

Rotherham Town Board

Microsoft Teams

5th November 2025, 08:45 – 10:00 am

	Attended By: Megan Hinchliff - MH Carrie Sudbury - CS Matthew Stephens - MS Catherine Davis – CD Reeham Abozaid - RA Lorna Vertigan - LV Andrew Boulton – AB Andrew Gilhooley - AG Helen Jones – HJ Helen Littlewood – HL Steve Morris – SMo (Chair) Hetty Oldfield – HO Karen Church - KC Simon Moss – SM David Plumtree - DP Maria Coyne - MC Dan Richardson - DR Lisa Pogson – LP Raymond Kinsella – RK Tom Austen – TA Nicholas Maddocks – NM Chloe Parker - CP	Apologies: Neil Baxter (Chair) – NB Andrew Bramidge – AB Chris Hamby – CH Tracey Mace-Ackroyd – TMA David Sutton - DS
1	<u>Apologies for Absence and Confidentiality Reminder</u> Apologies listed above. <u>Declarations of Interest</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Matthew Stephens declared his appointment as a trustee of Magna, beneficiary of Pathfinder funding• Steve Morris owner of Sign Express.	
2	<u>Matters Arising from the Minutes of the last meeting</u> No actions outstanding. Previous minutes were accepted without comment.	
3	<u>Project Updates</u> Gateway Station & Masterplan	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Strategic Acquisition Fund secured. • Positive press coverage and over 500 public pledges. • Interim funding identified for Full Business Case (FBC). • Land negotiations ongoing; • Opportunity to acquire key parcels of land flagged to the board. Further details to follow. <p>Templeborough</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Early warning issued for potential variation request to reallocate Pathfinder funding. • Action: Full programme review to be carried out to identify available funding which will be presented to Board. <p>Upper Corporation Street</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Acquisition progressing following internal approval. • Survey work to begin post-completion. • Concerns raised from Board members about the old bank building • LV suggested she can go back to the agents to see if there has been any changes with the owner. • Action: LV to re-engage agents and report back on owner's position. <p>Health Hub</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cabinet approval secured. • Phase 1 (pharmacy relocation) to begin December 2025; completion April 2026. • Phase 2 feasibility underway; technical design expected by end of November. • Funding for Phase 2 to be addressed post-feasibility. <p>Rother Valley Country Park</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Visitor Centre handover scheduled for 7 November. • Boat yard handover also expected in November. • Legal discussions ongoing with KIER • Action: WS to provide Board with details of the Contractor social value contributions. <p>Riverside Gardens & Corporation Street</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • EA license expected by 30 November; delays acknowledged. • Otter license approved; sewer works completed. • Programme extended to December 2026. • Proposal to omit Domain Lane section temporarily due to adjacent development. <p>Town Centre Music Venue</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Valuation reports received <p>Snail Yard</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nearing completion; minor finishing works outstanding. 	WS
4	<p>Finance Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Pathfinder budget increased due to inclusion of Dinnington and Wath. • Some projects (e.g. Templeborough and Dinnington) extended to March 2028. • Full programme review to be presented in December. 	
5	<p>6. Communications & Consultation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Media partnership with Yorkshire Post and a positive op-ed and coverage. • Advertiser and Rail Magazine to support Gateway Station. • Town Centre Christmas campaign launched. Lights switch-on on 15 November. • Social media engagement is going strong. • Street Safe Team launched. There's a press campaign planned. • Pride in Place press release signed off and scheduled for release. 	
6	<p>Pride in Place Submission</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vote on submission postponed • Key concerns: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ◦ More clarity requested around funding allocations methodology. ◦ Some Board members not feeling informed enough to vote at present due to missed meetings. 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Decision: Vote deferred • Action: Arrange a follow-up meeting (Teams) for further discussion and clarification before submission deadline. 	MH/RA
6	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>No other business was raised at the meeting</p>	
7	<p>Date of next meeting:</p> <p>17th December 08.45, Microsoft Teams.</p>	