

Morley Town Deal Board

Minutes

Tuesday 24th January 2023

14:00 – 16:00

Large Banqueting Suite, Morley Town Hall

Attendees

Gerald Jennings (Chair)	<i>Director, G.R. Jennings Properties Ltd</i>
Cllr Helen Hayden	<i>Executive Member, Infrastructure and Climate</i>
Cllr Robert Finnigan	<i>Morley Town Council</i>
Matthew Winn	<i>Communications Manager, Office of Andrea Jenkyns MP</i>
Rachael Kennedy	<i>Morley Town Centre Manager</i>
Steven Foster	<i>Director, Land Securities</i>
Cllr Jane Senior	<i>Morley Town Council</i>
Lalit Suryawanshi	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Cllr Andrew Hutchison	<i>Leeds City Council Morley North ward member</i>
Mukesh Patel	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Christine Hirst	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Mark Goldstone	<i>Head of Regional Policy, CBI</i>
Joshua Rickazyen	<i>West Yorkshire Combined Authority rep</i>
Dan Merrick	<i>Morley Resident</i>
Mark Casci	<i>West and North Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce</i>

Apologies

Sonia Midgley	<i>West Yorkshire Combined Authority</i>
Lorraine Coates	<i>Area Lead, West Yorkshire, Cities and Local Growth Unit</i>
Martin Gresswell	<i>Senior Asset Management Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Martin Farrington	<i>Director of City Development, Leeds City Council</i>
Reverend Anthony Lee	<i>Leader, Morley Community Church</i>
Dawn Ginns	<i>Morley Resident</i>

In Attendance

Adam Brannen	<i>Head of Regeneration, Leeds City Council</i>
Emily Somerville	<i>Regeneration Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Sam Lewis	<i>Principal Regeneration Officer</i>
Helen McGrath	<i>Senior Project Manager, Leeds City Council</i>
Jane Walne	<i>Head of Programmes and Projects, Leeds City Council</i>
Libbi Watson	<i>Career Grade Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Claire Newton	<i>Senior Project Officer, Leeds City Council</i>

Adam Williams	<i>Project Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Megan Lipp	<i>Ahead Partnership</i>
David Smith	<i>Munroe K/Ingenuity</i>
Mark Mildren	<i>Munroe K</i>

1.0 Introductions and Apologies

1.1 Introductions were made and apologies noted above.

2.0 Declaration of Interests

2.1 No new declaration of interests were given for the register.

3.0 Minutes of the last Meeting, Matters Arising and Correspondence Log

3.1 The minutes of 22nd November 2022 were agreed to be an accurate record.

3.2 Regarding 3.2 **Action** GJ to reconvene the meeting with key economic hubs which was initially held in September.

3.3 Regarding 4.4 it was agreed that the next Morley Town Deal Board meeting will be open to the public. There will be a 10-minute slot at the beginning of the meeting to answer any public questions, that will have been provided in writing prior to the meeting. Any questions not answered in the meeting will be responded to in writing subsequently.

3.4 The public will have access to the published Board papers. However, for any confidential items on the agenda they will be asked to leave the room.

3.5 **Action**- HMc to speak to LCC Comms Lead around advertising that the meetings are now public.

3.6 **Action** – LW to look at alternative venues and rooms, due to potential seating capacity issues. White Rose Hub was suggested, however, members are keen to keep the venue in the town centre.

3.7 **Action** – Before the next Morley Town Deal Board meeting there will be a walk around some of the project sites for Members prior to the meeting. HMc to issue invite to all.

3.8 The correspondence log was reviewed and all open items are to be responded to.

4.0 Ingenuity – White Rose Innovation Hub presentation

4.1 David Smith and Mark Mildren from Munroe K/Ingenuity gave a short presentation on progress with the White Rose Innovation Hub and circulated some design proposals for Members to see. They outlined the benefits of the project, the opportunities for Morley and the next steps in terms of a planning submission and programme. There are still some grant and contractual items to be arranged with LCC which are in progress and should be resolved before the next Board meeting. Board Members noted that they would wish to see a 10 year contract as a minimum with clawback arrangements. There was a discussion on ownership and management. Post completion, ownership of the site will remain with Munroe K, as will ongoing management. In addition to the contractual arrangements required to meet the government approved business case, the Board would like to have a

role in ongoing management. Munroe K are to match fund the project -a minimum of £1.8m.

