

# STRONGER HEREFORD

## Notes from a meeting of the STRONGER HEREFORD – PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GROUP (PDG) MEETING held on 9 April 2025 from 8.30 – 9.30 am via MS Teams

<b>Members:</b>	Frank Myers MBE	FM	Chair
	Abigail Appleton MBE	AA	Principal, Hereford College of Arts (and Chair of Hereford Stronger Towns Board)
	Paul Stevens	PS	Hereford City BID
<b>Attendees:</b>	Ivan Annibal	IA	Rose Regeneration (RR)
	Christian Dangerfield	CD	Rose Regeneration (RR)
<b>Apologies:</b>	James Newby	JN	President & CEO, NMITE
<b>Notetaker:</b>	Jan Bailey	JB	

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	<b>New Declarations of Interest</b>  None	
2.	<b>Notes of Previous Meeting</b>  The notes of the PDG meeting held on 26 February 2025 were approved as a correct record.	
3.	<b>Matters Arising</b>	
3.1	Attendees said they would like further clarification on how the financial responsibilities previously undertaken by Joni Hughes would now be undertaken by Rose Regeneration now she has left the council. There is a need to understand the detailed processes which will be deployed under these new arrangements. This issue will be raised at Friday's Board meeting.	AA
3.	<b>Project Updates</b>	
3.1	<b>Wyeside Project</b>	
3.1.1	IA highlighted a number of financial issues that need resolution, following the close-down of this project.	
3.1.2	These issues raise several wider points to do with rights and responsibilities relating to the Financial Agreements. AA will highlight these points with the council's Section 151 Officer before Friday's Board meeting so that she is prepared to answer questions from the Board at that meeting.	AA
3.1.3	The Chair reminded PDG that a meeting is still outstanding with the Section 151 Officer to discuss Board financial reporting requirements as a follow up to the earlier meeting. AA said she would remind the Section 151 Officer of this request.	AA

<b>3.2</b>	<b>Encore Project</b>	RR
<b>3.2.1</b>	PDG discussed the current situation with this project, following the Encore Board's decision not to proceed with the purchase of St Nicholas Church.	
<b>3.2.2</b>	IA advised that the Project Lead is in discussion with the council regarding an alternative property that may be suitable for let.	
<b>3.2.3</b>	It was agreed that the Project Lead be asked to attend a future PDG so that he can provide an update on the outcome of these discussions and proposed next steps.	
<b>3.3</b>	<b>Greening the City</b>	
<b>3.3.1</b>	IA advised of ongoing delays to contracts being issued by this project to carry out remaining works. An update has been included in this week's Board papers. Members said they would welcome the opportunity to walk the planned route proposed by this project.	
<b>3.4</b>	<b>Hereford Museum &amp; Art Gallery</b>	
<b>3.4.1</b>	Members expressed ongoing need to understand the detailed financial projections for this project. Roger Allonby is attending Board on Friday and will be asked to provide more detail on the project's financial projections.	
<b>3.5</b>	<b>Electric Buses</b>	
<b>3.5.1</b>	PDG were keen to understand the delivery models and options for the electric buses, once the current funding arrangements come to an end.	
<b>3.6</b>	<b>South Wye – Growing Local</b>	FM
<b>3.6.1</b>	AA reminded PDG that the Project Lead had agreed to return to PDG with a business plan for the Growing Local project, but that this was outstanding. IA said that detailed cash flows had been prepared and he was confident that the project could continue to generate sufficient revenue on an on-going basis to secure its future. He said the Project Lead was keen to show PDG members all that is being achieved at the site.	
<b>4.</b>	<b>Any Other Business</b>	FM
<b>4.1</b>	The topic of Stronger Hereford legacy was briefly raised. This to be discussed in greater detail at the next PDG meeting.	
<b>5.</b>	<b>Date of Next Meeting</b>  PDG – Wednesday 23 April, 8.30am via Teams.  Board – Friday 11 April, 8.30-10am (hybrid and in person at Hereford College of Arts, College Road campus).	