

Name of meeting: Economy and Neighbourhood Scrutiny Panel

**Date: 13th July 2021** 

**Title of report: Dewsbury Town Centre Update** 

**Purpose of report:** To provide the Panel with an update on Dewsbury Town Centre projects and their programmes for delivery.

Key Decision - Is it likely to result in spending or saving £250k or more, or to have a significant effect on two or more electoral wards?	Not Applicable
Key Decision - Is it in the <u>Council's</u> Forward Plan (key decisions and private	No
reports)?	Private Report/Private Appendix – No
The Decision - Is it eligible for call in by Scrutiny?	Not Applicable
Date signed off by <u>Strategic Director</u> & name	28 <sup>th</sup> June 2021 - David Shepherd
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Finance?	N/A
Is it also signed off by the Service Director for Legal Governance and Commissioning?	N/A
Cabinet member portfolio	CIIr Eric Firth

**Electoral wards affected: Dewsbury East, Dewsbury West, Dewsbury South** 

Ward councillors consulted: No

**Public or private: Public** 

Has GDPR been considered? Yes

# 1. Summary

This report provides the Panel with an update on Dewsbury Town centre projects. Those focused on here in detail are:

- Dewsbury Market
- Dewsbury Arcade
- Dewsbury Town Park
- Fieldhouse and Daisy Hill Residential opportunities
- Creative Culture Programme
- Dewsbury Revival Grant Scheme
- Dewsbury Bus Station

# 2. Information required to take a decision

## Background and Introduction

- 2.1 Dewsbury sits at the heart of the North Kirklees Growth Zone (NKGZ), a long-term regeneration programme that will promote transformational change in the town. Part of the NKGZ vision is to develop a town centre that is fully utilised through increased housing and leisure provision with a consolidated retail and commercial core.
- 2.2 Town centre regeneration within Dewsbury is under pinned by The Dewsbury Blueprint which was launched early in 2020. This can be found at the following link:
  - https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/dewsbury-blueprint/pdf/dewsbury-blueprint-brochure.pdf
- 2.3 This sets out a vision for the town centre and identifies a series of key interventions to deliver that vision. It is a 10-year plan that seeks to honour the heritage of this beautiful town and build early investments. The aim is to bring more activity into the town centre, make it more attractive and improve accessibility.
- 2.4 Dewsbury is also one of 101 towns invited to develop proposals for a new generation of multimillion pound Town Deals. One of the requirements of Town Deals is that a Town Board is established. As part of this process the Council has assisted in setting up a town deal board and is the vehicle required to prepare and agree a Town Investment Plan (TIP).
- 2.5 The Dewsbury TIP was submitted to Government in January 2021 and on the 8<sup>th</sup> June 2021 it was announced that the TIP and the associated projects had been supported and there was an award of £24.8m to deliver those projects. This can be found at the link below:

https://www.kirklees.gov.uk/beta/regeneration-and-development/pdf/dewsbury-town-investment-plan-complete.pdf

### The Dewsbury Vision

2.6 Dewsbury Blueprint aims to bring more activity into the town centre, make it more attractive and improve accessibility. The Dewsbury TIP builds on this ambition. The nine projects that the Town Deal Board has selected to form the TIP represent a programme designed to deliver our vision.

#### Family Friendly Town

2.7 A common theme in the Dewsbury Blueprint is that Dewsbury will be a family-friendly town where everyone feels safe and welcome. Families will come together to enjoy the open spaces, shops and leisure opportunities during the day and into the evening.

