way with agent and owner	Building/ Date Ref	Start	Finish	No new hot topics to report
				Applications On-Site			
				Applications Completed			
				Applications Progressing			
				Saleem House Northgate	Oct 24	Jan/Feb 25	
Funding Town Fund £3.15m KC Match £1.25m Private Sector:£548k Total: £4.94m/£4.4m excluding match funding Forecast:							

Key Milestone Tracker – 6 th February 2025		
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Key Milestone	Previous Forecast Date	Current Forecast Date
Saleem House Grant Application		Jan/Feb 25

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Dewsbury Town Deal Board - Status Report 6th February 2025 Kirklees Build – Construction Skills Hub – Chris Duffill

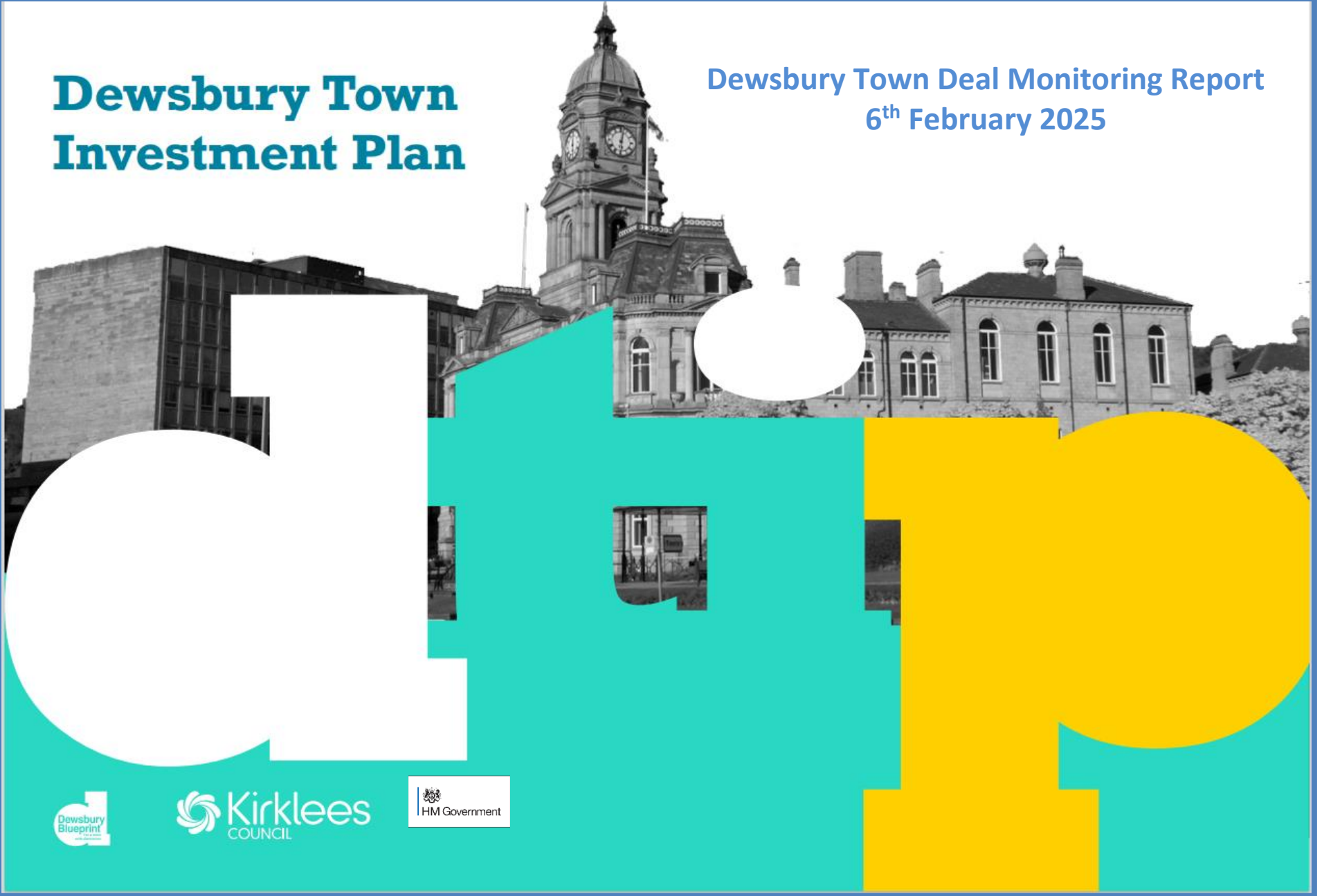
Project Manager Project Name Funding/ Forecast/Gap	RAG Status Exec Summary for Project Progress Commencing with RAG Rationale and Route to Green	Stage Working Towards	H/L Progress in Period	A) Officer/ Political Approvals/ Sign off for next stage:	Upcoming Key Milestones		Hot Topics/ Emerging Risks/ Opportunities
				B) Consultation/ Engagement/ Planning/ TRO progress:	Name	Planned Date	
Kirklees Build Skills Hub			1. Outputs are not being met on the interim site that weren't expected to be met until Mar 2026.	Stage: Detailed Design and Delivery			Open day for Operator Skills Hub 11 TH February 2025
Chris Duffill (David Abrahams-Edley)	1. Planning Permission decision notice granted. However, there has been a challenge which will go to Judicial Review. At this stage it cannot be determined if or when this will reach Court. 2. A twin track approach for site location is now underway which will include an impact assessment based on the JR.			A) Planned Sign Offs: None - Springfield interim site to come on stream in September 24	Submit Planning Application (Chidswell Site)	Nov - 24	
Funding Total: £2.25m KC: £0.75m Town Fund: £1.5m Forecast: £2.25m Gap: £0				B) Planned Engagements: Planning application - Nov 24	Estimated start date Chidswell	Aug 25	
				Engagement with Church Commissioners following planning decision notice	Q4 2024-2025		

