

## **Dewsbury Town Deal Board (DTDB)**

### **Chair's Update Report**

**August 2022**

Our August meeting starts at 4.30 as requested by several Board members over the past few months and my thanks to Kirklees Council for hosting us today in Dewsbury Town Hall.

#### **Key recent activities**

Following development of the Communications and Marketing work, Michelle Illingworth and I met recently with Loaded PR to progress discussions and to see a draft of their initial findings and way ahead. They will host one of the sessions on our August agenda- welcome to Gemma and Martin.

Along with fellow Board members, I was invited to attend a dinner with Historic England Places Panel on July 21<sup>st</sup> in Dewsbury Town Hall during their visit to the town. Ben Darbyshire, Chair, Trevor Mitchell, the Regional Director and colleagues put together a very interesting agenda and my thanks to all involved in these arrangements, including colleagues at Kirklees Council.

Following our discussions at Board in June, I am planning to meet with Karen Roche, the Manager of the Dewsbury market amongst her other responsibilities, and market stall holders on August 8<sup>th</sup>. On the same day, I will also meet with Councillor Eric Firth. A verbal update will be given to members at Board on August 11th

#### **Board Members and Governance**

Board members have been asked recently to review their Register of Interests and a number have been submitted. Can I politely remind all members to please submit their declarations to the Governance Team so that the whole Board Register is up to date? We are part of a random sample of Town Deal Boards who are being audited on governance matters over the next couple of months by the Department which we welcome.

#### **Other meetings**

Kirklees Governance Team for a regular agenda setting meetings once a month.

Kirklees Council officers

Board members

## **Communication**

Members of the public have been invited to join today's meeting and time is allocated at the start for their questions.

## **Other issues**

As I mentioned in June, it was planned that we would discuss a review of our Terms of Reference on this agenda which aimed to ensure that we regularised some procedures and processes. However, I want to consult with stakeholders and Board members individually prior to the review being on a Board agenda, therefore it is my intention that this issue will be on our September agenda. I plan to have these conversations prior to September 8th