## The Relationship Between the Dewsbury Blueprint and Dewsbury TIP

- 2.8 The Blueprint is focused upon the town centre whereas the Dewsbury TIP has a wider geographical remit across the three wards. The TIP is also backed by a significant Government Grant.
- 2.9 There is a strong overlap between the two. Through engagement as part of the Dewsbury TIP. Town Centre matters were a key issue and town centre projects had strong support.
- 2.10 Town centre projects with Dewsbury TIP backing include:
  - The Dewsbury Arcade
  - Dewsbury Market
  - Town Centre Public Realm Improvements including a Town Park
  - A creative cultural Programme
  - A Building Revival grant scheme
  - Support to redevelop the Daisy Hill area as a residential area including conversion of Fieldhouse
  - Expanded fibre capability

### Important Projects Already Delivered and Underway

- 2.11 Work across Dewsbury Town Centre has been ongoing for a number of years. There are a number of key projects in place that will be important for the future sustainability of the town centre. These are:
  - Kirklees College Springfield Centre Opened in Sept 2020
  - Kirklees College Pioneer House Opened in Nov 2021
  - Dewsbury Rail Station Forecourt Completed in March 2019
  - Dewsbury Town Hall Victoria Hall and Bar Opened Late 2019

- 2.12 These projects are significant in terms of importance and investment and some were supported by the grant programmes outlined below.
- 2.13 **Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI)**. The foundation of the current grant schemes in Dewsbury stems from the successful £3.7m National Lottery Heritage Fund. The THI was funded in partnership and delivered by the Council (£1.7m) from 2013 2020; resulting in 9 transformational projects: including Pioneer House (Kirklees College), The Black Bull and 9 Market Place (Emojies restaurant due to open 19th July).
- 2.14 **Dewsbury Heritage Action Zone (HAZ)**. The THI has set the benchmark in terms of Conservation Area Design, as well as creating vibrancy through bringing empty properties back in to use and stimulating economic and job growth. This has led to the Council successfully securing the £0.55m from Historic England for the Dewsbury HAZ. Again, jointly funded and delivered by the Council and Historic England and will end in 2023. This programme is focused on residential uses with the first schemes due to start on site shortly. The major residential landmark project of Field House opposite the station is being developed as part of the programme.
- 2.15 **Dewsbury Revival Grant Scheme.** In tandem with the HAZ the Council has also launched the £1.25m, Dewsbury Revival grant, following the principles of the THI in terms of good Conservation Area design and focussed on improving shop fronts and encouraging re use of empty upper floor space. To date, two grants have been approved, one delivered, with a further 6 actively in the pipeline, along with a good bank of enquiries. The inclusion of the Revival Scheme within the Town Investment Plan will be able to support this and broaden the range and scale of properties it can support.
- 2.16 **Accelerated Town Fund Package.** The Council was awarded £750,000 from the Town Fund in late 2020 to be spent on an agreed list of projects within Dewsbury and on condition that the grant had to be spent by the end of March 2021. The majority of these were within the town centre, including:
  - Public realm improvements across the town centre and to the rear of the Pioneer building.
  - Upgrading 15, Union Street to enable occupation by Brigantia Creative (deliverer of the Creative Science programme);
  - Enhanced IT provision at 4 community training venues; and
  - A contribution to Railway Station improvements to ensure these were not delayed due to lack of funding certainty.

The grant was spent by the end of March 2021.

2.17 **Early Wins - Spring Clean/Environmental Improvements.** Over the last two years a series of smaller scale improvements have taken place in the town centre. Public art has been installed, including the Anthony Gormley 'statue', panels along the bus station, free standing panels and art events, with more planned. Footways have been repaired, benches replaced, planting areas upgraded, semi mature trees have been planted at key spots (where utilities

allow) and work has recently started on upgrading the landscaped area to the front of the Library all part of the plan to make the town centre greener. The gazebos and selected street furniture have been painted and there is a rolling programme of street light replacement underway.

# **Delivery of Core Town Centre Projects**

- 2.18 This report concentrates on the core town centre projects. These are those with the most significant Impact. These projects are:
  - Dewsbury Market
  - Dewsbury Arcade
  - Dewsbury Town Park
  - Fieldhouse and Daisy Hill Residential opportunities
  - Creative Culture Programme
  - Dewsbury Revival Grant Scheme
  - Dewsbury Bus Station

Each core project is summarised below. A summary programme is attached as Appendix 1.

