

Thornaby Town Deal Board

Minutes of Meeting held on 11th July 2025

Present:

Chair, Mark White CBE DL
Cllr Richard Eglington
Andy McDonald MP (Teams)
Cllr Sylvia Walmsley
Cllr Steve Walmsley
Leon Jones
Emma Speight
Angela Corner
Iain Robinson
Rachel Haycock
Cllr Ian Dalgarno (Teams)
Ian Davies
Phil Hastie
Amanda Ellwood
Jonathan Gilroy
Helen Dixon
Jonathan Kibble
Nial Innes (Teams)
Sam Dixon (Teams)

Apologies:

Cllr Mick Moore
Cllr Ray Godwin
Paul Gibson
Cllr Nathan Gale
Sarah Brackenborough
Siobhan Callaghan

Item	Comment/Action	Owner	Deadline
1	<u>Housekeeping and Chair's remarks</u> Welcome and introductions from all. Chair introduced Grant Glendinning (Chief Executive and Group Principal of Education Training Collective) to the Board. Grant thanked the Board for their support with the NETA project and stated it wouldn't have gone ahead without their assistance and support.		
2	<u>Review of Minutes from 28th April 2025</u> Agreed as accurate record.		

<p>3</p>	<p><u>Review of Town Deal Board administration</u></p> <p>RH updated that following MHCLG’s governance review of the Town Deal Board, additional information needs to be recorded to ensure compliance with the Towns Fund programme. The following information will be circulated with the draft minutes for Board Member’s review:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • An updated Memorandum of Understanding covering the Terms of Reference and Board Membership • Register of Interest forms • Gifts and Hospitality form <p>The Town Deal Board website will then be updated to reflect the above information along with a link to the Council’s overarching Code of Conduct.</p>	<p>RH/HD</p>	
<p>4</p>	<p><u>Progress Update</u></p> <p>Update provided on the 4 priority projects:</p> <p>Thornaby Town Centre (IR)</p> <p><u>Pavilion Pool</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IR gave an overview of progress and confirmed that the Stage 4 design is progressing well with a view to starting on site in September. <p><u>Golden Eagle</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • IR gave an update on the Golden Eagle. Following ongoing security breaches, additional security measures have been installed in the form of metal shuttering. • Tenders for the demolition contract ranged from £1.52m to £2.9m. Due to the level of asbestos identified following intrusive pre-demolition surveys, the tendered costs exceed the original budget allocation. • A request for additional funding from the Indigenous Growth Fund will be considered by SBC’s Cabinet on 17th July. <p>Queries raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Dalgarno raised a query around how the contract will achieve value for money and provide the necessary asbestos removal expertise. IR confirmed that the contract sum will be a fixed price and that the demolition methodology and asbestos removal formed a key part of the tender evaluation process. <p>Cycleways (JK)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • JK updated on scheme progress. Planning permission has been submitted for cycle routes through Allison Trainor Park (south of Baysdale Road) and parallel to the Harold Wilson Recreation Centre. • Detailed design of the Trenchard Avenue controlled crossing and bus stop has completed. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TVCA City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement funding agreement to be provided in July. This will provide an overall scheme budget of £4.76m. • Final assessment of tenders and award of contract is due in August 2025. A delivery programme will follow once the preferred contractor is appointed. Scheme completion is expected by September 2026. <p>Skills (ID - Education Training Collective)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • ID gave an overview of the scheme progress. Stage 4a design has been signed off with pre-commencement planning conditions discharged. • Contract for the main build is due to be formalised on 18 July 2025. • Site mobilisation will begin on 14th July and works will commence on 4th August 2025. • NETA ground-breaking event to take place at midday following the Town Deal Board meeting. <p>Queries raised:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Chair raised a query as to when the new facility would be operational and ID confirmed that September 2026 is the target date. • Chair raised the query around how long the Board will continue to operate beyond March 2026. IR suggested that the Board continue to meet until the end of 2026 to oversee completion of all interventions. Board members agreed to continue until this point. • Steve Walmsley spoke about the importance of the history of the new NETA site. • ID noted that none of the project would have been possible without the support of the Town Deal Board. <p>North Thornaby (SD)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • SD gave an update on scheme progress. Workstream 1 - Community Hall & Victoria Park and Workstream 2 - Safer Streets are now complete. • Workstream 3 - Empty properties – SD gave an update on progress and asked the Board to consider and advise on two options for managing potential project underspend. The Board unanimously agreed the first option to explore with Northstar, the option to purchase properties that are currently occupied to prevent these properties falling into the wrong hands and potentially causing issues in the future. SD to progress and update at the next Board meeting. • SD gave an update on Workstream 4 - Energy efficiency, which is having significant benefits to local households and saving tenants approximately £700 per annum. 192 properties have benefited so far with a total of 466 measures. • Total project spend is currently £2,444,370.87 <p>Queries raised:</p>	<p>SD</p>	
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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emma Speight updated that they have completed the purchase of 10 properties and 5 are occupied. They are committed to completing the purchase of 15 properties in total. Feedback from the tenants has been positive. • Angela Corner suggested a meeting with SD to see how Thirteen could be more involved. AC / SD to arrange. • Angela suggested arranging a walkabout in North Thornaby for any Board members who would like to attend. HD to contact members with a view to arranging the walkabout. • Cllr Sylvia Walmsley – requested some before and after photos of refurbished properties. ES to provide at the next meeting. • ES also noted that the North Thornaby workstreams were not originally in the Town Deal scheme and praised how well it is being delivered and received. 	<p>AC/SD</p> <p>HD</p> <p>ES</p>	
<p>5</p>	<p><u>Date of Next Meeting</u></p> <p>IR suggested the next Board meeting should be held in September as this should align with upcoming milestones on the projects.</p>		
<p>6</p>	<p><u>Any Other Business</u></p> <p>Chair congratulated Angela Lockwood on her OBE and sent best wishes to Mehboob Ahmad who has now left the Board.</p> <p>IR thanked the Board for the support given to SBC officers.</p> <p>Cllr Sylvia Walmsley commended Mark White for being an excellent Chair of the Board and offered her support.</p> <p>Chair asked Cllr Richard Eglington to provide his final thoughts:</p> <p>Cllr Eglington stated that he was very pleased to join the Board and noted that whilst he didn't see the initial work that had gone into developing the projects, results are really starting to show in the local area. Benefits of the North Thornaby workstreams are very visible and Victoria Hall is managed fantastically. Local people believe that the interventions are needed and stressed that it wouldn't have been achieved without the support of the Town Deal Board.</p> <p>Steve Walmsley agreed that people are beginning to see the visible benefits of the projects being delivered.</p> <p>Chair thanked the Board for their attendance and invited Board Members to attend the NETA ground-breaking event following the meeting.</p>		