

Dewsbury Town Deal Board

17th December 2020

Item 5: Board Membership

1. Introduction

It is a requirement that the Dewsbury Town Deal is formally supported by a Board.

At the meeting on the 19th November two actions were highlighted. These were:

- For Council Officers to write to Members who had not attended the Town Board meeting for a considerable amount of time to ascertain whether they wanted to remain on the Board
- To discuss with Bruce Bird the extent of membership of Dewsbury Chamber of Trade and other local bodies.

Officers have actioned both of these requests and can report the outcomes below and the impact it has on overall Membership

2. Board Resignations

Officers have written to two Members who have not attended the meeting or participated in drop in sessions since the beginning (January 2020). These Members: Abdul Aslam and Simon Cash have responded to this communication – by email - and asked to be removed from the Board.

Outside of this exercise officers have received an email of resignation from Carles Palomo – Chemfix.

3. Dewsbury Interest Groups

Discussion has been held with the following representatives to seek to finalise the best representation on the Board:

- Bruce Bird
- Paul Ellis
- Barney Mynott

As a result of these discussions Officers have been asked to consider the following:

- That Bruce Bird remains on the Board and will represent the Dewsbury Partnership and the Federation of Small Businesses.
- That Barney Mynott and Paul Ellis cease being Members of the Board and are replaced by Martin Walsh who will represent Dewsbury Chamber of Trade

This will be a net loss of one Member.

4. Final Board Membership

The consequence of these changes are that the Board reduces its Membership to 14. It still has a range of representation from all sectors in Dewsbury. The table below sets out Membership

Sector	Name	Organisation
Chair	To be added following Board Decision	
Local Govt	Cllr Shabir Pandor	Leader, Kirklees Council
Local Govt	Heather Waddington	LEP/Combined Authority
	Mark Eastwood (MP)	MP
	Charles Smith	Historic England
Business	Martin Hathaway	Mid Yorks Chamber of Commerce
Business	Martin Walsh	Dewsbury Chamber of Trade
Business	Iqbal Bhana	
Developer	Peter Mason	Mood Developments
Developer	Paul Burnett	Targetfollow Group Ltd
Education	Marie Gilluley	Kirklees College
Housing	Martyn Broadest	Connect Housing
Community	Bruce Bird	The Dewsbury Partnership/FSB
Creative	Nancy Barratt	Creative Scene

Matters for Decision

In the past the Board has elected not to allow further expansion of Board numbers. The actions taken since the last meeting gives the board the opportunity to reduce the number of Members. The Board is therefore requested to:

1. Note the resignation of the three Members named in section 2 above.
2. Consider accepting, or otherwise, the proposals set out in section 3 to rationalise the representation from Dewsbury Chamber of Trade, Federation of Small Businesses and the Dewsbury Partnership.
3. If minded to accept these proposals that the list of Members, set out in the table above in Section 4, be agreed as a full Membership that will be included in the Board's agreed Terms of Reference.