Key Milestone Tracker 6 th February 2025		
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Key Milestone	Previous Forecast Date	Current Forecast Date
Next Cabinet Report	Apr-24	Complete
Commence site works (interim)		Complete
Planning Application Submitted (Chidswell)	Jan 24	Complete
Planning Determination	Mar 24	Nov 24
Tender appointment modular buildings provider	Feb 25	Complete
Tender & appoint contractor sites works	Oct 24	Aug 25
Estimated Start on-site	June 24	Aug 25
Estimated Finish	Feb 26	TBC
Project Opens		Sep 24 interim
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Dewsbury Town Investment Plan

Dewsbury Town Deal Monitoring Report
6th February 2025



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1. Our Town Investment Plan Projects

Dewsbury was one of 101 places to be invited to develop proposals for a new generation of multi-million-pound Town Deals. The town was eligible for support from the £3.6 billion Towns Fund. Following agreement from Cabinet and endorsement from the Town Deal Board, a Town Investment Plan (TIP) was submitted in January 2021. On 8th June 2021 the Council received confirmation that the TIP had been accepted, and the Council would be awarded £24.8m to deliver the plan.

The TIP sets out an understanding of Dewsbury and focuses on the town's assets, opportunities and challenges as well as detailing wider investment and interventions. The TIP consists of 9 projects all of which were developed by Kirklees Council with input from the community through wider engagement and ultimately endorsed by the Town Deal Board. The projects represent a programme that has been designed to support the delivery of the vision for Dewsbury to be a diverse and vibrant place offering opportunities for all whilst being connected and accessible.

The 9 projects within the TIP are summarised below:

1. Dewsbury Arcade

The Arcade is a Grade 2 Listed Building. Kirklees Council will carry out development work to re-open the Arcade. The Arcade Steering Group – consisting of several local businesses - will take on the management of the building with a vision to rent out the ground floor retail units and upper floor accommodation, with an emphasis being on the creative sector.

2. Dewsbury Market

The Market will undergo a root and branch change and will include a complete overhaul of the physical fabric. This will include reducing the physical size of the Market with the design being developed to improve the food and drink offer and have a mix of goods, dry goods and entertainment space.

3. Town Park

This project will improve the attractiveness and functionality of the public realm offer with attention being given to the wider public realm areas around key historic buildings including the Town Hall, Arcade and Market.

