

Rotherham Town Deal Board

Microsoft Teams Meeting

19 April 2023, 9.00am-10.15am

<p>Attended By: Neil Baxter, Engie – NB (Chair) Councillor Denise Lelliott – DL Andrew Denniff, BRCC – AD** Carrie Sudbury, BRCC – CS** Paul Harper, DWP – Pha Ryan Shepherd, SCR – RS Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group -TMA Keely Beighton, Never Average Marketing - KB Gary Chow, Turner Townsend – GC Simon Moss, RMBC – Smo Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC Lorna Vertigan, RIDO RMBC – LV Simon Powell, RIDO RMBC – SP Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM Rachel Ellis, Comms RMBC – RE Catherine Davis, RIDO RMBC – CD</p>		<p>Apologies: Sarah Champion MP – SC* Jacquie Falvey, Sarah Champion’s office – JF* Steve Morris, Signs Express – StM Raife Gaile, Muse Developments – RF Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK Peter Hill , HMP Bespoke Construction – Phi Helen Revitt, AHR – HR Joe Mothersole, Turner Townsend – JM Lara Thornton, Counter Context – LT Harriet Knowles, Counter Context – HK Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL Maria Smith, RIDO RMBC – MS Megan Hinchcliff, RIDO RMBC- MH Rory Battye, RIDO RMBC - RB Andy Boulton, Neighbourhoods, RMBC - AB Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN</p>	
<p>Guest(s): Chris Wood, OVO Spaces - CW</p>		<p>Observer(s): Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH Sam Townsend, BIES/CLGU – ST</p>	
<p>Action Points: - Any comments on the HSTF report to VN for the meeting in early May – ALL</p>			
17/23	<p>Apologies for Absence, Introductions, Declarations of Interest and Confidentiality Reminder</p> <p>Apologies listed above.</p> <p>Members were reminded of the confidentiality of the information discussed at these meetings.</p> <p>LP declared an interest, as a trustee of The Source.</p> <p>Chris Wood was welcomed as a guest and potential new member.</p>		
18/23	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on 15th February 2023</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record, all action points were complete.</p> <p><u>Tram Stop Update from SYMCA:</u> LM confirmed SYMCA have appointed Network Rail to lead on delivery and they have a principal contractor in place for detailed design. They are currently speaking to Magna. Planning application to be submitted May/June, works to start early 2024, with completion Autumn 2024.</p>		

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Project Updates:

Riverside Residential Quarter LV said progressing well, contractor now in place and on site carrying out enabling works. Planning application submitted around May time, Contract price in August and on site in September. Looking at delivery side of project.

Leisure & Cultural Quarter LV said the roadworks design for Corporation Street progressing. High quality to tie into the Minster area. There will be a strategy to share with the board soon. Wilko demolition started, a 6-7 weeks programme, then site to be used as a works compound. Looking at feasibility for site's longer-term future. Riverside Gardens planning approval expected at the end of this month. Contractor to be in place in August, the tender went out on 31st March.

3-7 Corporation Street (burnt out buildings) LM showed a slide to the Board outlining progress to date. Approval for CPO made order on 6th April. Statutory 28-day period for objections - If no objections Council can confirm the order, but can take more than 12 months if objections received and Inquiry required. Planning application submitted at the start of January. Reviewing comments received and making some minor design changes to address. Decision anticipated in May. Council paper in June to commit to delivery and resources. All progressing well.

Templeborough LV said there have been some design changes, and the Boards approval is requested regarding Magna office proposals. Magna has secured the occupancy of The Source who will be moving from their Meadowhall building and will be taking the upper floor of Magna's existing offices. Now need to reconsider design as Magna to stay in current building. F&B location needs to move to where the new Magna building would have been. Also, to take down fencing on Sheffield Road to ensure the site overall is more open/visible.

NB asked if the changes had an impact on the programme? LV said has set back a couple of weeks, though hopefully can claw that back. If no demolition of Magna offices, may put us back on track.

LP declared an interest, as a trustee of The Source, and asked if Jaguar Estates been consulted on these plans. LV replied they had been consulted but not on the changes, as yet, but will be.

