

Newark Town Executive Board

Monday, 7 July 2025 at 10.00 am

Online Meeting – Microsoft Teams

**You are hereby requested to attend the above Meeting to be held at the time/place
and on the date mentioned above for the purpose of transacting the
business on the Agenda as overleaf.**

If you have any queries please contact Helen Brandham on helen.brandham@newark-sherwooddc.gov.uk.

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Wednesday, 3 September 2025 @ 10:00 hours

Agenda Item 4

NEWARK AND SHERWOOD DISTRICT COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of **Newark Town Executive Board** held in the on Tuesday, 3 June 2025 at 2.00 pm.

PRESENT:	Penny Taylor	Lincoln College Group (Co-Chair)
	Darren Burke	Masdings
	Dawn Campbell	Newark Town Council
	James Carpenter	BB Mortgages
	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
	Matthew Gleadell	Newark Town Council
	Sarah Husselbee	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	Jane Hutchinson	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	David Inger	Newark College
	Sanjiv Kohli	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	Matt Lamb	Newark & Sherwood District Council
	Anna Lawson	Newark Town Council
	Kathryn Sharp	Environment Agency
	Rosemary Thompson	Historic England
APOLOGIES	Tony Aspbury	Newark Showground (Vice-Chair)
FOR	Louise Casey-Smith	Newark & Sherwood CVS (Co-Chair)
ABSENCE:	Insp. Charlotte Elam	Nottinghamshire Police Authority
	John Robinson	Newark & Sherwood District Council

1 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None submitted.

2 MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON 9 APRIL 2025

AGREED that the Minutes of the meeting held on 9 April 2025 be accepted as a true record.

3 CHAIR'S WELCOME

The Co-Chair, Penny Taylor, welcomed everyone to the meeting at Newark Town Hall.

4 FUNDING UPDATES REPORT - PLAN FOR NEIGHBOURHOODS AND NEWARK TOWN DEAL

The Executive Board considered the report which sought to provide an update on the development of the Plan for Neighbourhoods Regeneration (PfN) and the delivery of the Newark Towns Deal programme.

Plan for Neighbourhoods Regeneration Scheme

The report set out the background to the PfN scheme, noting that it was a £1.5

billion programme to invest in 75 areas over the forthcoming decade and was to replace the former Long-Term Plans for Towns scheme (LTPT). The Board had previously been provided with details of the proposed geographical boundary and the Neighbourhood Board's governance arrangements, which would be adopted locally for the purpose of the scheme delivery, subject to Government approval. Proposals had been submitted to Government on 22 April 2025, with arrangements due to be reviewed and confirmed by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) in the coming weeks. Confirmation of local boundary and governance arrangements has not yet been received by MHCLG, following this submission.

The requirements placed on areas selected for PfN funding included that the Plan should outline the community's overarching vision for change to deliver the strategic objectives of the programme and that this be developed through grass roots engagement to reflect local people's priorities. A more detailed Investment Plan for the first 4-year investment period cycle would be required and this would include details of interventions the board would wish to pursue over the period. It was noted that the Neighbourhood Board would act as the decision maker, responsible for the development of the local plan, working in partnership with the local authority, as the accountable body for funds.

Paragraph 3.3 of the report set out the existing Town Investment Plan (TIP) vision for the Town and noted that the four key strategic pillars for the town in achieving that were: skills, education & business; connectivity; town centre regeneration & culture; and town centre residential redevelopment. Summarised in Table 1 of the report were the understood emerging Board priority themes and interventions for the purposes of the PfN initiative, based on previous Board discussions, as well as plans developed through LTPT and recent engagement. These were: Regeneration & High Streets; Cohesion; Transport; Safety & Security; and Work, Productivity & Skills.

Sarah Husselbee, NSDC, referred to the emerging priority themes and interventions, as well as the the 3 schemes identified through LTPT: Events Programme; Upper Floor Conversion; and Community Grant.

Matt Lamb, NSDC requested the Board's view as to whether a future budget should be allocated for each of the 3 schemes and if the themes were to remain a priority for the purpose of PfN.

It was agreed that the 3 schemes and emerging interventions remained a priority and would be presented against a profile at the next meeting, with a Board decision regarding an indicative profile to be taken at the 7 July 2025 meeting.

Sarah Husselbee, added that the 3 schemes would operate as individual competitive grant schemes, or procurement processes and therefore would not be subject to the same selection requirements as other projects, where there may otherwise be one single grant beneficiary. It was also noted that the selection of other capital projects (where there would be a single grant recipient), should be subject to a competitive process due to assurance requirements, with this recommended to be undertaken Winter 2025-2026.

