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## Decision Summary

**Committee:**

**Date:**

**Committee Clerk:**

**TEL:**

**DEWSBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD BOARD**

**THURSDAY 12 FEBRUARY 2026**

**Sheila Dykes**

**01484 221000**

### **Chair**

Sophie Johnson

### **In Attendance**

Fara Butt

Andi Eccles

Christine Fox

Chief Supt Jim Griffiths

Peter Mason

Iqbal Mohamed

Jackie Ramsay

Helen Rose

Palvinder Singh

Councillor Graham Turner

Martin Walsh

### **Attendees**

Richard Butterfield, Historic England: Yorkshire Partnerships Team

### **Apologies**

Councillor Nosheen Dad and Paul Burnett

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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.

Apologies were received from Councillor Nosheen Dad and Paul Burnett.

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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.

Sophie Johnson, Andi Eccles, and Martin Walsh, declared an interest as shareholders in the agenda item relating to the Arcade Town Deal Project Update. The report was submitted to the Board for information.

Jackie Ramsay declared an interest as Member and Chair of the Arcade Group in the agenda item relating to the Arcade Town Deal Project Update. The report was submitted to the Board for information.

Peter Mason declared an interest as Member of the Arcade Group in the agenda item relating to the Arcade Town Deal Project Update. The report was submitted to the Board for information.

Palvinder Singh declared an interest as Principal and Chief Executive of Kirklees College, in the agenda item relating to the Construction Skills Village (Kirklees Build). The report was submitted to the Board for information.

Peter Mason declared an interest in the agenda item relating to the Neil Jordan House Update and did not participate in this item, notwithstanding that it was submitted to the Board for information only.

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

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.

#### **RESOLVED –**

That, subject to the amendment of Minute 26 to read as below, the minutes of the meeting of the Board held on 6<sup>th</sup> November 2025, be agreed as a correct record:

‘Jackie Ramsay reported that the food festival, Dewsbury-on-sea events, clothes swaps and workshops were bringing additional footfall into the town.’

The action tracker was noted.

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### **7 Chair's 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 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)

### **RESOLVED –**

That the update in respect of Dewsbury Arts and Culture, Strategic Thinking – Pride in Place be noted.

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## **9 Pride in Place Update**

To receive an update on the Pride in Place Programme.

Contact: Thomas Fish, Head of Town Centre Regeneration

### **RESOLVED –**

That the Pride in Place Update be noted.

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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

### **RESOLVED –**

That the update in respect of the Construction Skills Village (Kirklees Build) be noted.

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## **11 Neil Jordan House Update**

To receive an update in respect of Neil Jordan House.

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

### **RESOLVED –**

That the update in respect of Neil Jordan House be noted.

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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

**RESOLVED –**

That the update in respect of The Arcade Town Deal Project be noted.

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**13 Reallocation of Town Fund Grant**

To consider the reallocation of Town Fund Grant.

Contact: Andy Raleigh, Town Centre Strategic Lead

**RESOLVED -**

- (1) That the report in relation to the proposed reallocation of Town Fund Grant be noted.
  - (2) That the reallocation of £1,087,318 of unspent Town Deal Grant to support the Dewsbury Market and Town Park Scheme, as set out in Section 2 of the report, be approved.
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**14 Town Deal Project Update**

To receive an update on the Town Deal Projects.

Contact: Michelle Illingworth, Project Officer.

**RESOLVED -**

That the report providing an update in respect of the Town Deal Project be noted.

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**15 Board Member Updates**

To receive updates from Board Members of Dewsbury Town Board.

**RESOLVED -**

That the update from Board Members be noted.

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**16 Acquisition of Strategic Property**

To receive an update on the acquisition of strategic property.

Contact: Thomas Fish, Head of Town Centre Regeneration

**RESOLVED –**

That, in recognition of the strategic and wider regeneration benefits for the town, negotiation, acquisition and redevelopment of the key site in the town centre, as set out in the private appendix to the report, be supported.

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## **17 Any Other Business**

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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.

#### **RESOLVED –**

That under Section 100(A) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public be excluded from the meeting during the consideration of agenda item 20 relating to the Acquisition of a Strategic Property (Minute 49 refers), on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information, as defined in Paragraph 3 (financial and business affairs) of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act and that the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information and providing greater openness and transparency in relation to public expenditure in the Council's decision making.

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### **20 Acquisition of Strategic Property**

To receive an update on the acquisition of strategic property.

Contact: Thomas Fish, Head of Town Centre Regeneration

That the Board noted the exempt information, which was an appendix to agenda item 16.

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