

# KING'S LYNN TOWN DEAL BOARD

## MEETING MINUTES

<b>Date</b>	<b>28 February 2020</b>	<b>Location</b>	<b>King's Lynn Town Hall</b>
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<b>Attendees</b>	<b>Apologies</b>
James Wild MP, Lorraine Gore, Patrick White, Elizabeth Hopkins, Ben Lucas, Vince Muspratt, Thomas Humphries, Hannah Grimes, Debbie Gates, Mark Stanton, Duncan Hall, Sharon Clifton, Jemma Curtis, Cllr Brian Long, Cllr Elizabeth Nockolds, Cllr Graham Middleton, David Pomfret, Paul Harrison, Eleanor Smith, Emma Taylor, Graham Purkins, Michael Baldwin	

<b>Minutes</b>	<b>Actions</b>
<p><b>Introduction</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Graham Purkins – Chair, Town Deal Board, welcomed everyone.</li> <li>The Town Board voted in Graham Purkins as Chair, and Michael Baldwin as Vice Chair.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Aim of the session</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Recap discussions from the first meeting on emerging</li> <li>Workshop exploring skills, jobs and aspiration</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Emerging priorities – A Town Investment Plan for King's Lynn</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick White, Metro Dynamics, outlined the aims for this session, before highlighting five priorities which emerged from the first workshop. The Town Deal Board confirmed was a suitable reflection: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Raising skills and aspiration</li> <li>Improving health and wellbeing</li> <li>Improving connectivity</li> <li>Supporting business collaboration and innovation</li> <li>Building on heritage and culture</li> </ul> </li> <li>'Why invest in King's Lynn?', the Town Deal Board were asked to reflect on the town's current and future performance. At present, this is understood to be twofold: a service, skills and cultural hub for a very wide area and a growing business and employment centre in the East of England.</li> <li>Patrick reiterated that King's Lynn has been selected for up to £25 million from the Government's Towns Fund. The majority of this investment is expected to be capital, with some revenue funding. Government match funding was discussed, with a reminder that this applies for private investment that is already underway.</li> </ul>	

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<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>James Wild, MP, confirmed government will be releasing further guidance for Town Investment Plans in late March.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Workshop: Skills, jobs and aspiration</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Patrick presented recent statistics to demonstrate the current skills profile in King's Lynn and West Norfolk, with regional and national comparators.</li> <li>The evidence fell under four priority areas:             <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>o Transitions from school</li> <li>o No qualifications</li> <li>o Economic activity (including health related inactivity)</li> <li>o Higher-level skills and in-work progression</li> </ul> </li> <li>Examples of potential skills projects were cited as a means of inspiring group discussions, these included: a town centre multi-use hub, a School of Nursing, and programmes around health-related employment, youth participation and digital skills.</li> </ul>	
<p><b>Breakout sessions</b></p> <p>Attendees will split into break-out groups to discuss:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. What are the future and emerging skills needs in your business and sector?</li> <li>2. Do the four identified skills priorities look right?</li> </ol> <p>[See separate document]</p>	
<p><b>Next steps</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The Board will continue to steer and oversee the development of the Town Investment Plan, as the evidence base and proposals are developed, and officers plan engagement with businesses and communities.</li> <li>Members of the Town Deal Board are invited to get in touch with the Borough Council via the King's Lynn and West Norfolk Comms team.</li> <li>Moving forward, it was raised there should be communication between the different boards which are currently active in the area, e.g. Future High Street Fund, Heritage Action Zone, and potential boards, e.g. Heritage High Street Action Zone.</li> <li>The next Town Deal Board workshop will be held on 27 March.</li> </ul>	