It was noted that the Government had confirmed that ongoing community and

stakeholder engagement was key to facilitating local PfN Regeneration Plan development. Table 2 of the report set out the proposed process to developing the local PfN Regeneration Plan over the next few weeks. This included the remaining engagement suggested to be undertaken by the Council, with support from the Project Manager, Lincoln College, on behalf of the Board.

Rowan Cozens, NSDC, queried if the previous plans had included engagement and representation of the revised boundary beyond the original town boundary, including Balderton. Sarah Husselbee added that the LTPT draft plans were developed on the basis of the wider boundary submitted to Government through LTPT, in 2024.

Penny Taylor, Lincoln College Group and Co-Chair, noted that Lincoln College had previously received funding for marketing which was due to end in July 2025, adding that in order for this work to continue, further funding would be required for a Project Manager and a Marketing Apprentice.

Penny Taylor also noted that it would be necessary to agree funding for the Events Programme to facilitate planning.

Matt Lamb advised that operational commitments were being raised and considered now so that there was an awareness of the implications upon delivery profile and budgets. It was agreed that decisions regarding operational commitments would be taken at the 7 July 2025 meeting.

It was confirmed that a draft vision statement, PfN local priorities, interventions and draft investment profile (including capacity funding) are expected to be presented to the Board at the next meeting, July 2025 to form the draft local Regeneration Plan.

Penny Taylor advised that Louise Casey-Smith, N&S CVS, was to attend a meeting with other Town Board Chairs and would provide feedback to the next meeting on the discussions held. Agreed to be included as an item for 7 July 2025 meeting.

Newark Town Deals Project

It was reported that the following towns deals projects had been delivered: Air & Space Institute; Construction College Centre of Excellence; the YMCA Community Activity Village; and the Cycle Town Project with the following projects ongoing: 32 Stodman Street; Castle Gatehouse; Newark Cultural Heart.

It was noted that the Council continued to monitor all projects across the wider Newark Towns Deal programme, including reporting to Government on the achievement of local outputs and outcomes, following investment.

Sarah Husselbee advised that there had been a delay with the Castle Gatehouse Project following procurement which had resulted in additional costs, as reported to the Board previously, and that the funding for which had been approved by the Council's Cabinet in February 2025. Additional value engineering is also in progress by Project Team. Matt Lamb suggested that a site visit be organised when the works were further along.

Kathryn Sharp, Environment Agency, offered support for any relevant Castle Project issues on behalf of Environment Agency, if required.

Neil Cuttell, NSDC, advised that the anticipated completion for the Stodman Street redevelopment was April 2026. The retail units offered a flexible space which could deliver 1 to 3 units, depending on the requirements of the tenant. He suggested that a site visit be organised for Autumn 2025. He added that there would be 29 residential units above the retail units with 19 dedicated parking spaces, which would be allocated to the apartment.

James Carpenter, BB Mortgages queried the interest to date in retail units. Matt Lamb advised that there had been some interest in the retail units from existing retailers, noting the potential issues around the rateable value being dependent on the size of the unit.

Matt Lamb noted that the budget for the Cultural Heart events project was set until March 2026.

6 NEWARK TOWN BOARD ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

It was reported that the Council is undertaking a review of the Assurance Framework to ensure it remained aligned to the PfN prospectus, in addition to the existing Towns Deal.

The updated draft of the Assurance Framework together with supporting documentation would be formally presented to the Board at a future meeting and also shared with the MHCLG, as required. This includes operational board processes as well as business case and assurance requirements for future projects.

The Board were asked to consider any possible gaps in Board Membership with consideration of the new scheme themes, such as noting the current absence of health representation and the inclusion of Balderton representation to reflect the proposed boundary.

Penny Taylor noted that the Board Membership base represents the entire area of Newark as demonstrated in the proposed boundary.

Rowan Cozens added that Board Members are required to represent the entire areas objectives, rather than sole promotion of individual projects within the boundary.

Matt Lamb noted that a number of members of the Board were volunteers and advised that, if required, Officers could support them when sharing information with their respective organisations, including Town and Parish Councils within the Boundary.

It was agreed information sharing is important and that the current Town and Parish Board representative should continue to engage with the Town and Parish Councils regarding Board Plans.

Penny Taylor and Matt Lamb noted that health representation had been sought previously however unfortunately unable to secure long-term representation due to capacity and availability of health colleagues. Sarah Husselbee added that further consideration should be given to ensure health representatives are able to continue to feed into the Board through the Steering group and other engagement platforms, to reflect the Government prospectus.

Sarah Husselbee advised that as part of the review there was scope for the name of the Board to be amended to reflect the new PfN programme, as seen elsewhere, to include Neighbourhood within the title.

