

Rotherham Town Deal Board

Rotherham Town Hall

13 November 2023, 9.30am-1.00pm

<p>Attended By: Neil Baxter, NB (Chair) Councillor Denise Lelliott – DL Ray Kinsella, Great Places – RK Steve Morris, Signs Express – StM Ryan Shepherd, SCR – RS Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co – DB Carrie Sudbury, BRCC – CS Marie Shadwick, DWP – MS** Lisa Pogson, Airmaster – LP Mark Ryan, RNN Group - MR*** Nikki Jones, AMRC – NJ Paul Woodcock, RMBC – PW Tim O’Connell, RIDO RMBC – TOC Simeon Leach, RIDO RMBC – SL Lorna Vertigan, RIDO RMBC – LV Simon Powell, RIDO RMBC – SP Vicki Norman, RIDO RMBC – VN Joel Hamer, RIDO RMBC – JH Andy Boulton, Neighbourhoods, RMBC – AB</p> <p>New Partners: Sarah McLeod/David Trevis-Smith, Wentworth Woodhouse – SM/DTS Kevin Tomlinson, Magna - KT David Sutton, Maltby Academy - DS Julie Dalton, Gullivers - JD Deborah Bullivant, Grimm & Co - DB</p>			<p>Apologies: Sarah Champion MP – SC* John Healey MP – JH Alexander Stafford MP – AS Jacquie Falvey, Sarah Champion’s office – JF* Paul Harper, DWP – Pha** Tracey Mace-Akroyd, RNN Group - TMA*** Raife Gaile, Muse Developments – RF Chris Wood, OVO Spaces – CW Keely Beighton, Never Average Marketing – KB Lizzie Dealey, CRT – LD Stuart Kerr, Wilmott Dixon – SK Peter Hill , HMP Bespoke Construction – Phi Justin Homer, BIES/CLGU – JH Simon Moss, RMBC – Smo</p> <p>Observer(s): Sam Townsend, BIES/CLGU – ST</p> <p>Not Required to attend this meeting: Gary Chow, Turner Townsend – GC Joe Mothersole, Turner Townsend – JM Jackie Sharpe, Turner Townsend – JS Lauren Roe, RMBC – LR Behzad Hadavand, RMBC – BH Lucy Mitchell, RIDO RMBC – LM Rachel Ellis, Comms RMBC – RE Rory Batty, RIDO RMBC – RB Dejan Ajzenkol, RMBC – DA Megan Hinchcliff, RIDO RMBC- MH Catherine Davis, RIDO RMBC – CD Maria Smith, RIDO RMBC – MS Eleanor Bainbridge, RIDO, RMBC – EB Nicola Glynne-Jones, RIDO RMBC - NGJ</p>		
<p>Action Points:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Terms of Reference and the Code of Conduct be updated and circulated – SL/VN - Finance documents to be circulated after the meeting – SP/VN - KPIs need to be discussed as part of the agenda going forward – ALL - Face to face meeting to be arranged for June/July 2024 – LV/VN 					
45/23	<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>Introductions were made including the new partners, who were welcomed to the Board.</p>				

	It was agreed that the Terms of Reference and the Code of Conduct be updated and circulated.	SL/VN
46/23	<p>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting held on 20 September 2023</p> <p>The minutes were accepted as a true record.</p>	
47/23	<p>Pathfinder:</p> <p>LV explained what the pilot means for Rotherham and updated on the latest position.</p> <p>New Projects Introduced to the Board:</p> <p>Wentworth Woodhouse DTS confirmed the WW Trust was established in 2014 and took ownership in 2017. He outlined the works carried out to date. He presented on the Levelling Up project on the stables, showing a plan of the project, the amount of funding received was £4.6m, Pathfinder deadline for completion is March 2026. SM added that the facilities need to be upgraded before promotion beyond the town, a gradual promotion. The house receives 150,000 per year.</p> <p>SM asked the Board for special consideration as the house has the potential to transform Rotherham to an international audience.</p> <p>Magna Science Adventure KT said that Magna, a former steelworks built in 1945, was established in 1999, and currently has 4 businesses, rental of land/buildings, events, schools learning/workshops and attraction (pavilions). LUF funding received was £1.9m plus £200k match which is being spent on rebuilding lifts, new catering facilities, improved infrastructure for visitor experience, will be complete by March 2024. He added that Magna is only one of two millennium projects still in existence!</p> <p>Magna is also to have a tram stop station, park and ride, plus a battery park and also looking at a hydrogen plant.</p> <p>PW added that the transport improvements in the area will also help and will open Magna up to a different audience. TOC also mentioned the commercial opportunities in the area such as the hub.</p> <p>Maltby Academy DS confirmed that the academy includes 4 primary schools and 3 secondary schools. A business plan on how the old Maltby Grammar building can be utilised was created. The project was awarded £4.5m. A project design team and contractor were set on. An original deadline for completion of December 2023 was set, but bats were discovered, and this put the project back 16 weeks. Completion date now is April 2024. Increased costs have meant value engineering and a shortfall. The grammar school will include 16 training/office spaces, 6th form centre and training/exhibition space.</p> <p>PW said it is great to see the old buildings been brought back to life at Magna, Maltby Grammar, Wentworth Woodhouse, Markets and Grimm & Co.</p>	