# **Dewsbury Market**

2.19 Dewsbury Market is at the physical and economic heart of the town centre. Its health is critical to the vibrancy of the town centre as a whole. The Market will undergo a 'root and branch' change in order to create a model market for the 21st century. The project will involve a complete overhaul of the physical fabric, changes to product offer, introduction of leisure and improvements in operational practices.

Current Status	<ul> <li>Stage 3 Design</li> <li>Consultation – ended 30<sup>th</sup> June 2021</li> </ul>
Delivery Responsibility	Kirklees Council
Key Milestones	<ul> <li>Initial engagement and consultation has been already been undertaken during the feasibility stage.</li> <li>BDP were appointed in Q4 2020 as the multi-disciplinary design team.</li> <li>Cabinet approval for the project agreed on 16 March 2021, including approval of Council funds and the trader decant proposals.</li> <li>Key stakeholder and public consultation Q2 2021.</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Q1-Q3 2021 Development &amp; implementation of the decant plan</li> <li>Q1 2021 RIBA Stage 3 – outline designs produced.</li> <li>Q4 2021 RIBA Stage 4 – detail designs</li> <li>Q4 2021 Planning application approval target</li> <li>Q4 2021 Towns Fund Detailed Approval</li> <li>Q1 2022 Procurement/Tendering of contractor</li> <li>Q1 2022 Trader decant undertaken</li> <li>Q1 2022 Contractor appointed</li> <li>Q2 2022 Construction commences</li> </ul>
Anticipated Delivery Date	Open to public – Summer 2023
Current Funding	£8.9 Council Funding
Arrangement	£6.6m Town Deal
	Total Project cost £15.5m

# The Arcade

2.20 The Arcade is central to efforts to revitalise the town centre. In the Blueprint consultation in early 2020, it was found to be the most popular project with the public with 76% of 502 respondents putting the opening of the Arcade as their top priority. Public sector investment is required to deliver the scheme and to realise the mix of retail and business space uses that are currently envisaged. Rents will be low enough for start-up independents to flourish, while providing sufficient service charge to maintain and manage the property into the future.

Current Status  Delivery Responsibility	<ul> <li>Initial works to stabilise remove dry rot, address water ingress to the building have been carried out.</li> <li>Kirklees Council</li> </ul>
Key Milestones	<ul> <li>Building acquired Q1 2020</li> <li>Design Team for Market and Arcade appointed Q4 2020 (completed)</li> <li>Soft strip and stabilisation work by KNH Q4 2020 – Q3 2021</li> <li>Management options completed Q2 2021</li> <li>Survey and design completion Q2 2021</li> <li>Refurbishment Q1 2020 to Q4 2022</li> <li>Manager/Business advisor recruited Q4 2022</li> </ul>
Anticipated Delivery Date	Open to public – Q2 2023

Current Funding	£1.8m Council Funding
Arrangement	£1.3m Town Deal
	£0.6m Getting Building Funds
	Total Project Funds £3.7m

## Urban Realm - Dewsbury Town Park

- 2.21 The aim of the Urban Realm programme is to deliver a number of projects that will extend and improve the publicly accessible spaces by greening, introduction of public art and creating a brand new park for Dewsbury. The project aims to breathe new life into the town centre by creating spaces that have distinct uses and are family friendly and will in turn support Dewsbury's day and night time economy.
- 2.22 The Town Park will be centred in the town's core area of Longcauseway from Dewsbury ring road, to the junction with Wakefield Old Road/Town Hall Way. Covering 7,400sqm it includes Longcauseway and the council owned Memorial Gardens to the East and potentially the site of the Customer Service Centre. The scheme will create an exemplary piece of new public space, of a scale that will have a significant impact on improving the attractiveness of the town centre. The design of the park will comprise of a combination of soft and hard landscaping and will include infrastructure on a scale that will appeal to a number of end users.
- 2.23 In addition to the Town Park the Urban Realm aims to also deliver small scale projects that in turn will compliment and connect the larger project, tapping into the ethos and opportunities that it will bring around making the town centre more attractive and active. Proposed projects include:
  - Dewsbury Sport Centre Public Realm
  - Market Place
  - Kings and Queens Arcades
- 2.24 Aligned to this is a Creative Arts Programme which will see a variety of art work being installed.

