

Report No. Appendix: Agenda Item No.	Council
	Date of Meeting:
OAKHAM TOWN COUNCIL	
Report Author:	Title: Councillor
cllr Neal	
Subject: Oakham Town Regeneration Partnership Shadow Board	
Strategic Aim.	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Lead and facilitate the production and maintenance of a Neighborhood Plan. ● Ensure that Oakham remains a viable and pleasant environment in which to live, work and play. ● Improve and increase facilities within the town. ● Promote the town as an attractive place to visit and stay. ● Work with and in partnership with Rutland County Council and other partner groups. 	

The Oakham Town Regeneration Partnership Shadow Board is currently chaired by cllr Hemsley (RCC) and includes members from Rutland County Council, Oakham Town Council, Oakham Residents Group, Discover Rutland, Anglian Water, Oakham Town Partnership, Rutland Access Group and Barleythorpe Parish Council. The group have now met twice and agreed the terms of reference.

Now that these are established the shadow board is keen to get the regeneration partnership membership to full capacity for the meeting on November 6th 2019 so that projects can begin to be worked on. The current members are contacting the full list of identified stakeholders again to reinvite them and are actively recruiting a chair for the partnership. It has been agreed that the chair should be a stakeholder who is independent of Rutland County Council. RCC want to provide a supporting role to the board but is keen for the group to have autonomy.

The board would like Oakham Town Council to consider becoming their accountable body to manage funding from government and other sources. Doing so would mean that OTC would be responsible for ensuring that statutory requirements are met in resource allocation decisions and that the public interest is protected. An accountable body generally takes responsibility for the legal and financial management of a grant given to a particular project. The accountable body will receive the funding, hold and administer the funds and are legally responsible for the proper use and management of those funds.

It is possible that once the board is fully up and running they could go on to form themselves as a community interest company negating the need for the accountable body, this is the route that Uppingham first have taken and it seems to be successful, however this would be a decision for the full board to make.

It would also be advisable for the town council to elect their member for the full partnership board, this can be the same member who attended the shadow board (Cllr Neal) but if not please be reminded that it should not be a member who is also a councillor for Rutland County Council or a member who is already sitting on the board representing other stakeholders. Cllr Neal would be happy to continue as the OTC representative on the full board.

Proposal

To elect a representative to become a full member of the Oakham Town Regeneration Partnership Board.

To decide whether Oakham Town Council would be willing to become the accountable body to the Oakham Town Regeneration Partnership Board.

