

## Morley Town Deal Board

### Minutes

Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2022

10:00 – 12:00

Morley Town Hall, Large Banqueting Suite

#### Attendees

Gerald Jennings (Chair)	<i>Director, G.R. Jennings Properties Ltd</i>
Councillor Robert Finnigan	<i>Morley Town Council – Chair of Greener &amp; Connected Sub-Group</i>
Dawn Ginns	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Matthew Winn	<i>Communications Manager, Office of Andrea Jenkyns MPs</i>
Rachael Kennedy	<i>Morley Town Centre Manager</i>
Stephen Foster	<i>Director, Land Securities</i>
CLlr Jane Senior	<i>Morley Town Council</i>
Mark Goldstone	<i>Head of Policy and Business Representation, West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce</i>
Christine Hirst	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Lalit Surywanshi	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Dan Merrick	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Mukesh Patel	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Sonia Midgley	<i>West Yorkshire Combined Authority</i>
Reverend Anthony Lee	<i>Leader, Morley Community Church</i>
CLlr Andrew Hutchison	<i>Leeds City Council Morley North ward member – Chair of Town Centre, Placemaking and Culture group</i>

### Apologies

Andrea Jenkyns MP	<i>MP for Morley and Outwood</i>
Martin Farrington	<i>Director of City Development, Leeds City Council</i>
Lorraine Coates	<i>Area Lead, West Yorkshire, Cities and Local Growth Unit</i>
Councillor Helen Hayden	<i>Executive Member, Climate Change, Transport and Sustainable Development, Leeds City Council</i>

### In Attendance

Daniel Broadbent	<i>Regeneration Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Jane Walne	<i>Head of Projects and Programmes, Leeds City Council</i>
Cameron Musgrave	<i>Career Grade Project Support Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Miriam Browne	<i>Senior Project Manager Leeds City Council</i>
Martin Gresswell	<i>Senior Asset Management Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Megan Lipp	<i>Ahead Partnership</i>
Joanne Dye	<i>Leeds City College</i>
Alistair King	<i>Page Park</i>
David Curtis	<i>NPS</i>

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#### **1.0 Introductions and Apologies**

1.1 Introductions were made.

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#### **2.0 Declaration of Interests**

2.1 Cllr Finnigan queried whether party political affiliation should be considered within this item. It was agreed that Board members be mindful of this where it is of relevance to their role on the Town Deal Board.

2.2 GJ raised his Board membership of the Ahead Partnership. GJ has abstained from decision making on funding for the Partnership.

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

3.1 The minutes of the March Board meeting were discussed with updates provided for action points.

3.2 MW requested that for 4.5 it is made clear the MP's office opposition to street lighting changes being implemented by the Town Council. **Action DB to amend 4.5.** It was reported that JW, RK, Cllr Hutchison and MW have met separately to discuss this issue and it was agreed to hold further discussions.

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**3.3** The minutes were agreed to be accurate record

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**4.0 Public Engagement Update**

4.1 MB gave an update on public engagement plans for Jubilee Weekend to look at proposals for Scarth Gardens and Scatcherd Park. As well as inviting public feedback on the parks proposals, Groundwork will put on Go Wild activities for children. RK requested visuals for sharing on social media. **Action JW/MB to share visuals for event.**

4.2 MB gave an update on proposals for a ‘you said, we listened’ campaign on the Town Hall and Greener & Connected projects. This is being paused until after funding has been confirmed to allow plans to be finalised. Leeds City Council Comms are leading on this work.

**4.3** MB reported that a Morley Inclusive Design panel will be set up, making sure that factors including accessibility are taken into account early in project design. CM will coordinate this work.

**4.4** CH suggested that a further public engagement event be held in the Town Hall. TL added that in-person events allow for more in-depth engagement. Cllr Finnigan raised the benefits of the letter to all households within the Town Deal Boundary. **Action RK to set up a Comms Working Group meeting to follow up on comments from this meeting.**

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**5.0 Ahead Partnership**

5.1 ML gave an update on the Ahead Partnership, a Leeds-based social enterprise working with young people. The Partnership are launching a project working with young Morley citizens on their employability skills and future career options, involving young people in Morley projects and Morley businesses. The project includes a strong focus on digital skills for the future employment market.