Penny Taylor suggested that the Board be renamed to *Newark Town & Neighbourhood Board*. This was agreed by the Board as a preferred name change and Sarah Husselbee advised that it could be presented to the July meeting and formally adopted once the Assurance Framework is approved by both the Board and Accountable Body.

Matt Lamb advised that there would need to be a discussion held at the July meeting around governance arrangements, specifically the thresholds regarding funding: the size of a project would determine the level of assurance required. There would also need to be a discussion around resource implications, for example, the work required to produce an outline business case and a full business case.

Penny Taylor noted that there would be many decisions required at the 7 July meeting but that information would be circulated ahead of that date which would lessen the need for a further full debate on the same issues.

AGREED (unanimously) that:

- a) the emerging local Plan for Neighbourhoods investment priorities, as detailed in paragraph 3.0 (Table 1) of the report be noted;
- b) the recommended process and indicative timescales to developing and finalising the local Plan for Neighbourhoods Regeneration Plan, as detailed in paragraph 3.0 (Table 2) of the report be approved. *This would include a future decision regarding funding interventions and capacity grant uses, expected to be taken by the Board at the next meeting, following completion of remaining proposed engagement activities;*
- c) updates relating to the Newark Towns Deals Projects, as detailed in paragraph 4.0 of the report be noted; and
- d) the review of the Newark Town Board Assurance Framework, as detailed in paragraph 5.0 of the report be noted

5 WE ARE NEWARK BRAND UPDATE

Penny Taylor opened the discussion on this item by querying whether Board members wished to continue using the title of 'We are Newark' for the Regeneration Plan brand for PfN, as the title selected by the Board previously for the Long-Term Plan for Towns.

Andrew Fearn suggested that clarity on the area covered should be provided, noting it was not just Newark Town but rather 'We are Newark on Trent' may be an option. However, later noted that Newark on Trent may not represent the entire proposed fund boundary.

Dawn Campbell queried the purpose of the proposed name and the intentions for its use. Penny Taylor and Rowan Cozens added that there needed to be better communication with the public as to where the monies were spent, and that there needed to be a recognisable connection between the Newark Town Board and the PfN.

Penny Taylor stated that there needed to be a consistency in the approach to promoting the 'We are Newark' brand.

Sarah Husselbee advised that if the Boards preferred title for use is 'We are Newark' then this can be reflected in the Regeneration Plan development.

AGREED that the discussion be noted, including the preferred title of 'We are Newark' for the purpose of the local Regeneration Plan.

6 NEWARK MASTERPLAN UPDATE

The Board considered the presentation of Jane Hutchinson, NSDC.

The presentation covered why the Masterplan and the Design Code for Newark Town Centre had been commissioned, noting that its creation would provide the opportunity to identify and revitalise underused spaces and set out how and why physical spaces in the town centre could and should change. The plan would help to guide future investment and influence planning decisions, giving the public and private sectors the confidence to commit to Newark. The development of the Masterplan and the Design Code had been developed in conjunction with Historic England to ensure their position as a key stakeholder on the board throughout the process. The contract was awarded to Allies & Morrison, an integrated urbanism team who specialised in masterplanning. Details of the Stage 1 Consultation were provided, noting that the results had been instrumental in developing the Masterplan vision and key principles. Many of the suggestions from the consultation had been picked up as suggested interventions and would form part of a focused delivery plan which could be used for future funding opportunities.

It was reported that the Masterplan was split into 6 chapters with 6 key themes underpinning the character and essence of Newark Town Centre. These themes had been developed and tested by Allies & Morrison following consultation feedback. The key themes set the context and informed Section E of the Masterplan framework. Section E was split into 9-character areas set by the Conservation Management Plan.

In referring to the Design Code, Matt Lamb advised that 'big ticket' themes created discussion and debate: where will the proposed shrinkage of retail be undertaken; and where will the affected retailers be relocated to.

The Executive Board were presented with 2 images of the Market Place which

were based on public comments as to what they would like to see in that area. In referring to the images, Matt Lamb sought to explain how these are reflective of consultation feedback.

In considering the presentation, Rose Thompson of Historic England queried when the marketplace plans would be ready for consultation, noting that it would be beneficial if they were able to feed into them prior to their finalisation. In response, Matt Lamb advised that it would be approximately 8 weeks before they could be consulted on with other organisations and that further work would be required before being shared with the public. Kathryn Sharp of the Environment Agency requested that consideration be given to the introduction of trees into the Scheme to provide shade cover with Andrew Fearn of St. Mary Magdalene with St Leonards noting that there were no bins included on the images. Matt Lamb acknowledged the comments and suggestions.

AGREED that the presentation be noted.