4. Construction Skills Village - Kirklees Build

To create a multipurpose skills and education centre for the construction and built environment sectors. Proposed site is Chidswell and Springfield College campus and will be developed in partnership by Kirklees College, Kirklees Council and industry partners.

5. Building Revival Scheme

The project focuses on improving shopfronts to Conservation Area standards and supporting the conversion of buildings to commercial and residential space.

6. Fibre Capability

Project focused on the installation of fibre network into key buildings in the town centre. The project provides a new primary duct network that links the TIP projects and council buildings such as the Market and Arcade.

7. Daisy Hill Neighbourhood

Project will take the first steps in creating a new neighbourhood with the acquisition of land and buildings to create development opportunities. One of the early redevelopments that will take place is Field House which is being developed through Mood Developments and will see the creation of 23 high-end apartments and ground floor commercial use.

8. Creative Culture Programme - Cultural Events – Taking a Lead

The broader cultural programme will see the Taking a Lead events programme celebrate Dewsbury's rich cultural heritage through a combined programme of activity and cultural events. Dewsbury will take a central role within Kirklees Year of Music. The project will also support projects including WOVEN and Festival of Conversations.

9. Sustainable Transport Modes

Walking and cycling infrastructure improvements including footway widening to Bond Street to promote pedestrian safety and will include removal of parking bays and reassignment to help facilitate.

