

## **Recorded & Shared Meeting Sessions – PUBLIC FINAL VERSION**

### **ACTION NOTES**

**Title of Meeting:** Bloxwich & Walsall Town Deal Board Meeting

**Date:** Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 2024 14:30 – 16:00pm

**Venue:** Microsoft Teams ‘Virtual’ Meeting

**Quorum -** Minimum of 6 voting members, with at least one representative from: Private, Local Government and Communities membership categories, together with Walsall Council.

### **VOTING MEMBERS – Via Teams**

#### **Present:**

Manjit Jhooty – Jhoots Pharmacy (Chair)  
Tarra Simmons (TS) – The Midcounties Co-operative  
Robert Judson (RJ) – Homeserve  
Dave Brown (DB) – Walsall Council  
David Moore (DM) – Walsall Council  
David Benge (DB) – OneWalsall  
Rupert Fairfax (RF) – Fairfax Saddles / Chair of Bloxwich Advisory Board  
Karl Woodward (KW) – Reach All Ltd / Chair of Walsall Advisory Board  
Jatinder Sharma (JS) – Walsall College  
Ray Flynn (RF) – University of Wolverhampton  
Shaun Darcy (SD) – Walsall Council  
Mark Lavender (ML) – Walsall Council  
Councillor Andrew (CLR A) – Walsall Council  
James Norris (JN) – Walsall College  
Kevin Davis (KD) – The Vine Trust  
Deb Rajania (DR) – Walsall College

#### **MEMBERS – Via Teams**

Elizabeth Connelly (EC) – Walsall Council  
Alison Guerra (AG) – Walsall Council  
Richard Ackerley (RA) – 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  
Richard McVittie (RM) – Walsall Council  
Isabel Clark (IC) – Walsall Council  
Surinder Kaur (SK) – Walsall Council (Note taker)  
Phillipa Venables (PV) – Walsall Council  
Matthew Lloyd (MLO) – Walsall Council

**Apologies** Councillor Andrew, David Brown.

Manjit Jhooty stated this part of the meeting would be recorded so that it can be shared with the public through our web site. There were no objections, so this part of the meeting will be recorded.

### **Town Deal Board Meeting**

**SHARED SESSION**

**1. Welcome and Introductions**

**2. Declarations of Interest**

None were declared.

**3. Minutes (Public) of the previous meeting and actions update.**

Surinder Kaur shared public minutes from the last meeting on 05 March 2024.

The minutes were accepted as an accurate record by Manjit Jhooty and seconded by Karl Woodward.

**4. Bloxwich Advisory Board – Chair’s update**

Rupert Fairfax provided an update:

Since the last Town Deal Board, the Bloxwich Advisory met on the 11 April 2024.

**Project Updates**

**Marketing and Comms:** Due to the pre-election period, not much taking place.

**Power BI:** A brief update at programme level from Verto was presented, covering progress and risks etc. for the year ahead.

**Finance;** updates, with no concerns over performance during 2023/24 and budgets for 2024/25.

**Highways:** Road improvements and bus shelter progress updated, all good work taking place budgets were being well managed.

**Green Bloxwich:** This programme is making satisfactory progress, planning applications were progressing well, with positive development of the Lodge and Pavilion. Liz Stuffins retiring, we thanked her for all the hard work. ML and the team, including Richard M will be continuing with the development of the contents for the programme of works etc. for the Parks.

**Incubation Centre:** This was on track as per the programme plan, tenders out and progressing well, hope to appoint a contractor in May and start work in June.

**Active Travel:** Work had stated on junction improvements including road crossings and associated cycling and walking routes. Work had recommenced at the Bloxwich canal improvements.

**CSTR:** Update of the Dudley fields presented to the Advisory Board, confirmation of support from Cllr Andrew for this project to move forward.

Agreed that agenda items will be rotated for future meetings to enable all projects to better highlight their work and achievements etc.

**Walsall Advisory Board – Chair’s update.**

**Chair:** deferring the report due to the cancellation of the Walsall Advisory Board meeting which was scheduled for the 25<sup>th</sup> April 2024 and is now being re-arranged.

**Date and time of Next Town Deal Board Meeting 12.06.2024 – @14:30**

**Shared Session closed at: 14:45**