

## **Morley Town Deal Board**

### **Minutes**

**Tuesday 20 July 2021**

**15:00 – 17:00**

**Zoom Meeting**

#### **Attendees**

Gerald Jennings (Chair)	<i>Director, G.R. Jennings Properties Ltd</i>
Councillor Helen Hayden	<i>Executive Member, Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development, Leeds City Council</i>
Councillor Robert Finnigan	<i>Morley Town Council</i>
Cameron Stephenson	<i>Constituency Office Manager, Office of Andrea Jenkyns MP (Sub)</i>
Martin Farrington	<i>Director of City Development, Leeds City Council</i>
Councillor Andy Hutchison	<i>Morley North ward member</i>
Dawn Ginns	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Stephen Foster	<i>Director, Land Securities</i>
Cllr Wyn Kidger	<i>Morley South Ward Member</i>
Rebecca Greenwood	<i>Policy Officer, West Yorkshire Combined Authority</i>
Lorraine Coates	<i>Area Lead Leeds City Region, BEIS</i>

#### **Apologies**

Rachael Kennedy	<i>Morley Town Centre Manager</i>
Reverend Anthony Lee	<i>Leader, Morley Community Church</i>
Andrea Jenkyns MP	<i>MP for Morley and Outwood</i>

#### **In Attendance**

Adam Brannen	<i>Head of Regeneration, Leeds City Council</i>
Sam Lewis	<i>Principal Regeneration Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Daniel Broadbent	<i>Regeneration Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Jane Walne	<i>Head of Projects and Programmes, Leeds City Council</i>
Josh Cawood	<i>Communications and Marketing Officer</i>
Claire Simms	<i>Regeneration Support Officer, Leeds City Council</i>

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**1.0 Introductions and Apologies**

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**2.0 Declaration of Interests**

2.1 Cameron Stephenson declared that he has become a governor at Morley Victoria Primary School.

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**3.0 Minutes of the last Meeting and Matters Arising**

3.1 4.2 The Chair had a good meeting with Nisha Devi-Sanghera, Head of Operations at Morley Market. The Market would like to work collaboratively with the Morley Town Deal Board.

**Action:** Invite Nisha to the next board meeting or to the Town Centre, Place Making and Culture working group.

3.2 4.3 Leeds 2023 are keen to work with the Morley Town Deal Board to help develop plans relating to the town's culture sector.

**Action:** The Chair to liaise with Leeds 2023 and invite to the September board meeting or the Town Centre, Place Making and Culture working group.

3.3 10.5 Action carried forward. The board agreed that it would be useful to formulate some general principles to provide greater detail to the Vision set out in the Town Investment Plan to support private sector partners to engage with the Vision when developing new plans in the town. These could align with the Town Investment Plan themes.

**Action:** The Chair will start to draft with JW and bring back to the next board meeting.

3.4 The minutes of 15.06.21 were agreed to be an accurate record.

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**4.0 Working Group Lead Updates**

4.1 Town Centre, Place Making and Culture – Cllr Hutchinson gave an update. The working group had a very positive site visit to Morley Town Hall. During the visit the group looked at the use and accessibility of the building. The working group are planning to visit The Tetley to look at what has been done with the building since it was repurposed and how this may be applied to Morley Town Hall. The working group will also visit Skipton Town Hall to compare the use of space.

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- 4.3 Transport and Connectivity - At the last meeting the working group discussed what their role is in relation to transport and connectivity in the town, and in relation to the ongoing development of business cases and project plans. The group are trying to focus on improving connectivity between the stations, the town centre and key locations such as Capitol Park and the White Rose centre, creating more cycle provision, and improving rights of way.
- 4.4 The Chair raised that there is significant overlap between the Transport and Connectivity and the Health, Wellbeing and Greenspace working groups and proposed that the two groups merge.
- 4.5 The board agreed that the two groups should merge and Cllr Finnigan will Chair the group while DG will continue to have an active role.
- 4.6 Health, Wellbeing and Greenspace – No update from the working group at this time as the connectivity update was covered in the previous item.
- 4.7 Skills, Education and Employment – RK wasn't in attendance so there was no update given for the working group. The Chair asked for feedback on project progress and officers reported that both the White Rose Innovation Hub and New Pavilion Skills Campus were progressing at pace, and that there was the potential to bring a business case forward for the White Rose Innovation Hub in early autumn.

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**5.0 Communication and Engagement**

- 5.1 Jeff Scales from Locality gave an update about the proposed face to face communication and engagement that is planned to take place during the next phase of project development. Plans are being progressed to undertake consultation in the town, to communicate proposals and to engage with residents.
- 5.2 Further details of the face to face consultation and a potential event are to be finalised through the Communications and Marketing working group.
- 5.3 JS will be facilitating a session for education and skills providers to meet with the Skills, Education and Employment Working Group on 10 August 21 to discuss how we can support collaboration between providers, with the aim of improving the suitability of provision within Morley with a cohesive offer to the community and businesses.
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- 5.5 The Chair asked what support the board can give in terms of business cases development to ensure the board are fully involved in the process.
- 5.6 SL highlighted that the Council would continue to work with the board to develop projects and to make sure they fit with the vision of the Morley Town Deal and this will be done through the working groups and board. Given the length of the business cases at the point when each business case is ready to go to Government a summary will be produced for the board.
- 5.7 Cllr Hayden suggested that the board select 2 or 3 members to look at the full detail of the business cases and summaries for the rest of the board. The board agreed to this approach and selected Cllr Hayden, the Chair, Mark Goldstone and the working group leads to carry
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out this process. The Chair also asked that working documents at key milestones be made available to the board.

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**6.0 Match Funding Opportunities**

- 6.1 AB gave an overview of the match funding document that was circulated prior to the meeting. The TIP submission and match funding set out in the document was accepted by Government and an offer was based on the projects and funding that were proposed. While there is no intention to grow match funding at this time there may be opportunities to do so with projects such as the Morley Town Hall refurbishment with heritage funding.
- 6.2 The Chair asked that the Council have a conversation with Homes England about funding opportunities.

**Action:** AB to follow up with Homes England.

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**7.0 Procurement**

- 7.1 DB gave an overview. Supporting access to local supplier opportunities is a key principle of the procurement approach, as well as achieving value for money and ensuring an open, transparent and competitive process.

**Action:** DB to follow-up with Procurement around supplier engagement sessions.

- 7.2 Cllr Hutchison asked if Locality could help to promote supplier engagement session to local businesses.

**Action:** To be discussed at the Communications and Marketing working group

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**8.0 Accelerated Funding**

- 8.1 DB provided an update on the Accelerated Funding and progress in delivery of schemes at Morley Bottoms, Queen Street, Scatcherd and Lewisham Parks and public art across the town centre.
- 8.2 Groundworks and Cllr Finnigan have a site visit to Lewisham Park to discuss the delay to the completion of works. Delays to work have been caused by heavy rain, staff illness and the discovery of an underground structure.

**Action:** DB to follow up with the contractors and with relevant Leeds City Council teams

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**9.0 AOB**

- 9.1 The board agreed that the August meeting is cancelled due to the summer holidays and officers and members availability.

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**10.0 Date of Next Meeting**

- 10.1 Monday 27 September at 15.00pm.
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