

## **BLOXWICH & WALSALL TOWN DEAL BOARD MEETING**

**Meeting to be held on: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024, between 14:30 – 16:00**

Meeting to be held via: **Microsoft Teams**

**Meeting to be recorded so it can be shared later via the Website.**

**Membership:            Voting Members:**

Manjit Jhooty – Jhoots Pharmacy (Chair)  
Councillor Andrew (Deputy Chair)  
Tarra Simmons – The Midcounties Co-operative  
Robert Judson – Homeserve  
Dave Brown – Walsall Council  
David Moore – Walsall Council  
Eddie Hughes MP Walsall North  
David Bengé – OneWalsall w  
Rupert Fairfax – Fairfax Saddles / Chair of Bloxwich Advisory Board  
Karl Woodward - Reach All Ltd/Chair of Walsall Advisory Board  
Jatinder Sharma – Walsall College  
Ray Flynn – University of Wolverhampton  
Kevin Davis – The Vine / Mercian Trust  
Shaun Darcy – Walsall Council  
Mark Lavender – Walsall Council  
James Norris – Walsall College

**Advisory Members / Guests:**

Elizabeth Connolly (EC) – Walsall Council  
Simon Tranter (ST) – Walsall Council  
Richard Ackerley (RA) – Walsall Council  
Alison Guerra (AG) – Walsall Council  
Kelly Valente (KV) – Walsall Council  
Keith Beech (KB) – Walsall Council  
Natasha Mann (NM) – Walsall Council  
Claire Wills (CW) – Walsall Council  
Helen Kirk (HK) – Walsall Council  
Eleanor Cooper (EC) – Walsall Council  
James Dennison (JD) – Canal & River Trust  
Kaye Davies (KD) – Walsall Council  
Isabel Clark (IC) – Walsall Council

**Quorum:            Six members (with at least one representative from: Private, Local Government and Communities membership categories, together with Walsall Council.)**

## **AGENDA**

### **TOWN DEAL BOARD MEETING – AGENDA 14:30 – 16:00**

#### **Town Deal Board - Public Session**

- 1. Welcome and Introductions** (14:30)
- 2. Declarations of Interest**
- 3. Minutes (Public) of the Previous Meeting** (14:35)
- 4. Bloxwich Advisory Board – Chairs Update** (14:35 – 14:45)  
(Aim – RF to update Board members on the work conducted at previous AB meetings)
- 5. Walsall Advisory Board – Chairs Update – Deferred to next meeting.**

**Date and time of Next Meeting – 12/06/2024 @14:30**



## Town Deal Board - Private Session Agenda

### 6. Notes of the Previous (Private) Meeting (14:45 -14:55)

### 7. Matters Arising (14:55 -15:05)

#### a. Construction Skill through Regeneration Programme

(Aim – ML to respond to members questions)

### 8. Marketing & Communications – Update / Future Plans (15:05 – 15:10)

(Aim – NM / Colleagues to update Board on marketing plans / opportunities etc.)

### 9. Accountable Body Update/s. (15:10 – 15:20)

(Aim – AG to update the board on wrapping up 23/24 and financial profiles for 24/25)

### 10. Walsall Town Deal Programme – Project Updates (Brief) (15:20 – 15:30)

(Aim – RA / Colleagues to update Board members briefly on progress and next steps where applicable for the following projects).

- a. Construction Skills Academy (RA/DR/JN)
- b. Advanced Electric Vehicle Technology Centre (RA/DR/JN)
- c. Town Centre Learning Campus (RA/DR/JN)
- d. Digital Skills Hub (KD)
- e. Active Public Spaces Programme (RA)
- f. Creative Industries Enterprise Centre (RA)

### 11. Bloxwich Town Deal Programme – Project Updates (Brief) (15:30 – 15:40)

(Aim – ML / Colleagues to update Board members briefly on progress and next steps where applicable for the following projects). Note\* Covers both Bloxwich & Walsall projects.

- a. Promotion of Construction Skills Through Regeneration (ML)
- b. Incubation Space & Digital Access Centre (GS/CW)
- c. Green Bloxwich Programme (ML/RM)

#### Joint Walsall & Bloxwich Projects (15:40 – 15:45)

- Community Capital Programme (HK)
- Active Travel and Connectivity (EC/JD)

### 12. Healthy Levelling Up Partnership – Introduction & Request (15:45 – 16:00)

(Aim – DM to update the board on this new government Initiative and proposals for taking this programme forward)

### 13. Forward Plan (16:00)

### 14. Any Other Business

- Dates / schedule of Future Meetings: **12/06/2024 & 10/07/2024**

**Meeting papers will be accessible via the circulated Teams link:**

***If you experience any difficulties, please let Surinder know through the contact details at the foot of this agenda.***

Note: – Following a review by constitutional services of a range of meetings including the Town Deal Board, it's agreed that these meetings can continue to be held virtually through Teams, as there is no governance requirement for the Town Deal Board to be held in public.

For transparency, all (public session only) meetings will be recorded and placed upon the Town Deal Website for the public to view etc.

Recording will stop when the meeting enters its private or confidential business session and will therefore not be published.

## **The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012 Specified pecuniary interests.**

The pecuniary interests which are specified for the purposes of Chapter 7 of Part 1 of the Localism Act 2011 are the interests specified in the second column of the following:

<b>Subject</b>	<b>Prescribed description</b>
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain.
Sponsorship	Any payment or provision of any other financial benefit (other than from the relevant authority) made or provided within the relevant period in respect of any expenses incurred by a member in carrying out duties as a member, or towards the election expenses of a member.  This includes any payment or financial benefit from a trade union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Regulations (Consolidation) Act 1992.
Contracts	Any contract which is made between the relevant person (or a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest) and the relevant authority:  (a) under which goods or services are to be provided or works are to be executed; and  (b) which has not been fully discharged.
Land	Any beneficial interest in land which is within the area of the relevant authority.
Licences	Any licence (alone or jointly with others) to occupy land in the area of the relevant authority for a month or longer.



Corporate tenancies	Any tenancy where (to a member's knowledge):  (a) the landlord is the relevant authority.  (b) the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest.
Securities	Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:  (a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and  (b) either:  (i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or  (ii) if the share capital of that body is more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which the relevant person has a beneficial interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.

## **Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972 (as amended)**

### **Access to information: Exempt information**

#### **Part 1**

#### **Descriptions of exempt information: England**

1. Information relating to any individual.
2. Information which is likely to reveal the identity of an individual.
3. Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
4. Information relating to any consultations or negotiations, or contemplated consultations or negotiations, in connection with any labour relations matter arising between the authority or a Minister of the Crown and employees of, or office holders under, the authority.
5. Information in respect of which a claim to legal professional privilege could be maintained in legal proceedings.
6. Information which reveals that the authority proposes:



- (a) to give any enactment a notice under or by virtue of which requirements are imposed on a person; or
  - (b) to make an order or direction under any enactment.
7. Information relating to any action taken or to be taken in connection with the prevention, investigation or prosecution of crime.
8. Information being disclosed during a meeting of a Scrutiny and Performance Panel when considering flood risk management functions which:
- (a) Constitutes a trade secret.
  - (b) Its disclosure would, or would be likely to, prejudice the commercial interests of any person (including the risk management authority);
  - (c) It was obtained by a risk management authority from any other person and its disclosure to the public by the risk management authority would constitute a breach of confidence actionable by that other person.