

ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
Wednesday 18 May 2022

6 **NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
HELD ON 18TH MAY, 2022**

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Microsoft Teams Meeting due to Covid-19

18th May 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* Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD Lisa Pogson, Airmaster – LP Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA** Peter Hill , HMP Bespoke Construction – Phi Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK Mike Smith, NHS – MS Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD Raife Gaile, Muse Developments - RF Ryan Shepherd, SCR – RS Faye Lowther, DWP – FL* Helen Revitt, AHR – HR Matthew Blackburn - MB Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW Simon Moss, RMBC – SMO Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL Lorna Vertigan, RIDO RMBC – LV Mark Dempsey, RMBC – MD 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 Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB Steve Morris, Signs Express – StM Paul Harper, DWP – Pha* Phil Hayes, Roth Conf. of Communities – PH Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">Observers:</p> <p>Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH</p>			<p style="text-align: center;">Guests:</p> <p>Rachael Ellis, Comms RMBC – RE Maria Smith, RIDO - MS Rory Batty, RIDO RMBC – JG Leigh Bramall, Counter Context - LB</p>		
<p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Any Board Members who would like to contribute to a collective response to the owner of the G&C site to contact NB/VN – ALL - The Council to write to the G&C landowner re options available on the site – RMBC - Eastwood Bridge - SMO respond to Network Rail emails initially, if no response a letter to be sent from the Board co-signed by NB/PW - Comments sought on Templeborough Business Case - ALL - Any conflict of interest on future developments, or a specific business case must be declared – ALL - Project Champions are asked to give real thought to the area they volunteered and what they can contribute on all business cases – PC 					
30/22	Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest				
	Apologies listed above.				
31/22	Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 20th April 2022				
	The minutes were accepted as a true record.				
32/22	High Street Task Force				
	Rotherham have signed up for the High Street Task Force (HSTF).				

	<p>A meeting was held in February, involving Council Officers and other partners, including Board Members. The consultant then produced a report on the visit, that has been shared with attendees.</p> <p>The Taskforce will provide a proposal for future activity and provide a degree of support in delivering this. It has been agreed that this proposal will go to the next joint meeting of the Board Chairs</p>	
<p>33/22</p>	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p><u>Riverside:</u> LV provided an updated, confirming that agents have now engaged with Royal Mail and are discussing, amongst other options, a possible land swap. Agents are also in discussion with private land owners regarding potential acquisitions.</p> <p>The river wall is currently undergoing an engineer’s survey, as this could become a Council responsibility following any acquisitions and is needed for the river walk.</p> <p><u>Culture and Leisure:</u> RB was welcomed to the meeting. He outlined the progress made on various projects; any acquisition of the Ring Shop on Corporation Street is likely to be delayed following the sad death of the owner. Discussions with Wilkinson are ongoing.</p> <p>The archaeological work has now commenced on Forge Island and the removal of the pedestrian bridge will start in the next couple of weeks.</p> <p>A feasibility study regarding the Theatre will start shortly.</p> <p>The business cases are being worked up for the former bank buildings on Corporation Street and a planning application is to be submitted shortly.</p> <p>Consultation on Riverside Gardens has started, and the team are currently collating the feedback/information received.</p> <p>The Otter Survey results are due to come back on the 30/5/22, team will then engage with Planners on the pre-app for the bank scheme.</p> <p>Studies are being carried out on the various public realm projects such as traffic count on Sheffield Road.</p> <p>The public realm scheme for Upper Millgate is to be brought forward to Spring 2023, to align with other projects.</p> <p><u>3-7 Corporation Street:</u> MS said due to the owner now wanting to negotiate, the possible CPO process has been put on hold. The preferred delivery approach would be a private developer, with the alternative being the Council delivering through a contractor, which would need Cabinet approval as there would be a funding gap to fill. Currently working up the business case, which should be ready for review by the end of this week.</p> <p><u>Guest and Chrimes:</u> LV said this project had been progressing well but has hit a stumbling block, as the landowner is now no longer supportive of the scheme, but his counter proposal does not fit with TD funding. The project team are now looking at alternatives, including possibly moving to another site.</p>	

