

**ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD**  
**Wednesday 7 June 2023**

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HELD ON 7TH JUNE, 2023**

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Microsoft Teams Meeting

7 June 2023, 9.00am-10.15am

<p><b>Attended By:</b>  Neil Baxter, NB (Chair)  Deborah Bullivant, Grimm &amp; Co – DB  Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK  Carrie Sudbury, BRCC – CS**  Paul Harper, DWP – Pha  Keely Beighton, Never Average Marketing - KB  Joe Mothersole, Turner Townsend – JM  Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW  Simon Moss, RMBC – Smo  Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC  Simon Powell, RIDO RMBC – SP  Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM  Catherine Davis, RIDO RMBC – CD  Rory Battye, RIDO RMBC – RB  Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN</p> <p><b>Guest(s):</b>  Behzad Hadavand, Turner Townsend – BH  Dejan Ajzenkol, Turner Townsend – DA  Lauren Roe, Comms RMBC – LR  Alex Clegg, Levelling Up - AC</p>			<p><b>Apologies:</b>  Sarah Champion MP – SC*  Councillor Denise Lelliott – DL  Jacquie Falvey, Sarah Champion’s office – JF*  Lisa Pogson, Airmaster - LP  Steve Morris, Signs Express – StM  Raife Gaile, Muse Developments – RF  Chris Wood, OVO Spaces – CW  Ryan Shepherd, SCR – RS  Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD  Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ  Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK  Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA  Peter Hill , HMP Bespoke Construction – Phi  Gary Chow, Turner Townsend – GC  Helen Revitt, AHR – HR  Lara Thornton, Counter Context – LT  Harriet Knowles, Counter Context – HK  Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL  Lorna Vertigan, RIDO RMBC – LV  Maria Smith, RIDO RMBC – MS  Megan Hinchcliff, RIDO RMBC- MH  Andy Boulton, Neighbourhoods, RMBC - AB  Rachel Ellis, Comms RMBC – RE</p> <p><b>Observer(s):</b>  Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH  Sam Townsend, BIES/CLGU – ST</p>		
<p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Andrew Denniff of BRCC to be thanked for his contribution to this Board. The Chair to write to him following his retirement – NB</li> <li>- High Street Task Force (HSTF) report, outcomes to be fed back to the next meeting – NB</li> <li>- Moving forward with regards to the former bank buildings on Corporation Street - RB</li> <li>- Mainline Station progression of a variation agreed – LM</li> <li>- Spend Profile to be shared with Members and NB - VN/SP</li> <li>- Spend Profile to be produced in a clearer format – SP</li> <li>- Board meeting times to change to 8.45am-10am from the next meeting - VN</li> </ul>					
25/23	<p><b>Apologies for Absence, Introductions, Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality Reminder</b></p> <p>Apologies listed above.</p> <p>Members were reminded of the confidentiality of the information discussed at these meetings.</p> <p>Andrew Denniff of BRCC who retires today was thanked for his contribution to this Board. The Chair to write to him.</p>	NB			

<p>26/23</p>	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> April 2023</b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record, all action points were complete.</p> <p>NB confirmed the HSTF report is to be reviewed by a panel including the Chief Executive, Neil Best (RMBC – Culture) and Carrie Sudbury and a further meeting is to be arranged. NB to feedback to the next meeting of this group.</p>	<p>NB</p>
<p>27/23</p>	<p><b>Project Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Riverside Residential Quarter</b> JM presented a report and a recap of the scope of the project. He outlined the ongoing works including sheet piling, gabion walling, earthworks, repair and reprovision to existing brick culvert. Surveys are currently being carried out, the design is being developed and the draft Business Case produced. The planning reports and drawings are complete and being reviewed and the planning statement prepared, with a proposed start date on site September 2023.</p> <p><b>Leisure &amp; Cultural Quarter</b> RB confirmed that planning approval has now been received for Riverside Gardens, the procurement process is now underway. The evaluation period/moderation to start at the end of July. The Sub-station has taken a long time to resolve, but can now be decommissioned, works will take place between 25 June – 7 July, the car park will be closed.</p> <p>Corporation Street/Upper Millgate designs have been created to tie in with surrounding area. All the design teams are co-ordinating works. Images were shown of how the works could look. The utility companies are being consulted and costs being reviewed, alternative schemes are also being looked at to keep within budget.</p> <p>The Wilko building is now being demolished and will be completed in a couple of weeks with new hoardings to be put in place around the site which will be used as a town centre compound until a decision is made on what to do with the land.</p> <p>No progress with regards to the former bank buildings, as yet, Project Team speaking to Legal, communication have slowed down, the funding agreement is not yet signed. PW said we must find out what is happening, put it in writing and relevant parties meet. This needs escalating. RB to take forward.</p> <p><b>3-7 Corporation Street (burnt out buildings)</b> LM shared slides on the former nightclub burnt out buildings, confirming 3 objections had been received to the CPO, the project team are currently working to resolve these objections (one from the landowner and others largely around rear access to properties on Bridgegate). If objections not resolved, a statement of case is being worked on and the timeline for acquisition would increase. Images of the planning consent and an update on the delivery partner procurement were shown.</p> <p><b>Templeborough</b> EB reported on progress with regards to this project, confirming it had reached the end of Stage 3 and showed images of progress to date.</p>	<p>RB</p>