Current Status	<ul> <li>The consultation for the Dewsbury Town Park was conducted between 19th May 2021 and 12th June 2021.</li> </ul>
Delivery Responsibility	Kirklees Council
Key Milestones	Town Park
	<ul> <li>2019/20 - survey of the core site of the Town Park to determine what the options are around the traffic impacts.</li> <li>Summer 2020 -Stage 2 Feasibility Designs completed</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>April 2021 - Stage 2 Access Mitigation Evaluation to be completed.</li> <li>Consultation - Q2 2021 on Feasibility concepts.</li> <li>Design and Planning approvals to commence 2021-2022.</li> <li>Construction to start on site 2023/24</li> <li>Completion in 2024/25.</li> </ul>
	Smaller Projects  The development of the sports centre
	<ul> <li>frontage is currently on site</li> <li>Kingsway and Queensway Arcades lighting schemes will be delivered in summer 2021</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Public Art Programme – already commenced and will roll out over the next 3-5 years</li> </ul>
Anticipated Delivery Date	Town Park – Early 2025
Current Funding	£8.6m Council
Arrangement	<ul> <li>£6.25m Town Deal</li> </ul>
	<ul> <li>Total Project Funds £14.9m</li> </ul>

# Fieldhouse and Daisy Hill

- 2.25 This project is a combination of site acquisition and support for the conversion of the Fieldhouse building into residential use. It will undertake the critical first steps on the road to creating a new neighbourhood the heart of Dewsbury, which will help support town centre vibrancy and make the most of the heritage assets of the town. It comprises two parts as set out below.
- 2.26 The Fieldhouse scheme comprises a high quality conversion of a vacant grade 2 listed building into 23 apartments and a restaurant/bar. Fieldhouse is a 4 storey building and is part of a group of individual listed buildings that face Dewsbury Ring road within the Daisy Hill area. It is within the Dewsbury Town Centre Conservation Area, vacant and occupies a prominent position facing the ring road and the Railway station. The project will set a new standard for quality of residential accommodation in Dewsbury Town Centre and will be aimed to attract occupiers with greater disposable incomes that will help support the town centre economy and will form the first phase of a wider development of the Daisy Hill area for residential use.
- 2.27 Establishing, demand for such a market is a very important component in the renaissance of the wider Daisy Hill Quarter. The Daisy Hill Quarter is a rundown 3.1-acre area in the centre of Dewsbury in multiple ownership but

with potential to exploit excellent road and rail links to the wider region and help revitalise the town centre. The site is earmarked in the Dewsbury "Living Town" Blueprint for residential development and is part of the heritage action zone. The project builds on earlier work to assemble the site. It is anticipated that to assemble the entire site will take around 4 years and it has been estimated that this will cost in the order of £5.8M. The objective is to assemble a coherent development site and development brief to attract market interest from private sector developers to develop a scheme of around 200 units which will act as a catalyst to support the wider regeneration plans for Dewsbury Town Centre.

