

Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board

18th June 2026

Title of report: Terms of Reference

Purpose of report:

The purpose of this report is to seek Board members support for the updated Terms of Reference for the Dewsbury Neighbourhood Board.

Officer recommendation and reasons:

Recommendation:

The Board is asked to:

1. Approve the updated Terms of Reference which have been updated to reflect the Pride in Place Programme, in line with current MHCLG guidance.

Public or private: Public

Has GDPR been considered? Yes

2. Background

In September 2023, the UK government launched the *Long-term Plan for Towns*, naming Dewsbury as one of the towns to receive £20 million over ten years. Following the release of initial guidance in December 2023, Dewsbury's Town Deal Board evolved into a new Town Board, which began community engagement to shape investment priorities.

Progress paused during the 2024 general election and spending review, but the Budget confirmed the programme's continuation. In March 2025, the programme was rebranded as the *Plan for Neighbourhoods (PfN)*, with updated guidance issued. Subsequently in September 2025 MHCLG renamed this to Pride in Place, which is now the name for the 10-year programme.

3. Terms of Reference

The updated Terms of Reference set out a clear governance framework for the Board including:

- Strategic leadership and programme oversight responsibilities
- Community engagement and representation role
- Governance, accountability and transparency arrangements
- The relationship with Kirklees Council as Accountable Body
- Decision-making processes and meeting arrangements

The Terms of Reference explicitly position the Board to:

- Support delivery of the Pride in Place Programme
- Provide strategic advice and community insight
- Oversee progress and long-term regeneration outcomes for Dewsbury

4. Implications

4.1 Working with People

[Significant engagement has taken place](#), and further engagement will take place to shape the proposals that will be included in the Regeneration Plan. The projects and interventions that are to be delivered are being designed to reflect local priorities and create positive change for local people, including voices which are known to be harder to reach, such as young people, businesses and South Asian communities.

4.2 Working with Partners

Collaborative working with partners has formed a key element of development work to date to ensure we are achieving the best outcomes possible; and we will continue to engage with partners going forward.

4.3 Place Based Working

The development of the Regeneration Plan for Dewsbury will build on past engagements and be shaped by the community through further engagement to ensure it reflects local priorities and is tailored to the needs of Dewsbury to achieve the best outcomes for residents.

4.4 Climate Change and Air Quality

Interventions brought forward within the Plan will consider how they can help to tackle the climate emergency, reduce emissions and improve air quality.

4.5 Improving outcomes for children

The Plan will be part of helping to realise the ambition to improve our towns for all people, including children – and will help to create a long-lasting legacy that benefits the next and future generations.

4.6 Other (e.g Legal, Finance, Risk, Integrated Impact Assessment or Human Resources)

The programme, to be identified within the Plan, will have a risk and opportunity register, which will be actively managed to mitigate potential risks. An Integrated Impact Assessment will be undertaken during the development of the projects if required to consider the potential effects of active.

5 Consultation/Engagement

Feedback from the Dewsbury Blueprint consultation, and the engagement undertaken during 2024 as part of the then 'Long-term Plan' has been reviewed, and additional engagement has taken place as part of developing the Regeneration Plan. Engagement is continual through DNB social platforms including its website and direct inbox. Ongoing engagement with communities and members of the public continue with additional lines of communication open through open question time before board meetings.

6) Contact officer

James Blamires, Project Officer, Town Centre Regeneration.

7) Background Papers and History of Decisions

<https://democracy.kirklees.gov.uk/documents/s63448/Plan%20for%20Neighbourhood%20update%20-%20010525.pdf>

8) Appendix A – Terms of Reference

9) Service Director responsible

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