	<p><b>Essoldo Chambers</b> Survey results back, costings being looked at, the issues being encountered were discussed and alternatives also being looked at.</p> <p><b>Eastwood/Parkgate Bridge</b> DA updated, confirming currently looking at options and having discussion with stakeholders (Network Rail and Canals and Rivers Trust) on existing structure and looking at a new structure, once this is complete, a Buildability Assessment will be produced, by the end of July. Preliminary designs and costings will then be brought to this Board.</p> <p><b>Mainline Station</b> LM shared an update on the project, outlining potential future connections from the station including services to York, Newcastle, Derby and Birmingham. Capacity analysis work is being undertaken to confirm which services can stop at the station - detailed piece of technical work being completed by National Rail. A Governance structure has been established with partners. Funding received to develop Outline Business Case. TfN undertaking modelling work and Network Rail station and Tram Train design work. LM outlined the principles of the new station including car parking and pedestrian connections.</p> <p><b><i>Additional land is required for the station, LM asked the Board for approval to proceed with a variation. The board agreed to LM progressing a variation.</i></b></p> <p>The master planners are looking at a 15–20 year delivery plan – Station Quarter Regeneration – longer term, including maximising impact of station investment in Rotherham economy, opportunities to create new destination, make station attractive for use. Early Industrial Option images/plans showing early work/thoughts emerging.</p> <p><b>Pocket Park</b> SM said Council had to let initial Contractor go and have taken work in house. Enabling works now complete. The staircase has been a challenge, consent/analysis programme and full cost expected early July. Detailed update at next meeting.</p>	LM
28/23	<p><b>Spend Profile and Programme</b></p> <p>SP shared the spend forecast spreadsheet explaining the content. Document to be circulated by VN to Board members after the meeting. SP to send copy to NB immediately after meeting.</p> <p>NB said this information needs to be shared with the Board prior to the meeting not on the day, PW/SM agreed document needs to be shared in advance of meeting and needs to be presented in a clearer form for this Board.</p> <p>Agreed document to be made simpler and circulated prior to the Board prior to each meeting. SP and VN to arrange.</p>	VN SP  VN SP
29/23	<p><b>Town Centre Regeneration Promotion</b></p> <p>CD updated on town centre comms; outlining the press release and social media for Riverside Gardens, Arc Cinema’s blog on their excitement at coming to Rotherham, Name the Crane Winners to visit Forge Island and unveil names, consultation to start on Corporation Street/Upper Millgate public realm, rebranding of the markets and Rotherham WOW Festival this Saturday, a family friendly, free event.</p>	

	<p>PW reiterated the confidentiality of some of the information at these meetings and what we can and can't share outside the meetings. It was agreed that only information confirmed under this item can be shared. CD also said that all members receive the Council E-Newsletter, any information that is on this can be shared.</p>	
30/23	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>It was agreed that these meetings will now start at 8.45am and end at 10.00am – VN to amend outlook invitations accordingly.</p>	VN
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>26<sup>th</sup> July 2023</p>	