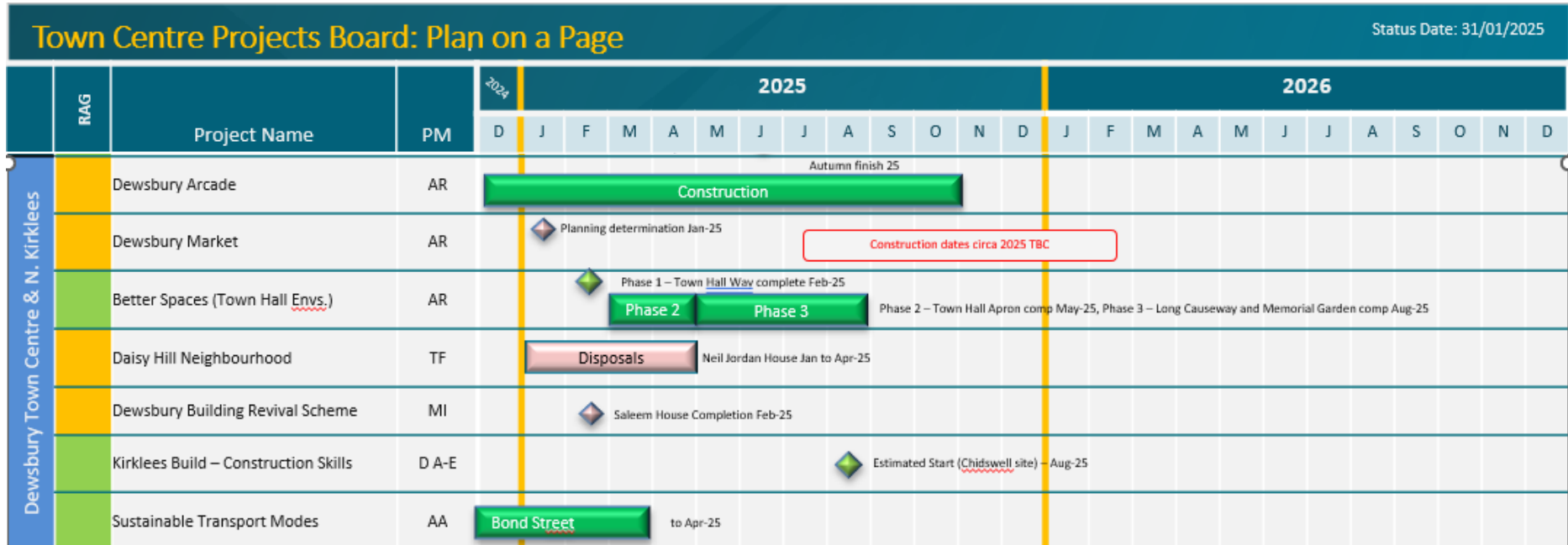
2. Recent and Planned Progress

Project Name	Project Lead	Reporting period – 28 th - 6 th February 2025	Activities planned next reporting period 1 st May 2025
The Arcade	Andy Raleigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Window refurbishment - ongoing First floors strengthened Scaffolding erected Market Place side to allow for inspection works to be undertaken on the roof Stone repairs/pointing continue the North elevation Access agreements in place with neighbouring businesses First and second fix electrical, mechanical and joinery works started Detailed Programme Review underway to address delays, conversations ongoing with Arcade Group. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Review of Market Place roof Security fence and roof access works reviewed Scaffolding to be erected within the lift shafts as part of internal wall works
Market/Market Public Realm (former Town Park)	Andy Raleigh	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Awaiting outcome of Planning application – still outstanding aiming for January 25 Stage 3 design and associated cost estimate still ongoing Trader engagement not commenced – new date of March 25 Draft delivery programme for Market Decant underway, includes updated decant layout for container positions Expression of Interest (EOI) for single stage construction contract released - 9 companies have responded to this. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stage 3 Design to conclude Trader engagement to start March Tender process to commence early 2025
Better Spaces (Public Realm) Town Hall	Michelle Illingworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 works continue to the rear of Town Hallway, surfacing works including paving undertaken. Cement SILO now in situ Town Hallway in readiness for resurfacing works Longcauseway Taxi rank re located to opposite side Market Place flower bed has been removed and paved over 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 2 planned works commence Outcome of HVM discussions and site visits known Process of Temporary Traffic Regulation Order (TTRO) to close off taxi rank/parking layby opposite Memorial Gardens

Project Name	Project Lead	Reporting period – 28 th – 6 th February 2025	Activities planned next reporting period 1 st May 2025
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Stone tenders received, Yorkstone contract now awarded, still awaiting granite tender returns. HVM works still ongoing 	
Construction Skills Village (Kirklees Build)	Chris Duffill	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Springfield procurement completed and physical works for Phase 1 at Springfield Campus completed. Planning Permission decision noticed granted Continue to work with college on other strands of activity at Springfield Site including Virtual Reality plant hire training facility for students 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Continuing to work with college to explore other opportunities at Springfield site Virtual Reality Training Facility on stream
Building Revival Grant Scheme	Michelle Illingworth	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Enquiry Saleem House on Halifax Road/Northgate, communication undertaken with owner, due diligence checks in place – on going 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Completion of final Grant Overview form for Saleem House
Fibre Capability	Carl Tinson	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project completed 	
Daisy Hill Neighbourhood/ Field House	Thomas Fish/David Wildman	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Field House - Programme delay of 8 weeks against current programme Breakout of lift shaft walls and existing stairwells ongoing Removal of existing roof competed with 85% of new roof now completed Partition walls and metal ceiling works on going on all floors Floor joist installed on 4th floor now complete New steel works on 4th floor now complete Daisy Hill - Valuation /Scope potential for acquisition opportunities undertaken by consultants Cushman and Wakefield on going 63 Daisy Hill – discussion with Historic England on going 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further discussion on potential acquisition within Daisy Hill undertaken by Cushman and Wakefield Field House – demolition of internal walls and existing lift shaft Installation of steel beams and columns External stone repairs works.

Project Name	Project Lead	Reporting period – 28 th – 6 th February 2025	Activities planned next reporting period 1 st May 2025
		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Neil Jordon House – Cushman and Wakefield options for next phase disposal undertaken 	
Creative Culture Programme – Taking a Lead	Richard Smith/Charlie Wells	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Project completed 	
Creative Hub	Town Board Group	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> No further activities 	
Sustainable Transport Modes	Armin Alisic	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Phase 1 completed – Northgate to Union Street Junction Phase 2 – Union Street Junction to Grove Street underway and progressing well Experimental Traffic Road Order (ETRO) advertisement issued 23rd Jan – Dewsbury Reporter, Legal notices planned on site 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Experimental Traffic Road Order (ETRO) implemented to the bottom of Bond Street Phase 3 started Grove Street to A638 Dewsbury Road

3. Key Milestones



4. Finance

The table offers an overview of the Town Fund grant allocation/match funding and spend for each of the TIP Projects – February 2025.