	<p>AD asked about face-to-face meeting with the owner to discuss. PW confirmed that the Council is to write to the owner outlining the current situation and ask for a meeting. Any members of the Board who would like to be involved and feel they could help with the collective response to contact NB/VN.</p> <p>The options open to us, are a change request as the business case is due at the end of June 2022. Or, full programme time frame, as wasted a year on this scheme, turn around and work on another project.</p> <p><u>Eastwood:</u> MD confirmed that the scheduled meeting with Network Rail was cancelled as they needed input from legal and their asset management senior team. Now trying to set up another meeting with representatives, which is proving difficult. Also, seeking extension of time for business case, because of the issues being encountered, though team still working on design and information gathering.</p> <p>The structure of the bridge is in a poor state of maintenance, we will be looking to get some sort of agreement from Network Rail. In the meantime, we have asked for drawings/maintenance, not received a response, as yet.</p> <p>PW asked if letters from the Board, signed by NB/PW, would help speed up the process? It was agreed that SMO respond to emails initially, then if no response a stronger letter would be sent.</p> <p>It was agreed to also relook at alternatives to the bridge, to ensure Rotherham retains the funding, should it not proceed</p> <p><u>Mainline Station:</u> SMO confirmed there is a key meeting on Friday with the Department of Transport, where the station will be presented as a key rail investment priority. New funding could bring together the tram-train element with the station.</p>	<p>Council ALL</p> <p>SMO NB/PW</p>
<p>34/22</p>	<p>Programme</p> <p>Projects covered in item above. SP said the team are to complete the performance monitoring template for the last financial year, so far only the 5% enabling fund has been received. NB to sign this off on behalf of Board.</p>	
<p>35/22</p>	<p>Business Cases</p> <p><u>Confidentiality:</u> LV reminded board members, that privileged information on funding will be contained within the business cases.</p> <p>Any conflict of interest on future developments or a specific business case must be declared in writing.</p> <p>Project Champions are asked to give real thought to the area they volunteered for on all business cases and how they can best contribute</p> <p><u>Templeborough:</u> The business case for Templeborough will be sent out to the Board later today for comment.</p> <p><u>Riverside:</u> Business Case being looked at internally then will be circulated to the Board for comment.</p>	<p>ALL</p> <p>PC</p> <p>ALL</p>

	<p><u>Corporation Street</u>: Requires more work to complete.</p> <p><u>3-7 Corporation Street</u>: To be circulated shortly.</p> <p>All other business cases will be available in due course, as have been slightly delayed due to issues discussed previously (i.e., Eastwood, G&C).</p>	
36/22	<p>Comms & Consultation</p> <p><u>Consultation</u>: LB from Counter Context (CC) was welcomed to the meeting. He explained that CC are the consultants working with Rotherham with regards to consultation and are looking forward to working on the exciting future for Rotherham. The company also works with, amongst others, Barnsley, Bradford, Sheffield and Wigan. CC help local authorities/organisations to consult and engage with the public and specialise in the built environment and regeneration schemes. He added Rotherham has some very interesting schemes, and it is important that the public can see the connectivity of the projects, to enable a collective approach for the vision for Rotherham. CC are currently working on a strategy to bring all this together and then implement, working with both private and public sectors.</p> <p><u>Comms</u>: RE updated on recent comms including markets demolition in Rotherham Advertiser, Riverside Gardens consultation – lots of positive comments, new canal barrier on Forge Island – look proving popular and is becoming a landmark for regeneration in TC.</p> <p>Billboards around the town centre and on Wortley Road to be erected over next few weeks promoting the TC offer.</p> <p>Promotions – a pocket park video to be developed (former Primark) and promotion of various schemes, including developments in Swinton, markets consultation events and Howard Street promotion.</p> <p>JF said there are lots of comms happening within the TC, the campaign needs to spread further across the borough to encourage visitors from outside the TC, by engaging with those that do not visit. RE confirmed that this is happening through social media and neighbourhood newsletters which reaches 40k residents in the borough, more aimed at regeneration projects but looking to open out more to all of the borough. The drive/push will come when major works start on Forge Island to build the excitement. Free channels of promotion have to be used due to budget restraints.</p>	
37/22	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No further business was reported.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>22nd June 2022</p>	