

**ROTHERHAM TOWN DEAL BOARD**  
**Wednesday 25 June 2025**

**1       NOTES OF A MEETING OF THE ROTHERHAM TOWN BOARD HELD  
ON 25TH JUNE, 2025**

**Rotherham Town Board**

Rotherham Town Hall

**25<sup>th</sup> June 2025, 9:00 – 10:30am**

<p><b>Attended By:</b></p> <p>Lisa Pogson- LP</p> <p>Kate Davis- KD</p> <p>Simon Moss- SM</p> <p>Andrew Boulton- ABO</p> <p>Ciara Jenkinson- CJ</p> <p>Reeham Abozaid- RA</p> <p>Lorna Vertigan – LV</p> <p>Tracey Mace-Ackroyd-TMA</p> <p>Tom Austen - TA</p> <p>Lizzie Dealey- LD</p> <p>Dan Wilson – DW</p> <p>Chris Hamby- CH</p> <p>Matthew Stephen – MS</p> <p>Steve Morris – SM</p> <p>Catherine Davis - CD</p> <p>David Plumtree- DP</p> <p>Cllr John William – CllrJW</p> <p>Helen Littlewood</p>			<p><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Lukas Hornby- LH</p> <p>Neil Baxter (Chair) – NB</p> <p>Andrew Gihooley- AG</p> <p>Helen Jones- HJ</p>
<b>01</b>	<p><b><u>Apologies for Absence and Confidentiality Reminder.</u></b></p> <p>Apologies listed above.</p> <p>Members were reminded of the confidentiality of the information discussed at these meetings and any declarations of interest.</p>		
<b>2</b>	<p><b><u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> May 2025</u></b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Gateway Station Masterplan will go to Cabinet in July 2025.</li> </ul>		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Some attendees did not receive the minutes from the previous meeting. This may be due to IT issues.</li> </ul>	
3	<p><b>Templeborough</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Legal agreements are still being finalised.</li> <li>Once Council sections are finalised, documents will go to Magna's stakeholders.</li> </ul> <p><b>Snail Yard</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>On track. Stair installation scheduled for July 2025.</li> <li>Due for completion September.</li> </ul> <p><b>RRQ Enabling Works</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Due for completion in July</li> <li>Looking at lighting requirements to prepare the path for opening</li> </ul> <p><b>Town Centre Music Venue</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>As agreed, proposal going to Cabinet in July to reallocate some funding to the Health Hub.</li> <li>Discussions ongoing with existing operator regarding potential use of the venue.</li> </ul> <p><b>Thrybergh Country Park</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Contractor appointed.</li> <li>Works to begin within a month with works expected to progress quickly.</li> </ul> <p><b>Upper Corporation Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Offer accepted on the Ring Shop.</li> <li><b>Action:</b> SM to liaise with Planning on use of enforcement powers on derelict properties (e.g. Section 215).</li> </ul> <p><b>3–7 Corporation Street</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project financially closed and now complete.</li> </ul> <p><b>Rother Valley</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Works underway and due for completion November</li> </ul>	

	<p><b>Rotherham Gateway</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Outline Business Case approved by SYMCA on 24 June 2025.</li> <li>• Masterplan going to Cabinet on 7 July.</li> </ul> <p><b>Markets and Library</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Completion expected May 2027.</li> <li>• Upcoming engagement event with traders planned.</li> <li>• Exploring options to diversify offer and attract new traders.</li> </ul> <p><b>Riverside Gardens</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Work will commence on Corporation Street in the meantime.</li> </ul>	
4	<p><b><u>Comms &amp; Marketing</u></b></p> <p><b>Templeborough Business Zone</b> – Working with SYMCA on signage and promotional material for the new Magna tram-train stop.</p> <p><b>Town Centre</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• PR event held in May at Riverside Gardens ("spade in the ground")</li> <li>• New Forge Island billboards in multiple locations</li> <li>• WOW Festival held on Saturday</li> <li>• Local Democracy Reporter published piece on town projects</li> <li>• Town Centre campaign ongoing until end of August</li> </ul> <p><b>Street Safe Team</b> – New Officers appointed to work borough-wide. Expected to start in August.</p>	
5	<p><b><u>Finance Update</u></b></p> <p>Latest return submitted to MHCLG.</p> <p>Pathfinder programme review underway</p>	
6	<p><b><u>Plan for Neighbourhoods (PfN)</u></b></p>	

	<p>Proposed boundary changes declined by MHCLG therefore Board asked to proceed with the original Geography. No objections received therefore approval noted from Board.</p> <p><b>Key dates:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Consultation: July–August 2025</li> <li>• Plan development July- Sept 2025</li> <li>• Cabinet: November 2025</li> <li>• Submission to MHCLG: November 2025</li> </ul> <p>Partnership with VAR to ensure the consultation is community-led. A comms strategy is being developed to ensure inclusive outreach.</p>	
<b>7</b>	<b>Date of next meeting: 6<sup>th</sup> August 2025</b>	