Projects now merged, but financial figures to still be reported separately

Project	Town Fund Grant allocation	Match Funding – (secured) KC	Match Funding – (secured) Other	Total Project Budget	Total spend to date	Remaining Budget
The Arcade	£1.310m £1.246m (re allocation Creative Hub)	£2.565m	£600k Getting Build Fund £4.441m National Heritage Lottery Fund £107k NHLF Other £34k	£10.303m	£3.474m	£6.8m
Market	£6.600m **	£8.400m	£0	£15m	£4.3m	£10.6m
Market Public Realm (former Town Park) includes Better Spaces Public Realm Civic space	£6.250m **	£8.130m	£0	£14.38m	£1.22m	£13.15m
Creative Hub (Capital & Rev)	£1.680m (£1.246m reallocated, £434k remaining includes £50k RDEL)	£0	£0	£434k	£71k	£363k
Building Revival	£3.150m	£1.25m	£268k Private Sector Investment £280k Heritage Action Zone (All allocated)	£4.94m £4.4m (ex-match funding)	£1.206m	£3.194m (ex-private investment)
Daisy Hill Neighbourhood and Field House	£2.220m (Daisy Hill Acquisitions £839,654, Field House £1,380,346)	£4.380m	£1.5m Heritage Action Zone, £3.170m Mood Developments/Revolving Investment Fund	£11.27m	£1.772m	£9.497m
Sustainable Transport Modes	£1.325m	£0	£0	£1.325m	£338k	£987k
Construction Skills Village	£1.5m	£750K	£0	£2.25m	£52k	£2.197m
Fibre Capability	£250k	£0	£0	£250k	£250k	£0k
Cultural Events	£515k	£26K	£194K Arts Council England, Mayors Fund, Business sponsorship	£735k	£515k (Town Fund Only)	£0

5. Funding Received

Total Town Deal grant received (including 5% CDEL) £16,690,221

Project	Early 5% CDEL allocation	2021/22	2022/23	2023/24	2024/25	2025/26	Total/Comments
Arcade	£250k	£237,500	£458,375	£548,625	£0	£0	£ 1,494,500 - full allocation received
Market	£743k	£705,850	£1,145,558	£0	£793,045	£0	£3,387,453 – payments still due
Market Public Realm (former Town Park) and Better Spaces (Civic Space)	£0	£0	£0	£1,382,250	£2,621,050	£0	£ 4,003,300– payments still due
Creative Hub	£47k	£47,500	£0	£0	£0	£0	£94,500 – payments still due but will be assigned to the Arcade
Building Revival	£0	£0	£437k	£1,891,000	£0	£0	£2,328,000 – payments still due
Daisy Hill Neighbourhood and Field House	£0	£0	£1,425,000	£684,000	£0	£0	£2,109,000 -full allocation received
Sustainable Transport Modes	£0	£0	£0	£1,258,750	£0	£0	£1,258,750 -full allocation received
Construction Skills Village	£0	£0	£1,045,000	£0	£0	£0	£1,045,000 – full allocation received
Fibre Capability	£100k	£95k	£90,250	£52,250	£0	£0	£337,500 - full allocation received
Cultural Events/Creative Hub (RDEL)	£0	£160K	£225K	£76,968	£70k	£0	£531,968 – payments still due
Business Case Development	£100k	£0	£0	£0	£0	£0	
Total	£1,240,000	£1,245,850	£4,826,183	£5,894,093	£3,484,095	£0	

6. High Severity Risks Open Programme Awareness risks with a severity rating of 15 or above, 12 being noted for awareness.

