

**Rotherham Town Deal Board**  
**28<sup>th</sup> January, 2020, 9.00am-10.00am**  
 In Riverside House, Main Street, Rotherham

**Attended By:**

Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair)  
 Paul Woodcock, RMBC - PW  
 Cllr Denise Lelliott – DL  
 Lisa Pogson, Airmaster - LP  
 Jackie Freeborn, Rotherham Pioneers – JF  
 Steve Morris, Signs Express – SM  
 Carrie Sudbury, BRCC – CS\*  
 Louise Hudson, Parseq – LH  
 Sue Skalycz, DWP – SS  
 Tom Austen, Rothbiz – TA  
 Richard Taylor, Consultant – RT  
 Julia Bloomer, AESSEAL – JB  
 Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – StK  
 Colin Blackburn, SCR – CB  
 Peter Hill, Bespoke Construction – PH  
 Dan Needham, Muse – DN  
 Ray Kinsella, Great Places - RK  
 Tim O’Connell, RMBC - TOC  
 Simeon Leach, RMBC – SL  
 Vicki Norman, RMBC – VN

**Apologies:**

Sarah Champion MP  
 Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD\*  
 Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB  
 Jason Austin, RNN Group - JA

**Action Summary:**

- Anyone wishing to take up the role of Vice Chair to contact SL/VN – All
- SL to resend Vision section from checklist and SEP vision as an example and starting point to the Board for comment/input by 7th February, 2020 - All
- Pull together consultation already carried out and identify any gaps – VN
- The next meeting to be held on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, including a workshop and tour. Details to follow - VN

1/20	<b>Introduction</b>  The members of the Board introduced themselves and SL gave a brief introduction to the Town Deal Fund.	
2/20	<b>Appointment of Board Chair</b>  It was agreed by the Board, Neil Baxter of Engie be confirmed as Chair. Anyone wishing to take up the role of Vice Chair to contact SL/VN.	SL/VN
3/20	<b>Summary of Towns Fund Programme</b>  SL updated the Board on the Towns Fund Programme; the remit of the Town Deal Board, the requirements of the Town Investment Plan and the timescales to meet these.  <u>Background</u> The Town Fund is a £3.6bn programme seeking to “unleash the economic potential” of 100 places across the country. The focus will be on increased	

	<p>economic growth through regeneration, improved transport, better broadband connectivity, skills and culture.</p> <p>This Board will produce a Town Investment Plan, leading to potential government investment of up to £25 million.</p> <p><u>Main issues</u></p> <p>The Fund will focus investment on 3 main areas of activity:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Urban regeneration, planning and land use – strengthen local economic assets, including site acquisition, remediation and preparation.</li> <li>- Skills and enterprise infrastructure - providing space to support skills and small business development</li> <li>- Connectivity – local transport schemes, plus delivery of improved digital connectivity.</li> </ul> <p>Timescales for agreeing the Town Investment Plan, which is stage 1 of the process, are:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Readiness checklist was submitted by 19th December 2019</li> <li>2. This Town Deal Board to meet by end of January (meeting held on 28th January)</li> <li>3. Complete Town Investment Plan by end of Summer 2020 – Further information on what an Investment Plan should include, and a precise date for its completion, will be provided by MHCLG</li> </ol> <p>The second stage will involve using the completed Investment Plan to produce a business case for government, setting out how we will deliver those interventions agreed with them.</p> <p>There is a map of the area covered by the Town Deal (previously circulated). This includes the town centre, plus Templeborough, Aldwarke, Bassingthorpe Farm and Eastwood.</p> <p>The readiness checklist included a list of potential projects for the Investment Plan.</p>	
4/20	<p><b>The Way Forward</b></p> <p><u>Recommendations/Next Steps</u></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Agree a vision for Rotherham to build the Investment Plan around</li> <li>2. Officers calculate the resources needed to run the Board and produce the Town Investment Plan within the agreed timeframe.</li> <li>3. That RiDO Officers work with the Board to produce a list of potential sites and projects for inclusion within the Investment Plan.</li> <li>4. A framework is developed to “score” and prioritise the projects against the Town Deal criteria.</li> </ol> <p>It was noted that Wilmott Dixon has a representative on the Boston Town Board and Jane Thomson (CRT) is also on the Doncaster Town Board. NB said that Engie also had involvement with the first Town Deal programme at Grimsby.</p>	

	<p>It was suggested that engagement events/workshops could be held with groups of all ages for input into the programme. It was agreed that a lot of consultation work had already been carried, this needs to be pulled together and the gaps identified. VN to complete a matrix.</p> <p>SL to resend Vision section from checklist and SEP vision as an example and starting point to the Board for comment/input by 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2020.</p> <p>SS asked do we need a theme to make us stand out from other bids? DL added it must be achievable as well as practical.</p>	<p>VN</p> <p>SL</p>
5/20	<p><b>Date and Time of next meeting</b></p> <p>It was agreed that the Board meetings would be monthly, last 2 hours and be a sounding board for the project. Email contact would be made in between the meetings and it is anticipated that the project will be hectic up until the Summer and then the meetings should be less frequent.</p> <p>The next meeting will be held on <b>Friday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2020</b>, including a vision workshop and tour. Details to follow.</p>	<p>VN</p>