7 ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Matt Lamb advised that there was to be a ministerial visit to the area on 26th June, further details of which would be circulated at the next meeting.

8 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

7 July 2025 – Microsoft Teams

Meeting closed at 3.38 pm.

Chair

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NEWARK TOWN EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING

7TH JULY 2025

Plan for Neighbourhoods Regeneration Plan Development

1.0 Purpose of Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the Plan for Neighbourhoods (PfN) scheme, including identifying draft priorities to inform the development of the local Regeneration Plan.

2.0 RECOMMENDATION that the Newark Town Board:

- 1) Note the updates relating to the PfN geographical boundary, as detailed in 3.2 of this report, and endorse the latest proposed local boundary being considered by Government, shown in Image 2, Appendix A of this report.
- 2) Consider and discuss the initial draft Board vision statement for the purpose of developing the PfN Regeneration Plan, as detailed in 3.6 of this report (with a final vision statement to be agreed in advance of submitting the Regeneration Plan).
- 3) Confirm the Board's preferred draft priority investment themes and interventions, to support the development of the local Regeneration Plan, as detailed in 3.8, Table 1 of this report.
- 4) Confirm the Board's initial draft and indicative 4 year-investment profile to support the development of the local Regeneration Plan, as noted in 3.9, Table 2 of this report.
- 5) To note that the release and commitment of any future funding within the indicative 4-year investment profile, remains subject to a final Regeneration Plan approved by the Board, Accountable Body and Government. This is in addition to completion of all local assurance processes, such as the development of project Business Cases and subsequent approval from both the Board and Accountable Body's S151 Officer, as noted in 3.10 to 3.12 of this report.

3.0 Plan for Neighbourhoods Update

- 3.1 As discussed by the Board over recent months, all places selected for up to £20m Plan for Neighbourhoods (PfN) funding are required to develop a 'Regeneration Plan', for submission to Government by 28th November 2025. This includes each Board establishing an overarching 10-year vision for the programme, with a 4-year Investment plan for the initial funding period (2026-2030). The Plan is required in the form of a publishable document, with further details regarding the contents for Regeneration Plans, available [here](#).
- 3.2 As reported to the Board on 9th April 2025, all participating Towns were required to submit a proposed geographical boundary and governing processes to Government for review and approval by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) by 22nd April 2025. The Board agreed, with one minor tweak to the southern boundary, to re-submit the boundary submitted to the previous Government through

the Long-Term Plan for Towns programme. MHCLG has now recently informed the District Council that the April 2025 proposed geographical boundary (demonstrated in Image 1, Appendix A of this report), will not be accepted for the purpose of the PfN scheme. The Council is advised that the rejection is due to the changes the proposed extension has upon the data sets and methodology for which the 75 Towns were originally selected for funding. This includes introducing additional neighbourhoods and communities within the proposed boundary. A revised geographical boundary (within the parameters of the Town Board proposed Boundary) is now being considered by Government, as shown in image 2, Appendix A of this report. This reflects a small extension the area outside of the Governments original 'red line' boundary, but within the agreed Town Board proposed Boundary. This area is believed to potentially remain within the fund eligibility metrics, however a decision regarding eligibility will be determined by MHCLG, following their formal assessment. Should this boundary not be able to be taken forward, or supported by the Board, it is expected that the Town will defer back to the original government 'red line' boundary for the purpose of the scheme.

- 3.3 On 3rd June 2025, the Board acknowledged the previous 30-year Town Investment Plan (TIP) vision as a priority strategy for developing the local Regeneration Plan, including the four key strategic pillars for the Town of 1) skills, education and business, 2) connectivity, 3) town centre regeneration and culture, and 4) town centre residential redevelopment. This is in addition to the findings of various socio-economic data sets, policies, strategies and ongoing community engagement, as well as building on draft plans developed for the previous Long- Term Plan for Towns (LTPT) scheme. Using this information, several key emerging priority investment themes and interventions were presented to the Board and key stakeholders previously, for consideration through the PfN initiative.
- 3.4 It was further agreed that additional engagement would be undertaken by the Council and Project Manager (Lincoln College) on behalf of the Board in June 2025, with a focus on targeted community groups. These discussions were since held with key partners and Officers, including the emerging themes and interventions reviewed previously by the Board. This engagement provided additional value adding local insight and views, with key findings remaining in alignment with the existing priorities identified. Full details of all findings gathered over recent years, will be incorporated within the local Regeneration Plan document and will demonstrate the evidence base for local investment needs and priorities. Appendix B of this report provides a summary of engagement, strategy and data gathered to date to support the Regeneration Plan development. Throughout the life cycle of the 10-year programme, community engagement will be considered an iterative process, in order to gain feedback on the evolving priorities of the local community and inform future fund investments. To demonstrate this, the local Regeneration Plan will include an ongoing community engagement plan, setting out a high-level strategy for engagement, for the duration of the scheme.
- 3.5 The Council will provide assurance related support to the Board as the Accountable Body, as well as through assisting the development of the Regeneration Plan into a publishable document, on behalf of the Board. This will involve a series of amendments to draft plans developed by the Board through LTPT, to now reflect the latest PfN initiative and government guidance. This will include an overarching vision statement from the Board

with clearly defined aspirations, as well as selected interventions to help set out the strategic approach to driving the desired change over the 10-year period.

