

Morley Town Deal Board

Tuesday 19th March 2024

14:00 – 16:00

Large Banqueting Suite, Morley Town Hall

Board Members

Gerald Jennings	<i>Director, G.R Jennings Properties LTD (Chair)</i>
Steven Foster	<i>Director, Land Securities (Vice Chair)</i>
Councillor Robert Finnigan	<i>Morley Town Council</i>
Councillor Andrew Hutchison	<i>Morley North Ward Member</i>
Councillor Jane Senior	<i>Morley South Ward Member</i>
Jacob Sharp	<i>Office of Andrea Jenkyns MP</i>
Rachael Hutchison	<i>Morley Town Centre Manager (former)</i>
Lalit Suryawanshi	<i>Community Representative</i>
Mukesh Patel	<i>Community Representative</i>
Mark Casci	<i>West Yorkshire Chamber of Commerce</i>
Dan Merrick	<i>Community Representative</i>
Christine Hirst	<i>Community Representative</i>
Dawn Ginns	<i>Resident, Morley</i>

Apologies

Martin Farrington	<i>Director of City Development, Leeds City Council</i>
Lorraine Coates/Ryan Kaye	<i>West Yorkshire, Cities & Local Growth Unit</i>
Adam Brannen	<i>Head of Regeneration, Leeds City Council</i>
Councillor Helen Hayden	<i>Executive Member, Sustainable Development and Infrastructure</i>
Mathew Wood	<i>Morley Chamber of Trade and Commerce</i>
Helen McGrath	<i>Senior Project Manager, Leeds City Council</i>

Attendees

Libbi Watson	<i>Career Grade Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Miriam Browne	<i>Programmes Executive, Leeds City Council</i>
Chris Gosling	<i>Project Manager, Leeds City Council</i>
Chris Coulson	<i>Executive Manager, Leeds City Council</i>
Lee Paton	<i>Project Officer, Leeds City Council</i>
Martin Perryman	<i>Luminate</i>
James Bennett	<i>Luminate</i>
Robert Sharples	<i>Bowman Riley</i>
Craig McGregor	<i>NPS</i>

1.0 Introductions and apologies

- 1.1 Apologies were noted as above. The Chair welcomed the members of the public to the Board meeting. There were 2 members of the public present at the meeting.
- 1.2 To note Jacob Sharp will be leaving the MP's office and will, therefore, no longer be attending future Board meetings.

2.0 Declarations of interest

- 2.1 An updated declarations of interest register is included in the board papers. The Chair reminded board members if there are any changes to their declarations of interest to inform LW.

3.0 Minutes of the last meeting and matters arising

- 3.1 The previous minutes of the January meeting were agreed to be an accurate record.
- 3.2 Regarding action 4.2, Mr Morris has informed Councillors he has sent a letter to Cllr Hayden.
ACTION – HMG to confirm if the email has been received by Cllr Hayden.
ACTION – Cllr Senior to get a copy of the letter Mr Morris has sent and share with the Chair of the board.
- 3.3 On the above action, Board requested a comprehensive report setting out the history and current position on the Morley Bottoms scheme. Board Members also requested that Chris Way attends the May Town Deal Board.
ACTION – LW/MB to communicate the request for the report to Highways colleagues and invite Chris Way to the May board.
- 3.4 In terms of action 5.2, the Chair has provided comments to the White Rose Innovation Hub project lead on the letter of support for the planning application. The MOU has been agreed but not yet signed by all parties.
- 3.5 Referring to action 6.1.5, Ahead Partnership will not be being funded by Morley Town Deal for a third year. Ahead are seeking funding elsewhere and are in contact with Munroe K and Sterling Capitol.
- 3.6 Action 6.2.5 will be picked up in the confidential section of the meeting.
- 3.7 Regarding action 6.3.2 – **ACTION**, LW to invite Mathew Sims to future Town Centre, placemaking and culture working group meetings.
- 3.8 On action 6.3.5, **ACTION** – Cllr Hutchison to pick up the position of St Marys in the Woods church as a prospective heritage project in his working group.
- 3.9 In terms of action 8.1, the Chair of the board will approach Antonia Stowe about being a Board Member and he is already in discussion with Sam Nichols. **ACTION** - HmG to confirm the governance for appointment if they are interested.
- 3.10 All other actions from the January board meeting have been actioned.
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4.0 Correspondence log and questions from the public

- 4.1 There are 3 open FOIs on the correspondence log. **ACTION** – LW to get a response date from Chris Way.
- 4.2 No questions were submitted in advance of the meeting or raised at the meeting.