5.2 LS asked if all local primary schools were included in this project. RK is looking at whether the project will cover all schools within the Town Deal border or within the wider cluster.

5.3 Cllr Finnigan noted the current gap in Morley for skills needed for vocational roles. ML reported that the purpose of the Partnership is to work with young people who are less suited to academic progress. This project will work with schools to identify suitable pupils and work with business to identify suitable activities.

5.4 SF reported that his experience working with the Ahead Partnership through White Rose and Land Securities has been very positive. It was confirmed that the £20,000 funding being delivered through the Town Deal is more than matched by private contributions.

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**6.0 Project Updates**

**6.1 Morley College**

6.1.1 JD gave an update on Leeds City College plans, highlighting the aims of the Learning Centre and proposed learning offer. There will be two key strands: the first an emerging technology centre focussed on digital skills required across sectors; the second focussing on upskilling in core subjects. The Learning Centre will include a social enterprise café and there will be an apprenticeship team linking in with employers offering all-age apprenticeships.

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- 6.1.2 DM asked about online provision. JD confirmed there will be a blended model of online and face-to-face. GJ raised importance of the physical presence of the College in the town centre and the benefits of a focus on face-to-face learning.
- 6.1.3 JD reported that the location of the building is expected to be known by mid-June. The centre will support 300 learners a year and will create 20 new jobs. There will be year-round provision, including courses on evenings and Saturdays.
- 6.1.4 LS asked about the funding for the offer. JD confirmed that the adult education budget is being funded by Leeds City College with the Towns Fund delivering capital funding for the building. The building will include significantly better facilities than the previous Joseph Priestley College facility.
- 6.1.5 Discussions are ongoing with Ingenuity (the Innovation Hub) about integrating their work with the College. Technologies testing on site at the College will be facilitated in partnership with Ingenuity. The joined-up nature of the emerging education and skills pathway in Morley was highlighted.
- 6.1.6 MP asked whether there was scope for recreational learning programmes to be delivered. JD confirmed that these can be run if there is demand.
- 6.2 **The Innovation Hub**  
RK updated on Ingenuity. The Summary Case has been submitted. As Munro K have been able to confirm additional significant private investment into the building, an updated Summary Case will be submitted to central government.
- 6.3 **Morley Town Hall**
- 6.3.1 MG gave an update on Morley Town Hall. Work has been carried out to interrogate cost assumptions and service delivery. We are now in a position where costings for a core Town Hall scheme fit within budget. The Working Group have been updated on progress and the Board agreed with their recommendation that the core scheme design be taken forward through the Summary Business Case to be submitted to central government by 29 July 2022.
- 6.3.2 The latest designs were shared with Board members. AK from Page Park architects went through the design proposals.

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## 7.0 **Business Case Progress**

- 7.1 JW gave an update. Conversations with CLGU have led to a decision to separate out the Station Gateway from the Greener and Connected project through a standalone Station Gateway Summary Case. Work is underway to ensure that outputs included in Project Adjustment Forms (PAFs) for the Greener and Connected project and for the Station Gateway meet the outputs set out in the Town Investment Plan. A PAF for the Station Gateway will be submitted by the end of May with the Summary Case to follow by the end of June. For the Greener and Connected project the PAF will be submitted by the end of June and the Summary Case by the end of July.
- 7.2 GJ asked for a list of Business Cases and date of submission in next project update. **Action DB to send out a list to Board members.**

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## 8.0 **AOB**

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MP raised walkways, lighting and night-time safety across Morley. Cllr Finnigan noted that the Station Gateway project will include lighting and cutting back of overgrowth to improve safety around the Station.

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**Date of Next Meeting**

Tuesday 19 July 2022, Morley Town Hall, Large Banqueting Suite 10.00-12.00

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