- 3.6 With the above in mind, an initial draft vision statement, on behalf of the Board, for the purpose of the Regeneration Plan, is provided for consideration and thoughts below.

“Newark is proud to be made up of many different communities. Newark will thrive as home to one of England’s best historic market towns, welcoming a vibrant mix of shops, homes, accessible services, engaging community activities, educational opportunities and open spaces. Through prosperous, healthy, and safe Neighbourhoods, underpinned by a strong sense of community, Newark will be a destination of choice for business, visitors and residents.”

- 3.7 The draft vision statement aims to recognise the repeated themes that have emerged through a combination of data findings, local strategy (such as the TIP and other local plans), community engagement, and recent board discussions. This includes, but is not limited to, shared aspirations relating to town centre and high street vibrancy and prosperity, education and employment, connectivity and accessibility, and security and safety. It is expected that an agreed vision statement will be supported by a small number of key aspirations or objectives, to be included in the future Regeneration Plan and agreed by the Board, building on from these recurring themes.

- 3.8 In addition to the considering the draft vision statement for the Town, the Board is encouraged to confirm the preferred delivery strategy in terms of selected PfN priority investment themes and interventions, to assist the development of the Regeneration Plan. Current understood priorities when building on previous Board discussions, LTPT draft plans and the outcome of engagement and data analysis, are provided in Table 1 below. These are detailed against the intended cases for change, or expected long-term outcomes, to provide further context to the expected impact.

Table 1. Local Draft Investment Priorities (PfN Themes and Interventions)

PfN Theme	PfN Intervention	Long-term outcomes
Regeneration, Heritage and High Streets	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Funding for improvements to town centres, neighbourhoods, and high streets, including capital spend and running costs. Creating and improving green spaces, community gardens, watercourses and embankments in the local area, along with incorporating natural features into wider public spaces. Enhanced support for arts, cultural, heritage and creative activities, projects and facilities and historic institutions that make up the local cultural heritage offer. 	<p>Increase footfall in town centres</p> <p>Reduce vacancy rates</p> <p>Improve offer of town centre residential</p> <p>Increase sense of pride in place</p> <p>Improved public realm and community space</p> <p>Enhance tourism and retail offer/increase visitor spend</p>

Cohesion	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Funding for impactful volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital in local place. • Investment in capacity building and infrastructure support for local civil society, youth and community groups. 	<p>Increase feeling of safety and security/reduced crime rates.</p> <p>Improve town centre connectivity and accessibility</p> <p>Increase variety of cultural and social opportunities for residents and visitors</p>
Transport	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improving and creating new footways and cycle routes, particularly in areas of health need. • Funding for new, or improvements to local road networks to improve access within and to the town. 	<p>Reduce social isolation and improve health and wellbeing</p> <p>Raise local skills levels</p> <p>Create employment opportunities/reduce unemployment levels.</p>
Safety and Security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Interventions to tackle anti-social behaviour, crime and minimise reoffending. • Improved town centre management. 	<p>Increase productivity.</p>
Work, productivity and Skills	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Skills provision tailored to local opportunities and skills gaps, as well as community wealth building. 	

3.9 As noted within the Governments prospectus, the Regeneration Plan should be complimented by an initial Investment Plan, detailing more specific funding plans for the first 4 years of the scheme (2026 to 2030). Building on from plans developed through LTPT, and with consideration of the latest vision, priority themes and interventions described above, a proposed draft 4-year investment profile to be included within the local Regeneration Plan, is provided in Table 2 below. This includes recommended uses of remaining programme capacity funding.

