

WHITBY TOWN DEAL BOARD

DATE: **FRIDAY 20th MARCH 2026**

TIME: **10:30AM – 12:00PM**

LOCATION: **WHITBY COLISEUM CENTRE**

AGENDA ITEMS

1. WELCOME & APOLOGIES – CHAIR
 - Richard Flinton, NYC
 - Paul Fellows, NYMNP
 - Cllr Mark Crane, NYC

2. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING (ATTACHED) AND MATTERS ARISING – CHAIR

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST - CHAIR

4. FUTURE OF BOARD PROPOSAL (ATTACHED) – KERRY LEVITT

5. WHITBY MARITIME HUB – ELLIS COOPER

6. HARBOURSIDE PUBLIC REALM AND PEDESTRIANISATION – SIMON HAYDEN

7. OLD TOWN HALL – ALBERT HUDSON

8. BROOMFIELDS FARM – KERRY LEVITT

9. A.O.B

10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING
 - 17th July 2026

Future Proposals for the Whitby Town Deal Board

1. Introduction

This paper presents the rationale for changes to the Whitby Town Deal Board and brings arrangements in line with changes in programme governance and the reduced board business due to the successful completion of projects.

This proposal reflects:

- Full delegation of programme authority to the Council.
- Reduced need for a formal Board due to project completions.
- The Board's agreement that future engagement should be more targeted.

2. Background

Recent updates to the Towns Fund (now the Local Regeneration Fund/LRF) confirm:

- Decision-making authority now sits fully with the Council as Accountable Body.
- Monitoring requirements have been simplified under the LRF programme, which runs to March 2028.
- Most Whitby projects will have been completed by Spring 2026, greatly reducing the need for continued Board oversight.

During discussion at the December Board meeting, members agreed that the completion of most of the projects combined with updated national guidance would naturally reduce the requirement for a formal Board structure. Members also recognised the value of more targeted engagement for individual projects moving forward.

3. Proposal to Disband the Whitby Town Deal Board

3.1 Formal Closure

The Whitby Town Deal Board will formally disband after its next scheduled meeting in July 2026, by which point:

- The Old Town Hall and Whitby Maritime Training Hub will be complete; and
- The remaining two projects will continue under established Council governance with regular written updates circulated to board members as outlined below.

This timing allows the Board to:

- Receive final completion updates,
- Reflect on programme achievements, and
- Conclude its role in line with updated national requirements.

3.2 Ongoing Monitoring and Reporting

After the Board closes, transparency remains essential:

- Monthly status updates will continue to be circulated to former Board members for the two projects still in delivery.
- Twice-annual monitoring outputs will be shared for all Whitby Towns Fund projects until March 2028, in line with national LRF expectations.

3.3 Future Stakeholder Engagement

- There will be local stakeholder engagement on emerging projects from the Whitby Town Investment Plan, building on the momentum created through the Town Deal.
- Individual project teams will continue to issue communications at key milestones to ensure stakeholders remain informed.

4. Recommendation

Board members are asked to:

1. **Approve** the disbanding of the Whitby Town Deal Board following the July 2026 meeting.
2. **Endorse** ongoing project and programme monitoring reports as proposed.
3. **Support** the approach to future engagement, and the continued commitment to project communications.