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## Decision Summary

**Committee:**

**Date:**

**Committee Clerk:**

**TEL:**

**DEWSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD  
THURSDAY 6 NOVEMBER 2025**

**Nicola Sylvester**

**01484 221000**

### **Chair**

Sophie Johnson

### **In Attendance**

Councillor Graham Turner

Councillor Nosheen Dad

Chief Supt Jim Griffiths

Martin Walsh

Palvinder Singh

Iqbal Mohamed

Helen Rose (Virtual)

### **Observers**

Richard Butterfield (Historic England)

Pat Hawkins

### **Apologies**

Paul Burnett, Fara Butt, Anum Rehman and Christine Fox

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## **1 Membership of Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board**

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

### **RESOLVED-**

That Andi Eccles and Jackie Ramsay be welcomed as Board Members of Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board.

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## 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.

### **RESOLVED –**

Sophie Johnson, Andi Eccles and Martin Walsh, declared an interest as shareholders in the agenda item relating to The Arcade (Minute No. 25 refers).

Jackie Ramsay declared an interest as Member and Chair of the Arcade Group in the agenda item relating to The Arcade (Minute No. 25 refers).

Palvinder Singh declared an interest as Principal and Chief Executive of Kirklees College, in the agenda item relating to the Construction Skills Village (Minute No. 25 refers).

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## 3 Minutes and action tracker of Previous Meeting

To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Minutes of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2025 be approved as a correct record.

Iqbal Mohammed, Member of Parliament, requested that his vote against the proposal to reallocate £1,299,081 of the unspent Town Fund Grant to the Dewsbury Arcade Scheme (Minute number 12 refers) be amended to an abstention, as he had intended to abstain rather than vote against the proposal.

That the action tracker be noted.

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## 5 Public Question Time

The meeting will hear any questions from the general public.

Questions should be emailed to [executive.governance@kirklees.gov.uk](mailto:executive.governance@kirklees.gov.uk) no later than 5:00pm Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2025 .

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

### **RESOLVED –**

That questions and responses from the meetings of Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board be published on the website, as a priority, by Council Officers.

## **7 Chairs Update**

To receive a verbal update from Sophie Johnson – Chair of Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Chair's Update be noted.

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## **8 Verbal Update from Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government**

To receive a verbal updated from Thomas Speed, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Verbal Update from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government be noted.

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## **9 Dewsbury Regeneration Plan**

To consider the Dewsbury Regeneration Plan report.

Contact: Thomas Fish, Acting Head of Town Centre Regeneration.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Board approve the submission of the Regeneration Plan to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government by the 28<sup>th</sup> November 2025, subject to the rewording of the report to include the wider context of Dewsbury within the vision for the plan.

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## **10 Town Deal Project Update**

To receive an update on the Town Deal Projects.

Contact: Michelle Illingworth, Project Officer.

### **RESOLVED –**

(1) That the Town Deal Project Update be noted.

(2) That a report be provided to the Chair regarding the delay of the Market and any associated implications, that includes a strategy for engagement with market traders.

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## **11 Board Member update**

To receive updates from Board Members of Dewsbury Town Board.

### **RESOLVED-**

- (1) That the Board Member update be noted.
  - (2) That a visit be arranged for Board Members to the Arcade and Market early in 2026, prior to the next Board meeting.
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## **12 Future meeting dates**

To agree 2026 meeting dates of Dewsbury Nighbourhood Board.  
Contact: Michelle Illingworth, Project Officer.

### **RESOLVED –**

That an alternative date for the meeting of the Board suggested in February be proposed and circulated to Board Members, along with other dates to be agreed.

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## **13 Acquisition of Strategic Property**

To consider the Acquisition of Strategic Property report.

Contact: Thomas Fish, Acting Head of Town Centres Regeneration.

### **RESOLVED-**

That the Acquisition of Strategic Property be noted.

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## **15 Exclusion of the Public**

To resolve that under Section 100(A) 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 it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of agenda item 16 (Minute No. 31 refers) on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act.

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## **16 Acquisition of Strategic Property**

To consider exempt information in relation to Agenda item 13.

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Committee approved the exempt information, which was an appendix to Agenda item 13.

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