

ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
Wednesday 20 April 2022

5 **NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD**
HELD ON 20TH APRIL, 2022

Rotherham Town Deal Board

Microsoft Teams Meeting due to Covid-19

20th April 2022, 9.00am-10.15am

<p style="text-align: center;">Attended By:</p> <p>Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair) Jacquie Falvey, Sarah Champion’s office – JF* Tony De-Ath, RNN Group – TD** Steve Morris, Signs Express – StM Peter Hill , HMP Bespoke Construction – PHi Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK Raife Gaile, Muse Developments - RF Ryan Shepherd, SCR – RS Helen Revitt, AHR – HR Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW Simon Moss, RMBC – Smo Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC Simon Powell, RIDO RMBC - SP Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">Apologies:</p> <p>Sarah Champion MP – SC* Councillor Denise Lelliott – DL Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD Lisa Pogson, Airmaster – LP Paul Harper, DWP – Pha Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA** Phil Hayes, Roth Conf. of Communities – PH Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ Mike Smith, NHS – MS Lorna Vertigan, RIDO RMBC – LV Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Observers:</p> <p>Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Guests:</p> <p>Catherine Davis, RIDO RMBC – CD James Green, RIDO RMBC – JG Mark Dempsey, RMBC – MD Joe Mothersole, Turner & Townsend - JM</p>
<p>Action Points:</p> <p>- The Programme to be updated and circulated prior to each Board meeting – SP/VN</p>		
24/22	<p>Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest</p> <p>Apologies listed above.</p> <p>Declarations of Interest: StM declared an interest in signage.</p>	
25/22	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 30th March 2022</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
26/22	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p><u>Riverside</u> JM, Project Manager from Turner and Townsend was welcomed to the meeting and gave an update on Riverside. He said this is a frozen design concept, with focus now on the river walk and the detailed designs including discussions with the Council’s highways and landscaping teams and the ongoing site acquisition process. He highlighted 2 risks to the scheme: the condition of the river wall and its future adoption and maintenance, plus the presence of a culvert on Water Lane into the river. Both risks are being managed.</p>	

	<p>The footbridge is still part of the scheme, and a specialist is currently working up details, the bridge will have a long span, but engineering-wise it is achievable and will be within national design specifications and will also be wide enough for pedestrians and cyclists. Options for the landing point of the bridge on the G&C side are currently being looked at.</p> <p><u>Guest and Chrimes</u> An illustrative image was shown. Flood issues being looked at, with the 1st and 2nd floors being the principal culture and social space. The tower will be retained or rebuilt depending on condition. Some of buildings to be demolished, but footprint to remain. A soft strip of all foliage around buildings will be undertaken, to enable a proper inspection of the building to be carried out. Discussions ongoing with the football club and operator. All is dependent on Historic England and planning permission, the focus over the next few weeks is to submit pre-app to Planners.</p> <p><u>Leisure and Culture</u> JG was welcomed to the meeting and gave a brief update on the following projects: Forge Island, Bank Corporation Street, 3-7 Corporation Street, Corporation Street acquisitions, Upper Millgate, Riverside Gardens and potential new theatre site. Forge Island is on schedule to bring in a contractor to start on-site works in October.</p> <p>The biggest risk with the projects is acquisitions and owners not willing to sell or having an unrealistic approach, in which case the CPO process could be needed. PW added the acquisitions are confidential and the Council is currently understanding the risks internally.</p> <p>TOC said we can see the bigger picture of all the culture and leisure schemes, which require a big investment. Forge Island is making significant progress, which is really encouraging. Muse and the Council working closely together, and the scheme is on track to start in October. There is a significant investment in the town and the Town Deal is playing a major role in this.</p> <p><u>Templeborough</u> JM said there is a frozen design at Templeborough, including a new office, 7 industrial units and a drive-up F&B unit. Costing work is ongoing, moving to a more detailed design for the planning process. Meetings/discission with Magna ongoing.</p> <p><u>Eastwood</u> MD was welcomed to the meeting; he is leading on the Eastwood footbridge. He conformed a meeting has been arranged for the 9th May to meet Network Rail's Asset Protection Team to discuss their existing bridge, improvements and ownership going forward. We potentially have a lot to offer them including a new height on the deck and improving the asset which is in poor condition. There will be lots of exchanges with Network Rail and it is unlikely to be straightforward, but we have a starting point with this first meeting.</p> <p><u>Mainline Station</u> SMO said the TFN handover is now complete. The Council is currently liaising with the Government on the approach going forward.</p>	
27/22	<p>Programme/Business Cases</p> <p>SP said the key issues from the programme have already been discussed under project updates. He said the main risk for Eastwood has been engagement with Network Rail but now an initial meeting has been arranged this will hopefully start to progress. As previously stated, the acquisition</p>	

	<p>issues on a number of schemes potentially put them at risk, but again being progressed.</p> <p>A degree of co-ordination on the town centre development schemes is needed to ensure they are delivered on time as a group, this is a challenge, but achievable.</p> <p>The Programme to be updated and circulated prior to each Board meeting.</p>	SP/VN
28/22	<p>Communications and Consultation Plan</p> <p>CD was welcomed to the meeting. She went through the latest comms for the town centre including social media and the new light boxes. She added that consultation is to start on Riverside Gardens shortly.</p> <p>TOC confirmed that with regards to consultation we have appointed a consultation team, a local company, Counter Context. They will present to the next meeting of this Board, on a proposed Comms and Consultation Strategy.</p>	
29/22	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No further business was reported.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>11th May 2020.</p>	