Current Status	<ul> <li>Fieldhouse – Planning approvals in place, detailed design underway</li> <li>Daisy Hill area – Early acquisitions completed - 3 buildings and one area of land.</li> </ul>
Delivery Responsibility	<ul><li>Fieldhouse - Private Sector</li><li>Daisy Hill Land Assembly - Kirklees Council</li></ul>
Key Milestones	Fieldhouse  Project completion Q4 2023  Planning approvals – Feb 2019 Completion of Funding Approvals Q1 2022 Tender for works Q1 2022 Construction Start Q3 2022 Opening Q2 2023
	<ul> <li>Daisy Hill Area</li> <li>land assembly on going target completion 2025 – CPO dependant</li> </ul>
Anticipated Delivery Date	<ul> <li>Fieldhouse – Q2 2023</li> <li>Daisy Hill - Ongoing</li> </ul>
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul> <li>£3.8m Council</li> <li>£3m Town Deal</li> <li>£1.5m Heritage Action Zone</li> <li>£2.7m from private sector developer</li> <li>Total Project Cost of £11m</li> </ul>

### Creative Culture Programme

2.28 The new arts and cultural centre (Union) will be a creative social enterprise and production hub offering a year-round programme of cultural activities and

events to animate the town and bring communities together. It will provide new cultural infrastructure and enable a creative community to develop and create entertainment and cultural experiences developed and co-produced with Dewsbury's communities. Union will include performance spaces, meeting and exhibition space and studios for music, performance and visual art. Programmed with and by local artists and communities, inspired by and celebrating the many voices, cultures and communities of Dewsbury, it will host poetry slams, exhibitions, film screenings, family friendly theatre, creative activities for children and training for young adults.

- 2.29 The broader cultural programme will see a series of activity that come together in major public events. This will enable the community and existing creative infrastructure of Dewsbury, who are already active in textiles and music, but lack the investment, support, and co-ordination to develop shared future. Dewsbury will take a central role within major initiatives of WOVEN in Kirklees, Year of Music 2023, Temporary Contemporary and The Festival of Conversations. This will result in a minimum of one large public event in 2022, 2023, and 2024. The events will come from Dewsbury's people and communities via an engagement programme working with communities, schools, training, and skills development in an open co-developed way. As moments shining a light on Dewsbury, they are underpinned by a sustained approach for the future, leading to skills development, pride in place, and jobs.
- 2.30 The joint approach will develop the creative/cultural sector, promote training and skills development. It will offer opportunities for community involvement and engagement and for associated health, wellbeing and cohesion outcomes. This will help to tackle inequalities through opportunities to develop skills, signpost to careers, CPD and education, and will celebrate the local history, identity and support a vision for the future.

Current Status	<ul> <li>Union Arts Centre – Feasibility Stage</li> <li>Cultural Programme – Programming advanced</li> </ul>
Delivery Responsibility	<ul> <li>Union – Brigantia Creative</li> <li>Cultural Programme – Council in collaboration with partners</li> </ul>
Key Milestones	<ul> <li>Union Arts Centre</li> <li>Phase 1 - Creative Hub created using Accelerated Town Fund,</li> <li>Internal accessible fit out works – Q1 2021</li> <li>Appointment of Project Management Q3 2021</li> <li>Feasibility/Business Case Development Q3 2021/22</li> </ul>

	<ul> <li>Scoping and design of Phase 2 renovation and build Q3 2022 – Q3 2023</li> <li>Acquisition of adjoining flats – 2022/23</li> <li>Start Q4 2023, completion Q3 2024</li> <li>Woven development activity and preparation for delivery in 2022/23 – all quarters</li> <li>Woven Major Cultural programme delivered Q1 June 2023</li> <li>Year of Music - delivery plan 2021/22, year round programme of activity Q1,2 &amp; 32022/24 with evaluation in Q4</li> <li>Business model development for Festival of Conversations 2021/22 – Q3&amp;4 leading to sustainable delivery method in Q3 2023</li> <li>Temporary Contemporary project development 2012/23, leading to full programme rollout 2023/24 – all quarters</li> </ul>
Anticipated Delivery Date	Union Arts Centre – 2024  Cultural Programme events to take place in 2022, 2023 and 2024
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul> <li>£195k Council</li> <li>£2.195m Town Deal</li> <li>£710k Arts Council</li> <li>£300k Trust and Foundation</li> <li>Total project cost £3.4m</li> </ul>

