ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
Friday, 28th February, 2020

1   **MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD HELD ON 28TH FEBRUARY, 2020 (ATTACHED)**

Rotherham Town Deal Board
28th February, 2020, 8.00am-12.00 noon
In Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham

Attended By:	Apologies:
Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair)	Sarah Champion MP
Simon Moss, RMBC - SM	Sue Skalycz, DWP – SS*
Dan Needham, Muse Developments – DN	Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB
Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA	Paul Woodcock, RMBC - PW
Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH	Cllr Denise Lelliott – DL
Mike Smith, NHS - MS	Lisa Pogson, Airmaster – LP
Steve Morris, Signs Express – SM	Jane Thomson, CRT - JT
Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD	Nick Bussey, Rotherham CAB – NB*
Karen Church, DWP – KC*	Duncan Armstrong Payne, Harworth Estates – DAP
Ray Kinsella, Great Places - RK	Tom Hawley, Homes England - TH
Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB	
Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – StK	
Colin Blackburn, SCR – CB	Attended Tour = 16
Peter Hill, Bespoke Construction – PH	
Phil Hayes, Rotherham Confederation of Communities – Pha*	
Shaun Mirfield, Neighbourhoods RMBC – SM	
Paul Benson, Housing RMBC - PB	
Lorna Vertigan, SCR – LV	
Lindsay Johnson, Estates RMBC - LJ	
Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC - LM	
Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL	
Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN	

Action Summary:
- The Board to agree how to best utilise the MyTown portal - All
- LV to send programme update on the latest position to the Board.
- Members to be invited to any consultation events held - VN
- Mini consultation group to be set up to report back to Board
- Each Board member to write a short paragraph on themselves outlining what they feel they can bring to the Board. VN to compile and circulate – All
- Move ahead procuring the Investment Plans for Eastwood and Templeborough and for the Strategic Site Assessment – LV
- Officers to come back to the Board with a greater understanding on connectivity.
- The Budget to be a permanent item on the agenda of all future meetings -VN
- Officers to flag up emerging thoughts/priorities to JH
- Engie's representative on the original Town Deal Board in Grimsby to be a guest speaker at a future meeting - NB/VN

6/20	**Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest**	
	The members of the Board introduced themselves. Apologies listed above.	

7/20	**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 28th January, 2020**	
	The minutes were accepted as a true record.	
8/20	**Update**	
	JH gave an update from a Government perspective. LV outlined the work that has been carried out so far and confirmed that it was felt that Rotherham is "on the right track, subject to receiving full programme guidance". The Board needs to agree how to release/activate the MyTown portal. JH to update on the portal.	JH ALL
	A brief consultation matrix had been compiled highlighting the consultation work carried out in the relevant areas over the past couple of years. RK said he felt it was important that members are invited to any consultation events to get a feel of what is said, rather than hearing it second-hand. This was agreed. The Consultant(s) appointed for the Investment Plans will lead on this.	VN
	LV asked if the Board would like to be part of the procurement process. It was suggested a that a mini group be set up to feedback to the Board on consultation. PH said his organisation has a base in Eastwood and it is important how the questions are phrased and the language used.	All
	It was agreed that each Board member write a short paragraph on themselves outlining what they feel they can bring to the Board. This will then be compiled into one document and circulated to the Group.	VN
	LV confirmed she is drafting a programme of work, including timescales, although this will be subject to change as we learn more about the process. It will also take into account impacts such as holidays and purdah (which starts 23/3/20). LV to send an update on the latest position to the Board.	LV
9/20	**Recommendations**	
	It was agreed that the Consultants, when in place, commission a SWOT analysis for each of the areas.	
	Consultant procurement to start in the next couple of weeks, to be appointed in May. LV asked for the Board's approval to move ahead with the Investment Plan for Eastwood and Templeborough and for the Strategic Site Assessment? This was agreed.	LV
	Officers to come back to the Board with a greater understanding on connectivity.	LV SL LM
	Mainline Station: It was agreed that a decision needs to be made as soon as possible on who is the lead body on this piece of work. It was agreed that the station would have an impact on the whole of the Borough not just the town centre. It was felt that this project is important but there are other important projects that the TDB needs to put time into and that the timeline for a Station will not fit with the government money that	

	initially comes with the Towns Deal Programme. Any consultant recruited to look at the Mainline Station needs to have a rail speciality.	
	It was agreed that the Town Deal Budget (£173k) be a permanent item on the agenda of all future meetings.	VN
10/20	**Vision** The Board were asked to look at the 3 themes and use the post it notes to put their ideas/comments forward on the posters around the meeting room. These will be collated, circulated and discussed at the next Board meeting.	
11/20	**Tour of Relevant Sites** 16 of the Board Members and relevant Council Officers took a tour of the relevant sites; Sheffield Road/Templeborough, Meadowbank Road, Bassingthorpe, Parkgate (Mainline Station site) and Eastwood.	
12/20	**Debrief/Feedback** Feedback from the tour: - Members found the tour very helpful/useful - Places are relatively close together, but connectivity is not good - It is not just about the town centre - It was felt there was a good conversation on the tour around **Magna**, accessibility critical. Lots of excitement around train station. STRIJPS Phillips Complex Eindhoven –is a good example of what can be done with an old industrial site - Housing can help achieve what we want to in an area, but is it key? - The screening of "ugly" uses – hide or relocate for new housing. Planning controls – ugly looking areas/buildings – but vital employment. - Accessibility at Holmes Lock – level crossing down a lot. Close to Bessamer Way and could be linked, but would this damage a nice area around the Canal/Nature Rese? - Make Rotherham, a nice pleasant place to visit - Climate change and the Rotherham Climate Change Emergency Action Plan, need to be a cross-cutting theme of the finished Investment Plan. We need to use this Plan to **futureproof** the area. - TD got to be environmentally friendly: electric vehicles, green energy, etc. - Can we do anything about improving the private rented housing in Eastwood Village? - 2 nice gateways into Rotherham (Moorgate and Wickersley) but remainder are not attractive - Biomass plant – the future – not bad looking building - Refurbishment of terraced houses along Fitzwilliam Street would help improve the gateway into the town centre. - York Road redevelopment needed. - Some LAs have own PV company/payback – big issue	

	- Parcel high and low value sites together, place marketing basis, to ensure the less attractive sites are developed.. - All we do to benefit business community – private finance needed too. - The Town Investment Plan must act as a catalyst to attract private investment into the Plan area. - Bassingthorpe – improvement works already ongoing: green works; cycle lanes/footpaths - Bassingthorpe – residents' needs – will catch train but may work from home more – what is their future, things change - How do the Consultants engage with the business sector – look at the future/their needs - TC – destination/leisure not retail Officers to flag up our emerging thoughts/priorities to JH to ensure on track.	LV SL LM
13/20	**Any Other Business** - NB proposed Julia Bloomer as the new Vice Chair of the Board, this was agreed by Members. - Engie's representative on the original Town Deal Board in Grimsby to be a guest speaker at a future meeting.	NB/VN
	Date of next meeting: 31st March, 2020, 8.00-10.00am – Riverside House, Room 2.	