

REDCAR TOWN DEAL BOARD

14 January 2020

MINUTES

Present:

- Wayne Davies, Cabinet Member for Economic Development, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- Rosie du Rose, Beyond Housing,
- Jason Faulkner, Redcar and Cleveland College
- Alison Fellows, Tees Valley Combined Authority
- Stella Hall, Festival of Thrift
- Malcolm Horne, Alpek Polyesters
- Mary Lanigan, Leader, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- Mike Milen, Redcar and Cleveland Voluntary Development Agency
- Sarah Robson, Corporate Director for Growth, Enterprise and Environment, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- John Rochford, Arriva North East
- John Sampson, Managing Director, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- Steve Turner, Office of Jacob Young, MP for Redcar
- Darren Winter, Redcar and Cleveland Business Network

Also in attendance:

- Angela Brockbank, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- Mark Hopgood, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council
- Isabel Nicholls, Redcar & Cleveland Borough Council

1	Welcome, apologies and introductions	
	JS welcomed the Board Members to the meeting and introductions were made. Apologies for absence were received on behalf of: <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Chris McDonald, Materials Processing Institute• Steve Scott, Alpek Polyesters• Jacob Young, MP for Redcar	
2	Appointment of Chair and Vice Chair	
	It was noted that guidance from MHCLG strongly encouraged the appointment of a chair from the private sector. D Winter and R du Rose were proposed and unanimously agreed as Chair and Vice Chair respectively.	
3	Summary of Town Deals	
	AB presented an overview of the Town Deal programme and outlined the timeline for agreeing a Town Deal with the government. The information was noted by the Board.	
4	Board Structure and Work Streams	

SR thanked those present for agreeing to join the board and attending the inaugural meeting. She presented information regarding the Board's membership, structure, and roles and responsibilities.

It was noted that the board had been established with a view to fulfilling MHCLG's published guidance whilst ensuring the board would function efficiently and effectively. Elected Members from Redcar wards would be invited to sit on a consultative group. To address more detailed issues and undertake focused engagement and consultation, series of work streams were also proposed and it was agreed they would be led as follows:

- Business Investment – MHol
- Community and Voluntary Sector – MM
- Culture, Tourism and Leisure – SH
- Place – RdR
- Transport and Connectivity – JR
- Employment and Skills – JF

SR explained that the Board's work, and that of its work streams would be supported extensively by the Council's Programme Team and additional consultant support where required. Support from MHCLG was also anticipated, although a named contact had not yet been established. The boundary which had been suggested by MHCLG for the Board's work was also noted, and explained that there was scope to change this if it was not felt to be appropriate.

In response to a query, it was noted that consultation specific to the Town Deal had not begun, but it was understood that MHCLG were keen to raise awareness via social media and other channels.

Discussion ensued and the following points were raised:

- It was considered important to understand what was important for Redcar's future, including skills, transport connectivity and digital connectivity. Redcar's potential as a destination for tourist and shoppers was noted, as well as its connectivity to other places within the Borough. It was agreed that a future meeting would include a visioning session would be arranged to capture stakeholder's priorities and focus future work.
- The town's relationship with the industrial sites, including South Tees Development Corporation land and Wilton International needed to be understood and built on. It was considered inappropriate to spend Towns Deal funds on these sites, but it was acknowledged that this was where many jobs would be located with potential requirements for future investment in skills and connectivity within the town.
- Understanding the community's aspirations for their town, and encouraging local people to value it were felt to be central to the project. Young people's aspirations to pursue futures in the area were also considered important.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A successful town centre would be a prosperous place where people work and engage actively in their leisure time • As well as funding new provision, it would be important to reflect on previous interventions to ensure the value they added to the town was being maximised. In addition, consideration should be given to maximising the reach of the Towns Deal Fund by ensuring it was used effectively alongside other funding opportunities, including leveraging other investment. 	
5	Recap on current Redcar Projects and previous data gathering events	
	<p>MHop gave an update on recent regeneration work undertaken in Redcar, including sea front improvements and the Redcar and Cleveland Leisure and Community Heart. He also gave an overview of current projects including bringing Redcar Central Train Station's buildings back into use, Kirkleatham Walled Garden, Coatham Regeneration, the redevelopment of the Regent Cinema, public realm works and the Council's High Street Support Grant Scheme.</p> <p>AB presented information on ongoing interventions in skills and employment, including the Council's emerging skills strategy and employability initiatives such as the Grangetown and East Cleveland Training and Employment Hubs.</p> <p>AB concluded with an overview of the previous consultations which had been undertaken with Redcar's community and explained how they had been incorporated in to the Redcar Town Centre Master Plan. Copies of the Masterplan were distributed at the meeting.</p>	
6	Redcar Investment Plan	
	AB explained the time line for developing the Town Deal and explained the role of the Town Investment Plan which the Board would oversee. The existing knowledge and the Programme Team's experience of similar projects was noted.	
7	Next Steps	
	<p>The following next steps were agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A tour of the town would be arranged to enable Board Members to gain a detailed understanding of the town's geography, connectivity and ongoing development • A workshop would be arranged to establish a working vision and priorities for the Board and its work streams • Terms of Reference would be drawn up for the Board and each work stream to be confirmed at the next meeting • AB would liaise with ST to secure Jacob Young MP's availability and arrange a future Board Meeting • RCBC would liaise with MHCLG to define a boundary which enables investment which maintained Redcar and its town centre as a focus whilst enabling links with strategic employment sites out with the town to be invested in. 	<p>RCBC</p> <p>RCBC</p> <p>RCBC</p> <p>AB</p>