5.0 Presentation from Luminate on Morley Learning and Skills Centre

- 5.1 Martin Perryman and Robert Sharples presented on the Morley Learning and Skills Centre, based on the RIBA stage 2 report. Visuals were included in the presentation.
- 5.2 Board had an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. From the questions asked it was confirmed that Luminate are working closely with the conservation officer. Planning and listed building consent will be submitted at the end of RIBA 3. Luminate have met with Planning and have been receiving pre-application advice in RIBA 2.
- 5.3 Course numbers were discussed, and it was confirmed that there will be further consultation undertaken by Luminate with the public and businesses on the courses available at the centre.
- 5.4 Board endorsed the recommendation for the Morley Learning and Skills Centre project to move into RIBA Stage 3 design development as approved by the Council's Programme Board on 7th March. Subject to the outcome of the internal consultation with the City Council the Board also endorsed the proposed delivery structure for the project as approved by the Council's Programme Board on 7th March.

6.0 Presentation from NPS on Morley Town Hall

- 6.1 Craig McGregor lead architect from NPS presented on current progress on the Town Hall project.
- 6.2 Board had an opportunity to ask questions at the end of the presentation. From the questions asked it was confirmed Lettings have been informed they can take bookings for Morley Town Hall until December 2024; the building will then be closed for bookings until December 2025.
- 6.3 It was confirmed that a viable solution has been found for the sub-station. This is to be funded by Leeds City Council outside of Town Deal funding.
- 6.4 Discussion was held around the redline boundary of where the works will be undertaken in the Town Hall. Project lead emphasised areas outside of the redline boundary are not included in the agreed outputs with Towns Fund and the team needs to focus on and prioritise the areas in scope.
- 6.5 Board endorsed the recommendation for the Morley Town Hall project moving into RIBA Stage 3 design development as approved by the Council's Programme Board on 7th March.
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7.0 Feedback from Working Groups

7.1 Skills, Education and Employment

7.1.1 The working group chair provided an update on the Morley Learning and Skills Centre.

7.1.2 **ACTION** – HMG to pick up confirmation of match funding.

7.1.3 The Spring newsletter has now been produced and published; the board gave positive feedback on the newsletter. It was felt the next major item for a newsletter could be a focus on education/skills/jobs.

7.2 Transport, Greenspace, Health and Wellbeing

7.2.1 The Chair of the working group provided an update on progress with both the Greener and Connected and Station Gateway projects.

7.2.2 The Beryl Burton Greenway is to start the first phase of tree clearance on site in April 2024. Tree works at Churwell park have nearly been completed. Lewisham Park is nearly finished, Cllr Finnigan outlined the excellent work that has been delivered there. The acquisition of Springfield Mill Park is still to be delivered.

7.2.3 The public realm schemes are scheduled to go out to consultation in Spring. Queen Street proposals are focused at improving the footway, having more greenery, benches and shelter. At the working group meeting, concerns were raised around clutter and access issues, and the design team are looking into this.

ACTION – LW to share Public Realm General Agreement plans to be sent out to Board members with 1 week to comment. If there are no comments, the assumption will be made that Board have endorsed the plans.

7.2.4 **DECISION** - Board endorsed the removal of the schemes on Albion Street and Albert Road from the programme. Both schemes had key risks associated with delivering them.

7.2.5 Board requested the need for before and after images particularly on the public realm/parks. **ACTION** – HMG to pick up with LCC Comms Officer about this and how they can be presented.

7.2.6 **ACTION** – Claire Newton to gather any images Groundwork may have and share with Cllr Finnigan and the Chair of the board.

7.2.7 **ACTION** – MB/CN to continue to look at the prioritisation of schemes with cost and output information and then meet with Cllr Finnigan once undertaken.

7.2.8 **ACTION** – MB/CN to have an updated position on scheme costs and their allocation of funds at the next Board meeting.

7.3 Town Centre, Placemaking and Culture

7.3.1 The working group chair had nothing further to add on the Town Hall project. The success to date on the Heritage Investment Fund project was noted by Board Members.

8.0 AOB and confidential items

- 8.1 The board and Chair reminded council officers of the desire for Chris Way to attend the May Town Deal Board.
- 8.2 A verbal update and subsequent discussion took place in the confidential section of the meeting.

9.0 Date of next meeting

- 9.1 Tuesday 14th May 2024, 2pm-4pm, Morley Town Hall, Large Banqueting Suite
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