ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD
Wednesday 15 January 2025

1 NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN BOARD HELD ON 15TH JANUARY, 2025

Minute Item 3

Rotherham Town Board

Microsoft Teams

15th January 2025, 8:45 - 10am

Attended By:	**Apologies:**
Neil Baxter (Chair) – NB	Dr Deborah Bullivant
Tom Austen, Rothbiz – TA	Sarah Mcleod
Heather Langdale, DBT - HL	David Trevis-Smith
Phil Batchford, Rotherham Minster - PB	Raymond Kinsella
Andrew Gilhooley, Guild of Games – AG	Lorna Vertigan
Keith Sanderson – KS	
Paul Douglas, RUFC – PD	Future people to add to mailing list:
Kate Davis, Crossroad Care – KD	Daniel Richardson from Comms
Sue Wynne, Rotherham Rise– SW	Helen Jones from Flux
Dave Sutton, Maltby Academy – DS	
Helen Littlewood, Clifton Learning Partnership – HL	
Nikki Jones - NJ	
Peter Hill - PH	
Lisa Pogson – LP	
Steve Morris – SM	
Heather Langdale, MHCLG - HL	
Andrew Bramidge, RMBC - ABr	
Simon Moss, RMBC – Smo	
Andrew Boulton, RMBC - AB	
Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM	
Andrea Brough, RIDO RMBC – AB	
Catherine Davis, RIDO RMBC – CD	
Simon Powell, RMBC – SP	
Ciara Jenkinson, RMBC - CJ	
Chloe Parker RMBC – CP	

Action Points:

- CD to update on increase in footfall/spend in the indoor market over Christmas.
- LV & NB to discuss future of the Board and feedback.

01/25	**<u>Apologies for Absence and Confidentiality Reminder.</u>** Apologies listed above. Members were reminded of the confidentiality of the information discussed at these meetings. Any new attendees: **Keith Sanderson**- *Standing in for Tracey-Mace Ackroyd* **Chloe Parker**- *Head of Finance for Regeneration and Environment at RMBC* **Heather Langdale**- *Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government*	
62/25	**Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on 4th December 2024** Demolition of the Guardian building is now complete. KS to confirm if there have been any further issues with Tracey Mace-Ackroyd.	
63/25	**<u>Project Updates by exception</u>** **LM Presented** **Thrybergh** Planning application submitted. Programme delay reported. No questions or comments given on this. **Templeborough** Continued dialogue with Magna and the Legal team. Still hoping to be on site in February. Went to Magna Board before Christmas. **Mainline Station** Received lots of letters of support from both internal and external for outline business case. OBC has been developed with rail industry and stakeholder partners. The development of the masterplan allows for public consultation and consultation plan will be developed in time. Action: to update the Board on the wider opportunity of the station and the benefits it brings to Rotherham **3-7 Corp St.** Half the site hoarded. Comms working on remaining sections as part of a wider comms strategy for the town centre. **Riverside Gardens**	

	Contractor is to provide further cost detail ahead of contract signing. **RRQ Enabling** All piling now complete although slight delay in tarmacking due to weather conditions. **Snail Yard** Return to site delayed due to weather. Revised programme awaited. **Country Parks** Sailing club plans all complete and ready to go to planning at the end of the month.	
64/25	**Finance Update** **SP Presented** SP advised that to the end of December spending has been just under £41 million of the pathfinder allocation (just under 50% of the total grant award). End of quarter 3 equalled £6.8million spent which is slightly down on the forecast due to delays of contracted scheme but there is not a huge cause for concern in some slippage. Anticipate complete spend on the Alma Tavern in 2026/2027. £26-28million to the end of the financial end 25/26. Currently it is anticipated that four million is to go out in 26/27 (worst case scenario).	
65/25	**Comms & Consultations** **CD presented an update on comms, marketing and consultations which included:** **Forge Island** Positive feedback continues to be received about Arc Cinema who reported a busy Christmas trading period with sold out showings. **Rotherham Markets** The Christmas events held in the indoor market were well received. Informal consultation with traders is currently being carried out to understand the impact of the events on footfall and spend. CD to provide an update at the next meeting. The Outdoor Market tent roof removal is underway, and the Guardian Centre has now been demolished. A news story is being planned to continue the	

	publicity of the development, which will include footage from the time lapse camera showing the progress being made. **Signage** Hoarding designs and signage are currently being reviewed for the following development sites: • Rother Valley Country Park • Thrybergh Country Park • Dinnington vacant units • Templeborough Business Zone • 3-7 Corporation Street **Consultation & Engagement** Consultations planned for 2025 so far include: • Our Places Fund • Mainline Station • Bassingthorpe Farm Supplementary Planning Document **Childrens Capital of Culture** Details about the 'Otherham' event as part of Children's Capital of Culture (CCoC) were shared with the board. The event is being promoted widely. PD confirmed Rotherham United's football game on Saturday 25 January would be dedicated to CCOC. A number of different activities would be held at Rotherham United also as part of CCoC. **Long Term Plan for Towns (LTPT)** NB reported he had received a letter from Sarah Champion MP regarding the LTPT consultation, specifically the response rate (1,532 people reached and 552 responses, representing 1.3% of population). CD, LV and NB had prepared a reply detailing the developments underway and the work undertaken as part of the LTPT consultation. It was suggested for a sub-group to be set up to look at the continuing LTPT consultation (when MHCLG have provided a clear steer).	
66/25	**Social Value** No Update	
67/25	**Any Other Business** Discussion related to the future of the Board and making the best use of participants skills. NB & LV to discuss and bring back to the next Board.	

	Date of next meeting: 26th February 2025	