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## Decision Summary

**Committee:**  
**Date:**  
**Committee Clerk:**  
**TEL:**

**DEWSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD  
THURSDAY 1 MAY 2025  
Nicola Sylvester  
01484 221000**

### **Chair**

Keith Ramsay

### **Present**

Councillor Graham Turner  
Chief Supt Jim Griffiths  
Anis Dadu  
Martin Walsh  
Sophie Johnson  
Peter Mason  
Helen Rose  
Iqbal Mohamed  
Christine Fox  
Paul Burnett (Virtual)

### **Attendees**

David Shepherd, Executive Director for Place  
Joanne Bartholomew, Service Director, Development  
David Wildman, Acting Head of Town Centres  
Michelle Illingworth, Project Officer  
Helen Jakes, Communication Business Partner  
Richard Thorpe, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government

### **Observers**

Councillor Nosheen Dad

### **Apologies**

Fara Butt, Charlie Dunn, Sam Heaton and Palvinder Singh

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## 7 Chairs Update

Keith Ramsay – Chair of Board

**RESOLVED-** That the Chairs Update be noted.

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## 8 Response to questions and suggestions from Town Board Members regarding Dewsbury Sports Centre

To receive a response to questions and suggestions from Town Board Members regarding Dewsbury Sports Centre.

Contact: Joanne Bartholomew, Service Director for Development.

**RESOLVED-** That the Response to questions and suggestions from Town Board Members regarding Dewsbury Sports Centre be noted.

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## 9 Footfall Data, Dewsbury Town Centre report

To receive the Footfall data, Dewsbury Town Centre Report.

Contact: James Blamires, Project Officer, Town Centre Regeneration.

**RESOLVED-**

- 1) That the Footfall Data, Dewsbury Town Centre report be noted,
  - 2) That the website for Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board be updated to include:
    - (i) Footfall data,
    - (ii) Information to ensure visibility of available data be shared twice yearly
  - 3) That Board be provided with further information regarding the decrease in footfall in Dewsbury Town Centre over the last two years at a Board strategy day.
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## 10 Plan for Neighbourhoods Update

To receive the Plan for Neighbourhood update.

Contact: David Wildman, Head of Town Centre Regeneration (Interim).

**RESOLVED-**

- 1) That the Plan for Neighbourhoods update be noted,
- 2) That the current Terms of Reference to undergo a review with updates and amendments being made as necessary during the development of the Regeneration Plan (May to December 2025),
- 3) That the final version of the Terms of Reference be submitted to Board

for approval,

- 4) That the Board commits to attending meetings and workshops to support the development of the Regeneration Plan,
  - 5) That the Board considers a report on the high-level programme for the draft Regeneration Plan in the November 2025 Board meeting, prior to submission to Government in December 2025.
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## **11 Capacity Funding for Engagement**

To consider the Capacity Funding for Engagement Report.

Contact: James Blamires, Project Officer, Town Centre Regeneration.

### **RESOLVED-**

- 1) That the Plan for Neighbourhoods Capacity Funding for Engagement report be noted,
  - 2) That the Board agrees that £66,000 of the expected £200,000 Minister for Housing Communities and Local Government capacity funding (2025/26) be allocated to support engagement activities as part of the Plan for Neighbourhoods on receipt of the funds.
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## **12 Town Deal Project Update**

To receive the Dewsbury Town Deal Project Update report.

Contact: Michelle Illingworth, Project Officer, Town Centres Regeneration.

**RESOLVED-** That the Dewsbury Town Deal Project Update be noted.

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## **13 Communication Update**

To receive a verbal Communication Update.

Contact: Helen Jakes, Communication Business Partner, Place.

**RESOLVED-** That the Communication Update be noted.

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## **14 AOB**

### **RESOLVED-**

- 1) That the Active Travel update be noted.
  - 2) That regular updates on Active Travel across Dewsbury be considered at future meetings.
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