



OUR LONG-TERM TOWN PLAN

NAME OF MEETING:	Town Board Meeting
DATE/LOCATION	St Anne's Church, Edgeside 14.02.25
ATTENDEES	Alyson Barnes (AB), Andy MacNae MP (AMac), Andy Schofield (AS), Barbara Ashworth (BA), Councillor Scott Smith (SS), David Gould (DG), Iain Taylor (IT), Jaid Flatley (JF), Lynn Smith (LS), Rachel Gildert (GD), Kimberly Howarth (KH), Megan Eastwood (ME), Samantha Sandford (SS) Peter Terry (PT), Leonie Fordmiah (LH) Councillor Nick Harris (NH),
GUEST SPEAKERS	Courtney Ives (Valley Heritage)
APOLOGIES	Chris Warren (CW), Clare Birtwistle (CB), Deyrick Allen (DA), Jan Shutt (JS), Jodie Oatway (JO), Jackie Oaks (JAO), Milly Yielding (MY), Chris McKee (CM), Abdul Mannan (AM)
MINUTE TAKER	Jaid Flatley (JF)

THE MEETING

1	Welcome and Apologies IT opened up the meeting and welcomed attendees. Apologies received above
2	Minutes of previous meeting Minutes of the previous meeting were discussed and progress on the actions was noted. Decision: Previous minutes agreed
3	Progress update It was confirmed there was still no update from the government over changes to the scheme and a prospectus is imminent. AM explained message from ministry is everything already in the guidance is a good thing, it will be additions to. ME presented the progress report to members. Including government updates, engagement, communications and decisions. The report also shared a financial breakdown.

	<p>A discussion was had about the upcoming allocation for capacity funding. The general consensus was that the board wanted to address current challenges with the capacity funding.</p> <p>It was reiterated that the capacity funding is to inform the investment plan and lead to projects that have a tangible impact and a potential capital element to them but that also align to the aims and objectives.</p> <p>There was input from board members around what projects would be worth exploring further with the capacity funding and match funding was discussed, particularly at Marl Pits, the Whitaker, evaluating gaps in youth provision or social prescribing teams.</p> <p>Project ideas also included feasibility, information gathering and discussing derelict buildings progressing to the next RIBA stages.</p> <p>The board felt that there should be opportunities for organisations in Rossendale to benefit from the capacity funding, providing that those opportunities lead to understanding community needs to inform the investment plan.</p> <p>Action: It was agreed that Rossendale Borough Council would share a recommendation on the financial breakdown and the criteria for projects.</p> <p>Action: to set up a sub-group to score proposals</p>
4	<p>Engagement update</p> <p>A summary of engagement was shared with the board, including the key themes from the many conversations.</p> <p>It was reiterated that board members are responsible for engagement alongside Rossendale Borough Council.</p> <p>An event was proposed to promote the investment plan pre-summer aimed at funders, investors, businesses and partners about the investment plan. St Mary's Chambers was recommended.</p> <p>Action: Rossendale Borough Council to seeks costs and prepare the event.</p> <p>It was felt that publicity is a crucial part of the Long Term Plan for Towns funding.</p> <p>Action: to seek quotes for Publicity on Long Term Plan For Towns Action: Share resident survey with members</p>
5	<p>Finance</p> <p>- Covered in report</p>
6	<p>Risk Register</p> <p>A proposed risk register was shared with the board.</p>
7	<p>Actions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Share a recommendation on the financial breakdown and the criteria for projects. - Set up a sub-group to score proposals - Prepare

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