



Carlisle Town Deal Board

15 May 2026, 14:30-16:30

Tullie – Museum and Gallery

Draft

Action	Owner	Target Date
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No.	Item
1	<p>Welcome and introductions / apologies / declarations of interest</p> <p><u>In attendance</u> David Wright (DW), Michael Everitt (ME), Julie Minns (JM), Andrew Mackay (AM), Debbie Kavanagh (DK), Liz Fitzsimons (LF), Ellie Richardson (ER), Caroline Patterson (CP), Robert Docherty (RD).</p> <p><u>Apologies</u> Cllr Anne Quilter, Amanda Buchanan, Shane Byrne, Elaine Herbert, Andrew Heron, Nick Jones, Tracey Slaven, Rob Brittain.</p> <p><u>Declarations of Interest</u> No new declarations of interest.</p> <p>The Chair thanked Tullie for hosting the Carlisle Town Deal Board's celebration event.</p>
2	<p>Tullie presentation</p> <p>The board received a presentation from Amy and Andrew from Tullie – Museum and Gallery.</p> <p>'Project Tullie' – Welcome & Entrance, Carlisle Gallery, Studio and Shop. Phase 2 of a wider programme of renovation at Tullie.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Led the board through design, construction and completion of Project Tullie. • Since reopening, visitor numbers have increased to more than 60,000. • Tullie vision: to be a home of culture within Carlisle. • Audience development plan to retain, attract and grow. • Phase 3 of Tullie's renovation programme would like to see another 20,000 visitors, with phase 5 increasing to up to 100,000. • Won awards including 'Contribution to the City' and 'Best Attraction Café for Cumbria'.
3	<p>Review of minutes</p> <p>The Board ratified the draft minutes from the meeting dated 11.02.2026.</p>

	Minutes will now be uploaded to the Carlisle Town Deal webpage.
4	<p>Actions from previous meeting No.18 – in progress. No.19 – complete. Former Chair, Emma Porter, invited to Tullie celebration event held today. No.36 – in progress. No.37 – in progress. No.38 – complete. No.40 – in progress. RD explained discussions are ongoing about the future of the Town Deal Board, which is part of a wider strategy. Town Deal Boards have been embedded in our governance process and will be considered in ongoing discussions. No.41 – complete.</p> <p>ACTION: (Cumberland Council) Generic document to be sent across to the Town Deal Board on the purpose of the Town Deal Board before the next meeting, giving insight on the future purpose. When the future of the Town Deal Board is clear, we can recruit (or not) and close no.36.</p> <p>RD provided an insight into a possible future purpose of the board - stakeholder engagement. As the projects are moving to completion, they don't require as much engagement from the board as they did during the first phases of the Town Deal programme. The Town Deal Board is specifically for the Carlisle Town Deal programme, but following the close of the Town Deal, it is possible the group may morph into something else in the future Place strategy.</p>
5	<p>MHCLG 6 monthly report & monitoring return DK presented the update. Report to be circulated with the board.</p> <p>As the report was not ready to be circulated before the meeting, queries are welcomed from the board before 28th May, before the submission to MHCLG.</p> <p>Report no longer needs signed off by the board as per MHCLG guidance but will still be presented to the board for their review.</p>
6	<p>Project Change Controls DK presented the update for the board's information.</p> <p><u>TD.10 Lighting Up Carlisle</u> Approved change to include additional milestones for the project, so they can be added to the monitoring return and accurately reflect progress.</p> <p><u>TD.18 Digital and Community Learning Hub</u> Approved change to realign the revenue budget as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - To extend the continuation of the BIPC service for a further 12 months (2 posts). - To not proceed with the development of the Digital Co-Ordinator, but retain the delivery budget, enabling the outcomes to be delivered. - To utilise any underspend of funds towards additional library furniture/digital equipment and resources.
7	<p>Programme/Project Updates CP presented the update.</p> <p><u>Caldew Riverside Land Remediation</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Works completed on site in March. • Technical sign off next week. • Ongoing monitoring period until March 2028. • Disposal of site in March 2028.

	<p><u>Digital Community Learning Hub</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Stage 2 construction completed in April.• Contractors now off-site.• Closure April - July for final decoration, furniture delivery and stock return.• Soft open in July.• Opening event to be held end of August/start of September. <p><u>Southern Gateway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• English Street works complete.• Buses operating from the three bus shelters – no issues reported.• Glass cover and framing around The Well has been installed. Historical plaque to come.• Due to complete The Well in May.• The Crescent works completed in April.• Positive response from business owners.• Bus stops functioning well. <p><u>Southern Gateway - Phase 3</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improvement works to the top of English street.• Benches, bollards, bins and bike racks to be replaced. Installation in June.• Comms to be issued in May. <p>A suggestion was made by JM to look into 'blue stickers' to be displayed in local shop windows detailing the history of the buildings, as a simple, low-cost addition.</p> <p><u>Start With The Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Majority of work for this project is complete.• Highways and Hammonds Pond Active Travel are both in design phase.• Cycle store and repair station due to be installed in June/July.• Wayfinding roundels to be installed.• Skate Park opening event held last month – good turnout with positive feedback from the community.
8	<p>Comms update RD presented the update. Slides to be shared with the minutes.</p> <p><u>Caldew Riverside</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Press release issued highlighting the successful clean-up of the Caldew Riverside site. <p><u>Start With The Park</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Regular communications to promote Start With The Park at Hammond's Pond.• Monthly press releases and ongoing social media activity to showcase progress and impact. Received exceptionally well.• Recent update on continued improvements at Hammond's Pond achieved 26.2k views. <p><u>Southern Gateway</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Comms to support delivery of the next phase of improvements at the top of English Street.• Letter to residents/businesses, PR and social media posts planned. <p><u>Digital and Community Learning Hub</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Planned programme of communications in May and June, including press releases and social media activity.• Opening event to be organised by the comms team.• Press Release issued regarding the achievement of Bronze awards at the Considerate Constructors Scheme (CCS) National Site Awards.

9	<p>Any other business / next steps</p> <p>As the projects are reaching completion, it was suggested that board meetings should be held in newly opened spaces going forwards, perhaps tying in with opening events or comms opportunities where possible.</p> <p>Date and location of the next meeting to be confirmed.</p> <p>The Chair closed the meeting at 16:25.</p>

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