

**DARLINGTON TOWN DEAL BOARD**  
**Darlington Town Hall – Room 406**  
**Tuesday 13 May 2025**

**Present :**

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| Angela Howey (AH) (CHAIR) | Seth Pearson (SP)    |
| Martin Short (MS)         | Sarah Bentley (SB)   |
| Cllr Garner (JM)          | Brett Nielsen (BN)   |
| Rose Rouse (RR)           | Joe Passman (JM)     |
| Cllr Harker (SH)          | Hilary Bevan (HB)    |
| Brett Nielsen (BN)        | Sarah Everett (SE)   |
| Sarah Small (SS)          | Lucy Simms (LS)      |
| David Gartland (DG)       | Gordon Pybus (GP)    |
| Kay Sandham (KS)          | Stephen Fenwick (SF) |
| Mike Poulter (MP)         | Graham Hall          |
| Shaun Campbell (SC)       | Ant Hewitt (AH)      |
| Trevor Watson (TW)        | Yvonne Beattie (YB)  |
| Sarah Small (SS)          | Adam Suleiman (AS)   |
| Lola McEvoy (LM)          |                      |

| No. | DISCUSSION  | ACTIONS |
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|     | <b>Apologies:</b> Chris Farlow, Yvonne Richardson, Janine Brown, Naomi Jenkins  |         |
| 1.0 | <p><b>Minutes of previous meeting – 1 April 2025</b></p> <p>Agreed that the minutes are an accurate record of the previous meeting</p>  |         |
| 2.0 | <p><b>Neighbourhood Board – Visioning Day</b></p> <p>Subgroup meetings to be organised</p> <p>The board needs to agree on a neighbourhood approach.</p> <p>The board agreed to delegate responsibility to the Chair (AH)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Agreements shared with the group via presentation</li> </ul> <p>Strategic vision for Plan for Neighbourhoods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Driving Growth</li> <li>- Thriving places</li> <li>- Stronger Communities</li> <li>- Take back control</li> </ul> | SP/LS   |

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|     | <p>It is mentioned that Darlington is known for its proud heritage, booming private and public sector opportunities, but some communities are not thriving/unable to take advantage.</p> <p>Question of whether health is mentioned in the guidance and if mental health is considered an area the board could look at.</p> <p>2 Thematic Areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Driving Growth</li> <li>- Thriving Neighbourhoods</li> </ul> <p>Board agreed on the 2 thematic areas</p> <p>SP presents a strategic vision for Darlington in the presentation.</p> <p>The board gives some feedback, which SP has taken on board, but it is noted that the board agrees the strategic vision should be kept short.</p> <p>Comments from meeting will be included in strategic vision and a revised version will be brought to the next meeting.</p> <p>It is agreed that the neighbourhood approach would follow the areas indicated through the presentation</p> <p>Data pack is still to be received but once received SP will circulate it to the board.</p> | SP    |
| 3.0 | <b>Towns Fund Update</b>  |       |
|     | <p>Presentation presented to the board that focused on what has changed since the last board meeting</p> <p>Financial review is coming up so changes will be presented at the next board</p> <p><b>Coniscliffe Road</b></p> <p>Completed in March 2025 but Northumbrian Water need to come back and finish works before, minor planter amendments can be done.</p> <p><b>Northern Echo Building</b></p>   | MP/TW |

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|     | <p>Solar panels have been added to the roof</p> <p><b>Northgate House</b></p> <p>CPO still the option but need to get timescales finalised</p> <p><b>Skinnergate &amp; the yards</b></p> <p>50 Shop fronts have been improved</p> |           |
| 5.0 | <b>AOB</b>  |           |
|     | <p>Safer Streets Initiative – Darlington is included</p> <p>Town centers safer this summer – Work together as a community</p> <p>30 June – 30 September</p> <p>Link in with Cares Board</p>                                       | <b>SP</b> |
| 6.0 | <b>Future Meeting</b>   |           |
|     | <p>24 June 2025</p> <p>Subgroup meetings to be set up</p>   | <b>LS</b> |