

# Rotherham Town Deal Board

Microsoft Teams Meeting

11 January 2023, 9.00am-10.15am

<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Attended By:</b></p> <p>Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair)          Councillor Denise Lelliott – DL          Deborah Bullivant, Grimm &amp; Co – DB          Lisa Pogson, Airmaster – LP          Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK          Gary Chow, Turner Townsed - GC          Steve Morris, Signs Express – StM          Keely Beighton, Never Average Marketing - KB          Raife Gaile, Muse Developments – RF          Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ          Ryan Shepherd, SCR – RS          Paul Harper, DWP – Pha          Gary Chow, Turner Townsend – GC          Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW          Simon Moss, RMBC – Smo          Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC          Lorna Vertigan, RIDO RMBC – LV          Simon Powell, RIDO RMBC – SP          Maria Smith, RIDO RMBC – MS          Megan Hinchcliff, RIDO RMBC- MH          Catherine Davis, RIDO RMBC – CD          Rory Battye, RIDO RMBC - RB          Lauren Roe, Comms RMBC - LR</p>			<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Apologies:</b></p> <p>Sarah Champion MP – SC*          Jacquie Falvey, Sarah Champion’s office – JF*          Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD          Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD          Helen Revitt, AHR – HR          Joe Mothersole, Turner Townsend – JM          Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA          Lara Thornton, Counter Context – LT          Harriet Knowles, Counter Context – HK          Peter Hill , HMP Bespoke Construction – Phi          Phil Hayes, Roth Conf. of Communities – PH          Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK          Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL          Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM          Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN          Rachel Ellis, Comms RMBC – RE</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Observer(s):</b></p> <p>Sam Townsend, BIES/CLGU – ST          Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH</p>					
<p><b>Action Points:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Additional meeting to discuss former Lloyds Bank – LV/VN</li> <li>- Engagement with businesses information for Sarah Champion MP – RE/CD/VN</li> <li>- Spend Profile and Programme update at next meeting – SP/VN</li> </ul>					
1/23	<p><b>Apologies for Absence/Introductions and Declarations of Interest</b></p> <p>Apologies listed above.</p> <p>StM declared an interest in any discussions relating to Council signage</p>				
2/23	<p><b>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on the 30 November 2022</b></p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>				
3/23	<p><b>Project Updates:</b></p> <p><b>Riverside Residential Quarter</b> LV said there had been good progress on Riverside, we acquired and completed on all Satnam owned land/properties which includes Westgate Car Park and the 2 pubs including the derelict Alma Tavern. We are discussing heads of terms or legals on the other pieces of land. A tender has been produced for the infrastructure and preparatory works on Water Lane and the river wall. Esh will be the contractor for these works (they are also the contractor for</p>				

Westgate, Sheffield Road). Next stage is the delivery strategy, what sort of housing do we want, tenure and funding etc.

**Leisure & Cultural Quarter** RB updated showing several slides. The full planning packs are ready, just waiting to submit the application. Planning submitted for Riverside Gardens.

LV said there was a cabinet report in December which sought to dispose of the former Lloyds building, for less than market value and it would be part of the current developments. A counteroffer has now been received from a businessman operating in the town centre who would like the building for a development in isolation. We are currently putting together a comparison report of both schemes. As a Local Authority we have a duty to consider all offers made. We would like to seek the Board's input/opinion, on the new proposal due to its impact on both Riverside Gardens and the larger Corporation St scheme which are both funded through Town Deal and LUF.

It was agreed that a separate meeting be arranged to discuss the former Lloyds Bank building and the new proposal. The meeting to be arranged for next week, with the comparison report being sent prior to this.

**3-7 Corporation Street (burnt out buildings)** MS updated the meeting saying that we have prepared a cabinet paper for the approval of CPO powers to purchase the building should the negotiations fail. An offer has been made to the owner via Gately Hamer and we await a response. Planning application has been submitted, decision expected March time, this may change slightly depending on the developer, but it will mean permission is in place and integrating with developments on Forge Island and Riverside Gardens.

LV/VN

**Templeborough** LV said there has been some delay on this, in terms of design development due to underground technical issue, more than we anticipated and problems in engaging specialist contractors, surveys now carried out and we are still on track to complete in February 2025.

**Essoldo Chambers** MH shared images of the current building and confirmed a condition report has now been received which means can start prioritising works and working up new design with Architects AHR.

**Eastwood/Parkgate Bridge** A meeting has been set up for next week with Network Rail, to discuss asset protection agreement, once we have this we can access and start the initial survey.

**Mainline Station** MS showed images of where the station will be in relation to other town deal projects and also developments such as Bassingthorpe Farm. The master planning team are looking at key connections, how people would access the station, looking at enhancing routes to the station. The SYMCA Business case was approved so we can now draw down funding for the outline business case and work has already begun with Network Rail and transport for the North in terms of modelling and timetabling activity. Negotiations with key landowners ongoing.

**Pocket Park** Contractor was on site in December to complete site preparation works (slab breaking). The brief has now been finalised ready

	<p>to be issued prior to the main landscaping works, starting in April. Face to face engagement with surrounding businesses has gone ahead. Lighting is to be improved at the back of Snail Yard along with adding CCTV column High Street.</p>	
4/23	<p><b>Spend Profile and Programme</b></p> <p>To be updated at next meeting.</p>	SP/VN
5/23	<p><b>Town Centre Regeneration Promotion</b></p> <p>CD updated on the comms and marketing milestones and shared images; press release on Corporation Street to be produced, publicity on Wilko and Lloyds Bank, land acquisition on Westgate, Henry Boot contractor for the Markets, final food outlet to be announced on Forge Island, wrapping of Forge Island development along Bridge Street. There is a timelapse camera on top of Riverside House which overlooks Forge Island which will be used for publicity purposes. The completion of Frederick Street public realm, now starting on Howard Street. Lamp post banners with key messages.</p> <p>CD and Andrew Boulton the TC Community Co-ordinator have been visiting businesses around the town centre, updating on developments.</p> <p>A comms plan to publicise work done on crime and grime is being developed.</p> <p>Finally, CD showed the Transforming Rotherham – latest promotional video.</p> <p>The Rotherham Voice meeting for town centre businesses is being held at the end of January.</p> <p>Sarah Champion MP passed on her apologies for this meeting but asked what engagement has been carried out with local businesses on TD projects and asked us to report back to her.</p>	RE/CD/VN
6/23	<p><b>Any Other Business</b></p> <p>No further business was reported.</p>	
	<p><b>Date of next meeting:</b></p> <p>15 February 2023</p>	