

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Newark Town Board - Executive Board** held in the Virtual Meeting - Online Only on Wednesday, 9 April 2025 at 10.00 am.

PRESENT:	Louise Casey	Newark & Sherwood CVS (Co-Chair)
	Tony Aspbury	Newark Showground (Vice-Chair)
	Dawn Campbell	Newark Town Council
	Rowan Cozens	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	Neil Cuttell	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	Joelle Davies	Nottinghamshire County Council
	Andrew Fearn	St. Mary Magdalene with St. Leonards
	Sarah Husselbee	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	Matt Lamb	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	Anna Lawson	Newark Town Council
	John Robinson	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	Kathryn Sharp	Environment Agency
	Rosemary Thompson	Historic England
APOLOGIES	Darren Burke	Masdings
	James Carpenter	BB Mortgages
	Penny Taylor	Lincoln College Group (Co-Chair)
	Sanjiv Kohli	Newark & Sherwood District Council

14 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None submitted.

15 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 14 FEBRUARY 2025

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 14 February 2025 be accepted as a true record.

16 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Co-Chair, Louise Casey-Smith welcomed everyone to the meeting, thanking them for adapting to an online meeting.

17 PLAN FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS (PFN) REPORT

The Executive Board considered the report in relation to the Plan for Neighbourhoods (PfN) Update which sought the Board's approval for two key recommendations relating to the announcement of the PfN scheme. Approval of both recommendations were required for the Council to submit necessary proposals to Government by the deadline of 22 April 2025. This included agreement of the preferred and updated geographical boundary arrangements for adoption throughout the PfN scheme and the adoption of the Newark Town Executive Board as the 'Neighbourhood Board' for delivery of the programme.

The report set out the background to the Plan for Neighbourhoods which had

replaced the former Long-Term Plans for Town (LTPT) initiative. It was reported that the three core objectives were 'thriving places; stronger communities; and taking back control' and that the list of eligible places was unchanged from that determined through the LTPT scheme. The new programme offered a revised fixed funding profile, with core delivery funding set to commence in April 2026, details of which were provided in Appendix A of the report.

It was reported that the Ministry for Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG) had provided over 40 different pre-approved interventions with each one sitting within one of the 8 core programme themes, as detailed in paragraph 3.2 of the report.

The PfN prospectus detailed the requirement for the establishment of 'Neighbourhood Boards' to govern the local delivery of the scheme and to develop a local regeneration plan for submission to Government by Winter 2025. The report set out the requirements of the Neighbourhood Board and that they must work in partnership with the local authority to develop the plan for their local area and to distribute funding to the projects to deliver on the vision. It was also reported that the local authority would act as the accountable body for the funds, including responsibility for ensuring that public funds are distributed fairly and effectively and that there must be compliance with legal responsibilities in relation to subsidy control, state aid and procurement.

Details of the proposed minor adjustments to the existing PfN geographical boundary were reported at paragraph 4.0 and Appendix B of the report, noting that it incorporated additional potential community development sites which the Board may choose to consider as part of the ongoing PfN planning.

Proposed PfN Board arrangements including the recommendation to adopt the Newark Town Executive Board as the Neighbourhood Board were detailed in paragraph 5.0 of the report. It was also noted in the report that a review of all key governance documentation and the assurance framework would be carried out and presented to a future Board meeting.

In response as to why the geographical boundary had been amended, the Director – Planning & Growth (NSDC) advised that there was an emerging project that the board may consider in the development of plans, which would be discussed in more detail at the next meeting of the Executive Board. The proposed boundary helps to offer increased flexibility whilst plans are developed for initiatives to later be either ruled either in, or out of scope.

AGREED (unanimously) :

- a) the preferred geographical boundary arrangements for adoption throughout the PfN scheme, to be submitted to Government by 22 April 2025, as detailed in paragraph 4.0 and Appendix B of the report be approved; and
- b) the preferred Board arrangements for delivery of the PfN scheme,

including the adoption of Newark Town Executive Board as the 'Neighbourhood Board', to be submitted to Government by 22 April 2025, as detailed in paragraph 5.0, and Appendix C of the report be approved.

18 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None

19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

24 April 2025 @ 2pm

Meeting closed at 10.09 am.