

# Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board

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## Notice of Meeting

Dear Member

### Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board

The **Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board** will meet in the **Reception Room - Town Hall, Dewsbury** at **4.00 pm** on **Thursday 12 February 2026**.

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



**Sophie Johnson**  
Chair

## The Dewsbury Town Board members are:-

<b>Member</b>	<b>Responsible For:</b>	
Sophie Johnson	Director, Northfield Consulting	Community Sector
Councillor Graham Turner	Cabinet Member - Finance and Regeneration	Local Authority
Councillor Nosheen Dad	Cabinet Member - Adult Social Care and Corporate	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
Martin Walsh	Martin Walsh Associates	Business Sector
Jackie Ramsay	Dewsbury Arcade Group Chair	Business and Community Sector
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
Christine Fox	Director of Customer and Community Service, Connect Housing	Housing Sector
Palvinder Singh	Principal and Chief Executive, Kirklees College	Education Sector
Andi Eccles	Leadership and Management Coach	Education and Community Sector
Iqbal Mohamed		Central Government

# Agenda

## Reports or Explanatory Notes Attached

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**Pages**

**1: Membership of Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board**

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

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**2: Declaration of Interests**

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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.

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**3: Minutes of Previous Meeting and Action Tracker**

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To approve the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025.

The action tracker is attached for information.

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**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.

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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 9<sup>th</sup> February 2026.

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

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## **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.

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## **7: Chair's Update**

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

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## **8: Dewsbury Arts & Culture, Strategic Thinking - Pride in Place**

To receive an update on Dewsbury Arts & Culture, Strategic Thinking - Pride in Place.

Contact: Charlie Wells, Programme Manager (Freelance)

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**9: Pride in Place Update** 13 - 18

To receive an update on the Pride in Place Programme.

Contact: Thomas Fish, Head of Town Centre Regeneration

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**10: Construction Skills Village (Kirklees Build)**

To receive an update on the Construction Skills Village (Kirklees Build) project.

Contact: Palvinder Singh, Principal - Kirklees College  
Helen Rose, Vice Principal, External Relations –  
Kirklees College  
Steve Plumstead, Construction Course Lead - Kirklees  
College

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**11: Neil Jordan House Update** 19 - 20

To receive an update in respect of Neil Jordan House.

Contact: Louise Almond, Housing Growth Manager  
Jack Sessions, Housing Growth Project Assistant

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**12: Arcade Town Deal Project - Update**

To receive an update on the Arcade Town Deal Project.

Contact: Andy Raleigh, Town Centre Strategic Lead

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**13: Reallocation of Town Fund Grant** 21 - 26

To consider the reallocation of Town Fund Grant.

Contact: Andy Raleigh, Town Centre Strategic Lead

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**14: Town Deal Project Update** 27 - 32

To receive an update on the Town Deal Projects.

Contact: Michelle Illingworth, Project Officer.

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**15: Board Member Updates**

To receive updates from Board Members of Dewsbury Town Board.

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**16: Acquisition of Strategic Property**

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To receive an update on the acquisition of strategic property.

Contact: Thomas Fish, Head of Town Centre Regeneration

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**17: AOB**

To consider any other business.

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**18: Date of Next Meeting**

4pm, Thursday 18th June 2026

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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**19: 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.

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**20: Acquisition of Strategic Property**

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To receive an update on the acquisition of strategic property.

Contact: Thomas Fish, Head of Town Centre Regeneration

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