Table 2. Draft PfN Investment Profile (2026 to 2030)

Proposed Commitment	PfN Theme	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30
Accountable Body Programme Management Funding to support resourcing costs associated with Regeneration Plan development, funding assurance, compliance, board governance, scheme monitoring and reporting. Funding retained and managed by the Accountable Body.	Operational	£100,000 (capacity to be rolled forward to 26-27 and 27-28) *			£50,000 (revenue)	£50,000 (revenue)
Regeneration Plan and Delivery Working Budget Funding to provide a dedicated working budget to support Regeneration Plan development and delivery activities on behalf of the Board. This includes a budget to fund activities such as business case development, community engagement, legal advice, independent application appraisal, communications and branding, as well as additional resourcing as may be required (currently hosted by Lincoln College) and feasibility in year 4 for future programme investment. Funding to be retained and managed by the Accountable Body, in consultation with the Board Chairs.		£50,000 (capacity)	£50,000 (capacity)		£50,000 (revenue)	£50,000 (revenue)
Neighbourhood Events Programme Funding to deliver a local events programme. The events delivery lead and programme aim subject to an agreed approach to commissioning and procurement, by both the Accountable Body and the Board.	Regeneration Heritage and High Streets Cohesion	£50,000 (capacity)**	£150,000 (revenue)	£200,000 (revenue)	£200,000 (revenue)	£200,000 (revenue)
Upper Floor Town Centre Residential Grant Scheme Funding to resource and deliver an Upper Floor Town Centre Residential grant scheme, managed by the Accountable Body on behalf of the Board. Scheme criteria and grant selection process to be agreed by the Board in the future.	Regeneration Heritage and High Streets		£150,000 (capital)	£650,000 (capital)		

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Neighbourhood Community Grant Scheme Funding to deliver an annual grant scheme offering grants for community led projects such as investment in community infrastructure (e.g. £20k to £100k). Grant scheme to be managed by the Accountable Body on behalf of the Board. Scheme criteria and grant selection process to be agreed by the Board in the future.	Cohesion		£292,000 (£82,000 revenue and £210,000 capital)	£306,000 (£56,000 revenue and £250,000 capital)	£332,000 (£132,000 revenue and £200,000 capital)	£332,000 (£132,000 revenue and £200,000 capital)
Regeneration Plan Capital Projects Call (Large Grants) Funding to deliver a call for large capital projects (awards of up to the full £3.7m) that align to the vision and strategy set out within the future Regeneration Plan. This includes the availability of feasibility/project development (F/PD) funding for successful projects in 26-27 with capital investment from 27-28. Competitive appraisal to be independent, with the criteria and grant selection process to be agreed by the Board in future.	Regeneration Heritage and High Streets Safety and Security Transport Cohesion Work, Education and Skills		£100,000 (capacity F/PD)	£836,000 (capital)	£1,405,000 (capital)	£1,405,000 (capital)
TOTAL		£200,000	£742,000	£1,992,000	£2,037,000	£2,037,000

* £50k of £100k proposed capacity funding towards programme management, previously agreed by Board February 2025, subject to release of funding by Government.

** £50k town centre events contribution previously agreed by Board February 2025, subject to release of funding by Government.

- 3.10 Consideration of the initial draft vision statement, as well as confirming emerging priority themes, interventions and a 4-year investment profile (as detailed in this report), will support the development of the Regeneration Plan document, in preparation for submission to Government later this year. Once further developed, and later this summer, the draft Regeneration Plan document will be circulated to the Board for review and initial consideration. Following this, the Plan will be presented for formal Board approval, expected September 2025. The Plan will require additional approval on behalf of the Accountable Body, before submission to MHCLG, and as noted within the prospectus, both the local MP and Mayor of the East Midlands Combined County Authority (EMCCA) will also be consulted during the process.
- 3.11 It should be re-enforced that draft plans set out within this report will not be confirmed until the Board, Accountable Body and Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), have all approved the final, publishable Regeneration Plan document, and may therefore be subject to change. Upon final approval of plans, the release of delivery funding from the Accountable Body and MHCLG to support identified projects and workstreams, remains subject to processes set out within the Local Assurance Framework, including the development and approval of Business Cases.
- 3.12 An exception to the requirement for Business Cases is expected to apply to the commitment of operational funding, as identified in Table 2. This funding may be instead made available once local plans are confirmed by MHCLG, or once capacity funding is otherwise released by the Department and Accountable Body.