- 4.2 The Chair noted the key work with links to schools, colleges and businesses and the need to get the comms messaging right on this project. Discussions around the benefits of the Hub clarified that it is intended that it would be open to Morley residents as a community facility. The Board were keen to ensure accessibility to all stakeholders involved in the Town Deal, i.e. that it is fully inclusive. Munroe K agreed and are committed to this
- 4.3 Munroe K noted their potential involvement in supporting with the monitoring and evaluation outputs through data collection methods.
- 4.4 A further update to be provided at the May Town Deal Board when planning will hopefully have been submitted.
- 4.5 **Action** Munroe K to provide a programme plan to LCC via email.

5.0 Ahead Partnership – Growing Talent Morley presentation

- 5.1 Megan Lipp gave an update on the Growing Talent Morley programme. They have had excellent engagement with schools and are currently on track for delivery. Megan noted the opportunity for all Board Members to volunteer on the programme. Board Members requested that stronger connections be made to the Morley Town Deal in terms of the themes and profile of the workshops. Board Members also noted that it'd be welcomed if Town Deal partners could be engaged more through either voluntary or financial contributions.
- 5.2 **Action** - ML to provide an update on the feedback from events and activities held to date.
Action – ML to provide a link for volunteers to sign up.

6.0 Project Updates

6.1 HIF

- 6.1.1 Emily Somerville gave an update on the project which is progressing well.
Action - Rachael Kennedy and Emily Somerville to meet to discuss comms messaging for HIF using existing Town Centre and high street relationships.

6.2 Town Hall

- 6.2.1 Discussion was held around the current position of the project and some of the urgent issues that are being raised. Members of the Board expressed serious concerns on the delay in progressing the project and the extent of the work and costs that have been produced to date. LCC were requested to urgently speak to NPS to ensure a rigorous review is undertaken and remedial action taken.
- 6.2.2 **Action** – Cllr Hutchinson requested an urgent face to face meeting to take place next week (w/c 30th January) with LCC officers (in person preferably).

6.3 Skills College

- 6.3.1 A short update was provided by Jane Walne with good progress being made.
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6.4 Greener and Connected and Station Gateway

6.4.1 A short update was provided by Claire Newton with good progress being made. Jane Walne suggested that Reform, Civic and Groundwork who are part of the design and delivery team for these schemes be invited to a future meeting. **Action** - CN to invite them at an appropriate point.

6.4.2 **Action** - CN to share an updated timetable on the Greener and Connected / Station Gateway schemes for Cllr Finnigan and to take it to the February working group meeting.

6.5 White Rose Innovation Hub

6.5.1 Please see item 4.0 for update.

7.0 Working Group updated Terms of Reference

7.1 **Action** - Jill Mac to be invited to working group for Town Centre, Placemaking and Culture.

7.2 All working groups Terms of Reference were noted and approved. One name change to be made.

Action – HMc to ensure amendment is made.

Action – Working groups to meet in between Board meetings and Chairs to report back at Board meetings.

8.0 Finance

8.1 **Action** - HMc to circulate financial dashboard information by email and highlight any key information.

9.0 AOB

9.1 HMc raised issue of needing more volunteers for the Inclusive Design Panel and for Members to help share it on their channels. **Action** – All to share widely.

9.2 Executive Board report on progress with Morley Town Deal being taken to the April meeting. A version of the final report to be shared with Members in advance.

Action – HMc to share final version.

10.0 Date of Next Meeting (open to public)

Tuesday 21st March 2023, 2pm-4pm, Morley Town Hall, Large Banqueting Suite.
To be preceded by a walk around of sites.