SMo said it would be a good addition to Templeborough if The Source do move there. AD agreed saying as a gateway to Rotherham that encompasses a lot of things, could be better than we originally thought the area would be. LP added it is all very exciting regarding the area and potential move of The Source.

NB said a Board as diverse as this can have a real impact into what is happening.

Essoldo Chambers LV said designs looking at a shell very much focused on music, plus early evening provision. Team have met with 2 operators in the TC, offering similar, but they are not ready to expand yet. Also met with another operator looking for a venue for music, having conversations at moment. Working Group to be set up, which will report back to Board.

	<p>Eastwood/Parkgate Bridge GC said currently collecting data from both Network Rail and the Canals River Trust, when all the data is in then will draft a scope.</p> <p>Mainline Station LM showed a slide, explaining the masterplan revised Task A report is now complete focused on the analysis around the site and highlighted the importance of connections. Timetable capacity analysis being carried out. Transport for the North, revising the existing model they have for input into the outline business case. Landowner discussions are underway. Looking at which land is essential. Need for access from northern platform, so looking at possible land requirements to facilitate this. Held a workshop on masterplan yesterday, discussing the plan of the site and surrounding areas, can provide more details to next Board. NB all good, feels like it is believable now.</p> <p>Pocket Park TOC gave an update, first phase now complete working through detail of works to follow, moving forward.</p>	
20/23	<p>Spend Profile and Programme</p> <p>Spend Profile SP close to the end of the financial year, takes a week or so for last journals to work through system, so not updated forecasts, but will be ready for next Board.</p> <p>Programme Papers were previously shared with the agenda. SP outlined the programme milestones which reflect what is happening with individual projects.</p> <p>NB mentioned the funding profile template to be completed and returned to Town Deal, is this happening? SP confirmed that this is all in hand, currently working through it.</p>	
21/23	<p>High Street Task Force Report</p> <p>NB gave a brief update, confirming that he and SMO had a meeting with the CEX in February, leading to a meeting with the CEX and all Board Chairs, to agree/disagree what is in the report and what we planned to do with it, meeting to be early May. Any comments on the report to VN for the meeting.</p>	ALL
22/23	<p>Pathfinders</p> <p>ST clarified what pathfinders are, for information at this stage but looking at a pilot scheme on funding and Rotherham has been identified as a possible pilot for this new scheme. Looking at a single monitoring system rather than one for each funding stream and more flexibility on changes. Early conversations at this stage. Formal decision can be made if Rotherham want to be involved. It is a positive move forward to simplify funding received.</p> <p>SMO said Rotherham are supportive of this scheme and it is a helpful approach to delivery and flexibility.</p> <p>ST added Rotherham already ahead on pulling funding streams together and the pilot will compliment this. Will report to a future meeting on progress.</p>	
23/23	<p>Town Centre Regeneration Promotion</p>	

	<p>CD update on town centre comms, hoardings now in place on Bridge Street for Forge Island, she shared images. Designs to be used to update Corporation Street hoardings also. Forge Island foot bridge delivered – short video played to the Board showing this milestone. Also, more filming of Forge Island; progress on site including talking to staff. Interview with new businesses. Meetings held with Muse and their PR company to put together a marketing plan up to September, CD shared the ideas contained within the plan including a Name the Crane competition. Also, included ideas for Rotherham Show containing a Forge Island foodie area. Markets rebranding to be looked at, concept to be shared with the Board when available. Several new businesses have opened in the town centre, social media posts have reached over 71,000 people, many positive responses. The new Pokeman café, has visitors from all over UK, as only one in the country!</p> <p>Town Centre Safety Survey to go out to TC businesses, can share with the Board if required.</p> <p>SMo said Rotherham put forward for a Local Government Award (LGA) in the category of Economic Support – made it through to the final presentation stage, now to see if we get through to the final awards evening, putting Rotherham out there and sharing the good work being carried out. NB said good luck! CD showed a heart-warming video from this presentation.</p> <p>RE asked for members to share the video of the town centre walkaround.</p> <p>All members should be receiving press releases etc., if not let RE know.</p> <p>RE said we have received home office funding for security in the TC, including for CCTV on Snail Hill.</p>	
24/23	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>There was no further business.</p>	
	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>7th June 2023</p>	