# **Dewsbury Building Revival**

2.31 The Building Revival scheme is aimed at providing support for the conversion of buildings to office / workspace & residential where appropriate and improving shop fronts to a Conservation Area Standard. The project objective to grow momentum through the Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative, in improving shopfronts in line with Conversation Area principles, thus raising the profile and quality of the area. The scheme involves providing grant assistance to owners in providing quality accommodation, prompting property owners to think differently about conversions, through using spaces more creatively - creative live/workspaces, rather than just plain box conversions.

Current Status	To date:
	<ul><li>two grants have been approved,</li><li>one delivered,</li><li>a further 6 actively in the pipeline.</li></ul>
Delivery Responsibility	Kirklees Council and Private Sector
Key Milestones	<ul> <li>The Council announced the scheme in September 2019</li> <li>Grants will be delivered through to Q1 2026</li> </ul>
Anticipated Delivery Date	Grants End Q1 2026
Current Funding Arrangement	<ul><li>£1.25m Council</li><li>£2m Town Deal</li><li>Total Project Cost £3.25m</li></ul>

# **Dewsbury Bus Station**

2.32 The Dewsbury Blueprint sets out proposals for a new bus station in Dewsbury. This is part of the package of works funded by the Transforming Cities Fund and will be a complementary transport interchange within the town.

Current Status	<ul> <li>Preparing for Consultation – Start July 2021</li> </ul>
Delivery Responsibility	WYCA
Key Milestones	<ul> <li>Early consultation – Q2 2021</li> <li>Outline to Full Business Case process – Q4 2021 to Q4 2022</li> <li>Award SDP3 contract – Q4 2021</li> <li>Submit planning application – Q1 2022</li> <li>Award construction contract - Q1 2022</li> <li>Enabling works – Q3 2022</li> <li>Construction starts – Q1 2023</li> </ul>
Anticipated Delivery Date	Opening Q1 2024
Current Funding Arrangement	Transforming Cities Fund – circa £8m

## **Supporting Programmes**

- 2.33 Construction Skills Village providing leading-edge training and skills opportunity in the construction and built environment sectors. Intended to cover the skills shortage in the construction industry and an extension of Kirklees College. A multi-purpose skills and education centre for the construction and built environment sectors, located at the heart of one of Kirklees's largest housing sites, Dewsbury Riverside. Developed in partnership with Kirklees College and industry partners and operating on a hub and spoke basis with the Pioneer Higher Skills Centre, the project will provide an exciting new facility to engage young people and raise awareness of careers in the industry a safe/secure environment, within a major housing site, to deliver a wide range of construction training to young people, unemployed adults and other target groups a leading-edge training facility specialising in modern methods of construction and low carbon energy alongside specialist heritage construction skills and, delivering a wide range of industry-focused short-courses.
- 2.34 Fibre capability ensuring Dewsbury's strong transport connections are matched by strong digital connections. This investment allows the installation of ducting for full fibre cables in the town centre where there are insufficient retail customers for fibre to cover the full installation cost. This project is to facilitate the installation of a fibre network into key buildings in Dewsbury town centre. The project will provide a new primary duct network that links all key TIP projects in the town centre; along with key council buildings.
- 2.35 Sustainable transport modes enabling people to travel healthily and sustainably by bike or on foot by improving cycle and pedestrian routes in the town. A transformational programme of walking and cycling infrastructure improvements within Dewsbury delivering a high-quality network connecting key transport nodes. The proposed new footway/cycleway facilities would offer greater pedestrian and cycling connectivity in the North-east of Dewsbury Town Centre and better access to Town Centre and college sites. The main elements are:
  - Better Connected Stations Dewsbury Station Dewsbury £568,210
  - Dewsbury Station Access- Calder Valley Greenway Link £300,000
  - Dewsbury Town Centre Walking & Cycling Transformations £10.25m
     TCF + £1.25m prospective Town Fund

These projects were reported to the Economy and Neighbourhoods Scrutiny meeting on 4<sup>th</sup> March 2021.

