

STRONGER HEREFORD

Notes from a meeting of the STRONGER HEREFORD – PROJECT DEVELOPMENT GROUP (PDG) MEETING held on 19 February 2025 from 8.30 – 9.15 am via MS Teams

Members:	Frank Myers MBE Abigail Appleton MBE	FM AA	Chair Principal, Hereford College of Arts (and Chair of Hereford Stronger Towns Board)
Attendees:	Ian Annibal Christian Dangerfield	IA CD	Rose Regeneration (RR) Rose Regeneration (RR)
Apologies: /Absences	James Newby Paul Stevens Joni Hughes	JN PS JH	President & CEO, NMITE Hereford City BID Portfolio Manager, Capital Development, HC
Notetaker:	Jan Bailey	JB	

ITEM	NOTES	ACTION
1.	New Declarations of Interest None	
2.	Notes of previous meetings and matters arising The notes of the PDG meeting held on 29 January 2025 were approved as a correct record. Matters arising and action updates were deferred until the next PDG meeting.	
3.	Growing Local Project	
3.1	IA provided an update on the recent Trustee impending changes at the Growing Local Project and the impact this may have on the achievement of project outcomes.	
3.2	IA raised some additional issues to do with the project's drawdown of monies from the Stronger Towns fund to support revenue costs. He reminded PDG that up to 10% of the total STF budget can be allocated to revenue and that he reports quarterly on this aspect to DCLG.	
3.3	Following discussion, the following actions were agreed:	
3.3.1	AA will write to the Trustee who has resigned from the project to offer a meeting with herself and FM to share and learn from her experiences.	AA
3.3.2	RR will write to all Trustees to thank them for keeping PDG informed and to ask for a meeting to discuss future governance of the project, once they have agreed a way forward.	RR
3.3.3	RR will provide a position statement vis-à-vis the project's current spending position and the objectives stated in its full business case.	RR
4.	Encore Project	
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<p>4.2</p> <p>4.3</p>	<p>CD provided an update on discussions with the Encore project lead. He said the Trustees' current position is that they would only go ahead with the purchase of St Nicholas Church if planning permission were granted. CD confirmed that although the project is looking for alternative premises, nowhere suitable has been located.</p> <p>PDG were hopeful that a resolution to planning issues may be found. They suggested that a small amount of STF funding could be provided to assist in sourcing the additional information required by planners.</p> <p>AA will contact the project lead and trustee to make the offer of assistance.</p>	<p>AA</p>
<p>7.</p>	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>None</p>	
<p>8.</p>	<p>Date of Next Meeting</p> <p>PDG – to be confirmed</p> <p>Board – Friday 14 March, 8.30-10am (hybrid and in person).</p>	