Highest Severity Risks Dewsbury & North Kirklees Schemes Status Date: 31/01/2025  New Risk

Likely	Impact	Severity	Log Ref	Title	Description	Scheme	Owner	Action Update
4	5	20	MP-Ri-142	Cost and budget	There is a risk that the costs will be higher than the budget because of inflation, market forces, delayed implementation and unanticipated project costs, which could result in a reduction in scope and quality of finished product	Dewsbury Market	Andy Raleigh	16/01 (AR) Value engineering workshops held. Recommendations with prices from QS will be presented during meeting to be held 17th Jan-25 with Capital Delivery team. Board will be notified of agreement on 31st Jan-25.
4	4	16	MP-Ri-264	Project costs	There is a risk that there will be cost increases that are greater than the contingency/ client project reserve, resulting in the need to find savings or reduce scope.	Dewsbury Arcade	Andy Raleigh	16/01 (AR): Current scheme delay has been negotiated between the contractor and Capital Delivery. Officers currently liaising with MHCLG to explore re allocation of Town Fund to support Arcade project.
3	4	12	MP-Ri-099	Budget	There is a risk that the regenerative aspirations of Daisy Hill are not met because the budget is not large enough to acquire the critical mass of buildings and land to attract a development partner and change the nature of the area. This would result in the current problems around Daisy Hill not being resolved, regeneration benefits not being realised and potentially <u>land</u> and buildings owned by the council that become a liability.	Daisy Hill	Thomas Fish	14/01 (KS): Work to establish other funding opportunities ongoing. Abi Brown has joined the team and will be working alongside KS and TF to progress this scheme. RAG rating considered and to remain at Amber due to risks around communication with owners of land/ property and potential for budget impact depending on responses.
4	3	12	MP-Ri-100	Resources	There is a risk that limited council resources in Acquisition & Disposals, Assets, Legal will not facilitate acquisition timetable including potential CPOs because the process is very resource intensive, and the acquisition of properties is key to appointing a delivery partner to developed the area in a timely manner.	Daisy Hill	Thomas Fish	14/01 (KS): Abi Brown has joined the team, and conversations are being pursued with land/ property owners. Work being carried out by C&W will be pushed forward now the team is better resourced. RAG rating to remain the same until conversations with landowners are further along.
3	4	12	MP-Ri-155	Management	There is a risk that the Arcade Group is ineffective in the management of the Arcade once the lease has been granted and it is therefore left to the Council to manage the day to day running.	Dewsbury Arcade	Andy Raleigh	16/01 (AR): Detailed programme review underway to address current delays to the project, ongoing conversations taking place with Arcade Group.

7. Project Progress Risk

RAG Status: Scheme confidence factor, considering funding position, ability to achieve planned/baseline target dates, resource availability, risk and issue severity. February 2025.

Project Name	Previous Reporting RAG Status	RAG Status Now	Executive Summary
Arcade	Green	Amber	Rag status changed from green to amber. Route to green is resolution of basement and roof areas.
Market	Amber	Amber	Scheme continues to report Amber pending decision on the approach to the market decant.
Market Public Realm (former Town Park)	Red	Amber	Rag status changed from Red to Amber to reflect recent estimated costs and outline programme. Currently under cost/design revision in line with the Market project
Better Spaces Public Realm (Civic Space)	Green	Green	Rag status continues to be green
Construction Skills Village	Green	Green	Rag remains green to reflect Springfield interim scheme now on site and live.
Building Revival Scheme	Green	Amber	Project delivering on spend and activities, but amber status reflects delay to application for Principals
Fibre Capability	Green	Green	Project completed/delivered
Daisy Hill Neighbourhood - Acquisition	Green	Amber	Rag status changed from green to amber due to resource constraints
Creative Culture Programme Taking a Lead	Green	Green	Project delivered and complete July 2024
Creative Hub	Red	Red	Project paused – reallocation of funds to support Arcade
Sustainable Transport Modes	Amber	Green	Rag status changed to green as no TRO objections, started on site October

8. Project Outputs

Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) require Local Authorities to report back twice a year on Outputs. The table below shows the Project Specific Indicators (Outputs) for each TIP project which fall under one of more of the following categories: *Urban Regeneration, Digital Connectivity, Transport and Skills and Enterprise Infrastructure.*