# 3. Implications for the Council

# 3.1 Working with People

As part of the Dewsbury Blueprint the Council held town centre consultations and workshops in the town centre during the early part of 2020. This included a town centre presence via a blueprint shop. This work has fed into the preparation of the Dewsbury TIP. During November 2020 specific engagement across Dewsbury was undertaken as

part of the TIP preparation. This work was carried out by a consultancy on behalf of Dewsbury Town Deal Board to align with Government guidance on the preparation of TIP's. This work was constrained by the latest co-vid restrictions, but it did include a mix of online and focus group communication.

## 3.2 Working with Partners

The bespoke TIP engagement exercise set out to be as inclusive as possible and reach out to a wide range of audiences. Dewsbury Town Deal Board includes a wide of stakeholders from across the Dewsbury area including community, education, business, and development sectors as well as the Council and the local Member of Parliament. Individual projects will engage partners as required to ensure that delivery in aligned with community expectations.

### 3.3 Place Based Working

Developing the Blueprint and the Dewsbury TIP and the projects within them is part of a place-based approach to regeneration. The TIP board, which includes local representation, has based the TIP on an established evidence and has sought to engage widely to ensure that the vision and projects are part of the overall solution of improving Dewsbury as a whole. The vision and projects have endorsement from the community and are one strand of the overall package of regeneration and place-based solution.

## 3.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

The Council has declared a Climate Emergency and has adopted a 'net zero' carbon emissions target for 2038. All projects delivered through the Blueprint and Dewsbury TIP will be assessed on a case by case basis to ensure that the right principles are applied to ensure they achieve or come as close to this objective as possible.

### 3.5 Improving outcomes for children

The regeneration of Dewsbury, in particular the town centre, has always had a family friendly emphasis. The stakeholder engagement has reconfirmed this. The projects reflect the need encouraging families back into the town. Projects such as the Town Park, the Market and the Union Arts Centre will underpin this as an objective.

#### 3.6 Other (Legal, Financial or Human Resources)

The bringing forward of core projects in the Blueprint and Dewsbury TIP involves considerable financial, legal and human resources to achieve. The service is reliant on a skilled core group of council staff working alongside numerous other council service areas, bringing in other specialist skills where appropriate.

# 4. Next steps and timelines

Officers will continue to progress the schemes working in partnership with all the named partners and the Dewsbury Town Deal Board. Timelines for each project are set out in Appendix 1.

#### 5. Officer recommendations and reasons

Officers recommend that this update is noted and that work continues to develop these

projects.

#### 6. Cabinet Portfolio Holder's recommendations

The Cabinet Portfolio Holder has been consulted with regard to the contents of this report and supports the officer recommendation.

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# 8. Background Papers and History of Decisions

## Cabinet

- Dewsbury Market 16<sup>th</sup> March 2021
- Dewsbury Town Investment Plan 19<sup>th</sup> January 2021
- Dewsbury Town Fund and Get Building Fund 18<sup>th</sup> November 2020
- Dews bury and Huddersfield Town Centre Finance 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2020
- Dewsbury Arcade 25<sup>th</sup> February 2020
- Dewsbury Better Spaces Strategy 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019
- Dewsbury Revival Grant Scheme 10<sup>th</sup> September 2019
- Dewsbury Townscape Heritage Initiative (THI) grant towards improving 9 Market Place, Dewsbury – 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019
- Dewsbury Town Centre; Strategic Development Framework & Delivery Programme 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2019

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# 9. Strategic Director responsible

David Shepherd – Strategic Director Growth and Regeneration