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Lead Officers:

Matt Lamb

Director - Planning & Growth, Newark & Sherwood District Council

Sanjiv Kohli

Deputy Chief Executive & Director - Resources, Newark & Sherwood District Council

Neil Cuttall

Business Manager - Economic Growth & Visitor Economy, Newark & Sherwood District Council

Sarah Husselbee

Programmes Manager, Newark & Sherwood District Council

APPENDIX A – PFN GEOGRAPHICAL BOUNDARY UPDATES

IMAGE 1 – BLUE LINE BOUNDARY SUBMITTED APRIL 2025 (REJECTED BY MHCLG)

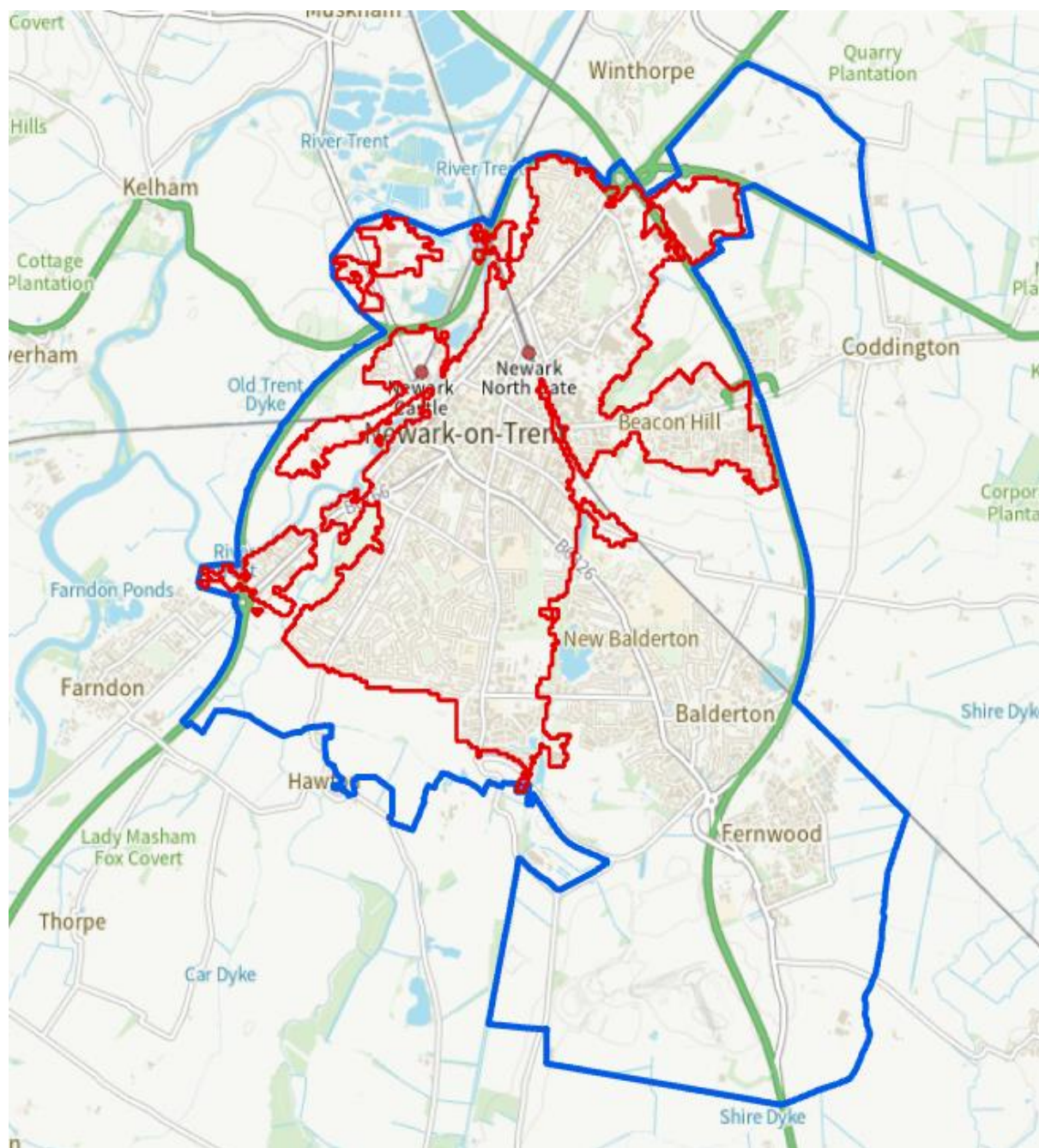
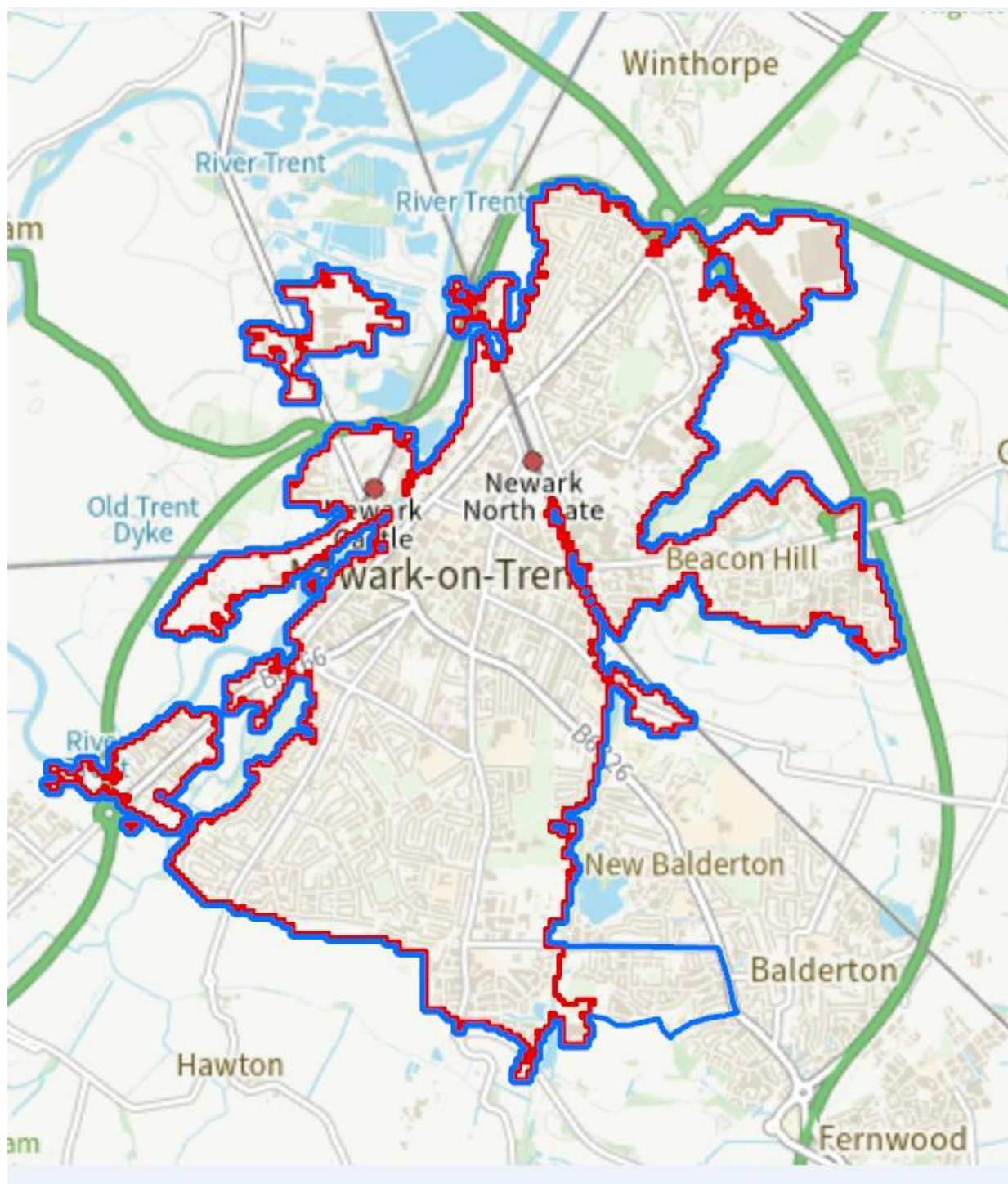