	<p>Gullivers JD said <i>Skills Street</i> will sit between education and hospitality and will be a “candy shop” for children who will be able to look at different jobs/careers in a fun environment. Each shop being a different sector, with 15 different businesses, all aimed at 5 – 24-year-olds. Edutainers to carry out the training for schools and home learners, exposing young people to businesses/careers, so we don’t lose them to outside the area. Works started and on track for September 2024 completion. LUF £1m topped up to £1.25m.</p> <p>KT said there is collaboration between the projects, staff sharing and looking at an open top bus tour with discussions on marketing being held.</p> <p>Grimm & Co DB said the Grimm started with a Yorkshire Forward funded project through Inspire Rotherham, on literacy improvements and creative approaches, for children struggling/doing ok, researching what would make a difference. On the model of research, Grimm & Co the charity was established and based on a model of a pirate store literacy charity in San Francisco. Grimm first opened in an old pub in the town centre and is now at a former church, where works are ongoing, funding from various sources received of £2.6m, £70k shortfall for outside space. The grand opening planned for 29th February 2024.</p> <p>Rotherham Markets and Library LV outlined the works around this project, which has now started on site. A mixture of funding has been received and the project will be complete in a couple of years.</p> <p>Rother Valley Country Park LV confirmed the improvements to the park are to include a new lakeside cafe and function space.</p> <p>Thrybergh Country Park LV said the works include the demolition of the existing café and replacement with a new café at the water’s edge. Completion expected October 2024.</p>	
48/23	<p>Project Updates:</p> <p>LV updated on each project:</p> <p>Riverside Residential Quarter Enabling works commence early 2024 for Autumn 2024 completion.</p> <p>Leisure & Cultural Quarter The scheme will include soft landscaped terraces, accessible routes, natural play for children and new seating and dwell spaces. Planning approved May 2023. Completion Summer 2025</p> <p>Corporation Street/Upper Millgate Key scheme linking the existing town centre to the exciting attractions on Forge Island to the west. The carriageway will be narrowed, new seating and street furniture. The scheme has been added to Riverside Gardens, and a contractor engaged.</p> <p>No. 30 Banks Scheme Private led mixed use development, 4 commercial units 16 residential. Refurbishment of the old bank building. Demolition and new build</p> <p>3-7 Corporation Street (burnt out buildings) Acquisition completed October 23. Demolition planned 2024. Appointment of development partner March 24. Start on site March 25</p>	

	<p>Templeborough Transform the Sheffield Roadside of the Magna site through delivery of: 6 Business/ Industrial units, 2 Food & Beverage units, enhanced public realm and biodiversity. New public access across the site and to new tram-train stop. Start on site expected Feb 2024 and completion expected Feb 2025.</p> <p>Town Centre Music Venue Funding secured to create a new music venue to support the town’s growing leisure and culture offer. The intention is to work with key stakeholders to develop the right concept and potentially to invite proposals for the operation of the venue. Targeting completion by March 2026.</p> <p>Eastwood/Parkgate Bridge Single Option Concept Design in development. Next steps: Develop NR and Parkgate acceptable design to March/April 2024. Submit Planning Application. Define the most efficient procurement route for the Works. Update Cost Plan and Business Case</p> <p>Mainline Station An outline business case is being developed for the Rotherham Integrated Mainline and Tram Train Station by Spring 2024. Land acquisition negotiations 2023-25. Masterplan complete end of 2023. Delivery Plan developed through 2024.</p> <p>Eldon Road Eastwood Playground Introduction of a new play area for under 12’s and improvements to entrances, working in conjunction with the local primary school. Town Deal funding to improve connections from Eastwood to Parkgate. Tender framework to be issued November 2023, with confirmation of successful contractor expected February 2024 and predicted completion by Summer 2024</p> <p>Snail Yard/Pocket Park Planning approved October 2023. Scheme which includes the demolition of the previous retail unit and the formation of a pocket park, with accessible hard and soft landscape, trees, planting and the construction of a staircase allowing access to Snail Hill. Drainage excavation completed October 2023.</p>	
49/23	<p>Programme and Finance Update</p> <p>LV updated the Board on the TD and LUF funding. Documents to be circulated after the meeting.</p>	SP/VN
50/23	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>NB said today’s meeting has really been worthwhile, getting together face to face and thanks members for their attendance.</p> <p>The way forward for this forum was discussed and that the Leisure and Economy Board merge with this Board. PW said the new partners can be included on the dashboard any substantive item/challenge can be raised on the agenda. All future meetings via Team with another face to face in June/July 2024. The Board to visit schemes when completed.</p> <p>DS said that KPIs need to be discussed as part of the agenda going forward.</p> <p>MS added that DWP are available to promote posts through the Jobcentre, all to feel free to contact her.</p>	<p>LV/VN</p> <p>ALL</p>

	The Board went on a tour of the town centre key regeneration sites.	
	Date of next meeting: 10 th January 2024	