

BLOXWICH & WALSALL TOWN DEAL BOARD MEETING

Meeting to be held on: Wednesday 25 September 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
David Bengé – OneWalsall
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
Richard Mcvittie (RM) – Walsall Council
Deb Rajania (DR) – Walsall College
Eleanor Cooper (EC) – Walsall Council
James Dennison (JD) – Canal & River Trust
Kaye Davies (KD) – Walsall Council
Isabel Clark (IC) – Walsall Council
Hannah Cashmore (HC) – DLUHC Government Team Member
Jasmin Basran (JB) – DLUHC Government Team Member

Quorum:

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

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

Town Deal Board - Public - Recorded & Shared Meeting Session

1. **Welcome and Introductions** (14:30)
2. **Declarations of Interest**
3. **Minutes (Public) of the Previous Meeting** (14:35)
4. **Canal and River Trust – Walsall & Bloxwich (Town Deal funded) Towpath Improvements Evaluation Presentation.** (14:35 – 14:55)
(Aim – RF to update Board members on the work conducted at previous AB meetings)
5. **Bloxwich Advisory Board – Chairs Update** (14:55 – 15:00)
(Aim – RF to update Board members on the work conducted at previous AB meetings)
6. **Walsall Advisory Board – Chairs Update** (15:00 – 15:05)
(Aim – KW to update Board members on the work conducted at previous AB meetings)

Date and time of Next Meeting – 06.11.2024 @14:00

Town Deal Board - Private Session

7. Notes of the Previous (Private) Meeting (15.05)

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

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

9. Walsall Town Deal Programme – Project Updates (Brief) (15:10 – 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 (RA / KD)
- e. Active Public Spaces Programme (RA)
- f. Creative Industries Enterprise Centre (RA)

10. Bloxwich Town Deal Programme – Project Updates (Brief) (15:30 – 15:45)

(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. Green Bloxwich Programme (ML)
- c. Incubation Space & Digital Access Centre (ML/CW)

Joint Walsall & Bloxwich Projects (15:45 – 15:55)

- Active Travel and Connectivity (**Canals Evaluation Update**)
- Community Capital Programme (CW /ML)

11. Forward Plan (15:55)

12. Any Other Business

- Dates / schedule of Future Meetings
- [06.11.2024@14:00](mailto:TownDeal@walsall.gov.uk) (**Potential Site Visit**)

Meeting papers will be accessible via Teams

If you experience any difficulties, please let Jayne or 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:

Subject	Prescribed description
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	<p>Any beneficial interest in securities of a body where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to a member's knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the relevant authority; and</p> <p>(b) either:</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(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.</p>
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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.