IMAGE 2- BLUE LINE BOUNDARY SUBMITTED JUNE 2025 (AWAITNG CONFIRMATION FROM MHCLG)



APPENDIX B – PfN REGENERATION PLAN DATA, INSIGHT, STRATEGY AND ENGAGEMENT

A summary of key engagement, data and strategy to be considered within the development of initial PfN plans is provided below.

Source	Type
Socio-economic data – Savills analysis MHCLG PfN data pack 2025 Other complimentary data sources	Data
Various targeted discussions with community groups, stakeholders, and professional community leads – focus on underrepresented community groups throughout 2025	Engagement/Consultation
NSDC Residents Survey 2022	Engagement/Consultation
Newark Masterplan Consultation 2023-2024	Engagement/Consultation
Beaumont House Engagement 2024	Engagement/Consultation
Business Baseline Survey 2024	Engagement/Consultation
TIP Place Survey 2020	Engagement/Consultation
Newark College Students 2024 and 2025	Engagement/Consultation
Plan for Neighbourhoods Prospectus 2025	Strategy/Investment programme
Town Investment Plan TIP 2020	Strategy/Investment programme
NSDC Community Plan 2023-2027	Strategy/Investment programme
Sustainable Economic Growth Strategy 2026	Strategy/Investment programme
NSDC Local Plan Amended Core Strategy 2019	Strategy/Investment programme
Other funding sources – Towns Deal, UKSPF, Safer Streets, Levelling Up Initiative, Adult Skills Fund	Strategy/Investment programme
EMCCA Strategic Priorities	Strategy/Investment programme