

ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
Tuesday, 31st March, 2020

- 1 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD HELD ON 31ST MARCH, 2020 (ATTACHED)**

Rotherham Town Deal Board
31st March 2020, 8.00am-9.00am
 Skype Meeting due to Covid-19

<p style="text-align: center;">Attended By:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair) Simon Moss, RMBC - SM Cllr Denise Lelliott – DL Dan Needham, Muse Developments – DN Mike Smith, NHS - MS Steve Morris, Signs Express – SM Duncan Armstrong Payne, Harworth Estates – DAP Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD Lizzie Dealey, CRT - LD Colin Blackburn, SCR – CB Lorna Vertigan, SCR – LV Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC - TOC Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC - LM Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Apologies:</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Sarah Champion MP Sue Skalycz, DWP – SS* Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH Nick Bussey, Rotherham CAB – NB* Tom Hawley, Homes England - TH Karen Church, DWP – KC* Ray Kinsella, Great Places - RK Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – StK Peter Hill, Bespoke Construction – PH Phil Hayes, Rotherham Confederation of Communities – Pha* Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN</p>		
14/20	<p>Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>NB outlined the current position of the Board and ongoing situation with regards to Covid-19. Work will continue on the development of the Town Investment Plan</p> <p>The members of the Board introduced themselves. Apologies listed above.</p>	
15/20	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 28th February 2020</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
16/20	<p>Central Government Town Deal Update</p> <p>Many people working on the towns fund for BEIS and MHCLG, have been pulled into the Covid19 rapid response work. This means that it’s likely that the publication of guidance will slip to at least the end of April.</p> <p>Coherent “recovery” plans are being developed which will be put in place following the current response phase. We might now want to see Towns Fund in that context too – but perhaps not exclusively so. The feeling is that Ministers still want to see Town Deals as a means of sustaining a strategic focus on the needs of places in the longer term – but there might now be different things that emerge in the coming weeks that Towns will want to address over the next 6 months to a year, , to tackle the impact of the pandemic Therefore, an understanding of how Covid is already changing perspectives and possible priorities when the lockdown ends needs to feed into the work on the Investment Plan.</p>	

17/20	<p>Programme</p> <p>The programme for the Town Deal including the budget and procurement information was circulated to the Board prior to this meeting. This was discussed and agreed, with updates to be brought to all future Board meetings.</p>	
18/20	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>AD outlined the impact the Covid-19 lockdown is having on businesses. MS said that Rotherham NHS are coping with the situation at the current time.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting: 6th May 2020, 8.00-9.00am either at Riverside House, Room 2 or a Skype Meeting, will be confirmed nearer the day.</p>	