Project Name	Project specific Indicators (Outputs)
Arcade	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of derelict buildings refurbished - 1 • # of heritage buildings renovated/restored - 1 • Amount of floorspace repurposed – 1157m2.
Market	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # heritage buildings renovated/restored – 1 • # trees planted – 13 • Amount of new parks/greenspace/outdoor space – 1282m2 • Amount of floorspace repurposed – 3402m2
Town Park	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total length of new cycle ways – 0.159km • Total length of new pedestrian paths – 0.185km • Total length of pedestrian paths improved – 0.57km • Total lengths of road converted into cycling /pedestrian ways.0.47km • # trees planted - 55 • Amount of public realm improved – 556m2 • Amount of existing parks/greenspace/outdoor improved – 1988m2 • Amount of new parks/greenspace/outdoor space – 1848m2
Construction Skills Village	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Amount of capacity of new or improved training or education facility – 300 people • Number of closer collaborations with employers – 1 • # of learners/students/trainees gaining certificates, graduating, or completing courses - 270 • # of learners/students/trainees enrolled at new education and training facilities - 300
Building Revival Grant Scheme	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # heritage buildings renovated/restored – 6 • # of derelict buildings refurbished – 1 • # residential units provided – 29 • Amount of floorspace repurposed – 2351m2

Fibre Capability	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # additional enterprises with broadband access of at least 30mbps – 104 • # of additional residential units with broadband access of at least 30mbps – 39
Daisy Hill Neighbourhood	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of derelict buildings refurbished – 3 • # of heritage buildings renovated/restored – 3 • # residential units improved/refurbished – 5 • # of trees planted – 20 • Number of residential units with green retrofits completed – 73 • # of sites cleared – 5 • Amount of floorspace repurposed – 2686m2 • # residential units improved - 23
Creative Hub	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • # of derelict buildings refurbished - 1 • Number of new cultural facilities - 1 • Number of public amenities/facilities created – 1 • A total of 873 sqm of vacant town centre floorspace repurposed and brought back into use.
Sustainable Transport Modes	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Total length of new cycle ways – 0.9km • Total length of new pedestrian paths – 0.18km • Total length of resurfaced/improved road – 0.18km

9. Other Initiatives in Dewsbury...

As well as the Town Investment Projects Dewsbury is also being supported through other project initiatives which includes:

Transforming Dewsbury Bus Station

West Yorkshire Combined Authority in partnership with Kirklees Council are embarking on a £23,004,469 plan to transform the station. Plans included an improved interior design, better accessibility for all bus users and upgraded public entrances and exists.

Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone

Kirklees Council and Historic England Have been working in partnership since 2018 to deliver a Heritage Action Zone in Dewsbury. The scheme ran for 5 years and is due to finish in 2023. The aim of the scheme was to help protect Dewsbury Town Centre Conservation Area as many of the buildings remain unoccupied and are in a state of poor repair through lack of investment, maintenance, and neglect. The £2.55m that partners have committed to support the implementation of the HAZ has seen investment in buildings such as The Arcade and 63 Daisy Hill.

TransPennine Route Upgrade

The TransPennine Route Upgrade is a major multi-billion-pound programme of railway improvements connecting passengers in the North between Manchester, Huddersfield, Leeds and York. The programme will transform the main line offering more reliable, faster and greener trains. Works on the Dewsbury to Leeds section of the TRU have reached the halfway mark and will offer up to six fast services and two stopping every hour between Leeds and Manchester and will include Dewsbury Train Station.

10. Contacts

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11. MHCLG Monitoring and Evaluation Reporting Timetable

Reporting period	Date submitted
2019/20 – 31 st March 2022	13 th June 2022
1 st April 2022 – 30 th September 2022	16 th December 2022
1 st October 2022 – 31 st March 2023	8 th June 2023
1 st April 2023 – 30 th September 2023	4 th December 2023
1 st October 2023 – 31 st March 2024	28 TH May 2024
1 st April 2024 – 30 th September 2024	21 st November 2024
1 st October 2024 – 31 st March 2025	TBC
1 ST April 2025 – 30 th September 2025	TBC
1 st October 2025 – 31 st March 2026	TBC