Royal Sutton Coldfield Plan for Neighbourhoods

Inaugural Meeting of the Royal Sutton Coldfield Neighbourhood Board

Minutes

Friday 20th June 2025
5pm – 6:30pm at the Trinity Centre, Sutton Coldfield, B72 1TF

Chair: Doug Wright MBE DL

Present:

Doug Wright MBE DL - (DW)	Cllr Simon Ward	Cllr Richard Parkin
Wasim Ali	Nasir Awan MBE DL	Paul Faulkner
Nicola Gould	Chris Holt	Krishan Jaglan
Lynn Jennings	Deepak Parekh	Joy Scott-Thompson
Becky Stephens	Josh Walsh	

In attendance:

Olive O'Sullivan (OOS)	Chief Executive Officer, Royal Sutton Coldfield Town Council (RSCTC)
Steve Hollingworth	Head of Open Spaces and Environment, RSCTC
Natalia Gorman	Project Manager, Events & Communications, RSCTC

1	**Welcome & Introductions** The Chair welcomed the Deputy Police and Crime Commissioner Wasim Ali and Chris Holt, Chief Transformation Officer (Birmingham Community Healthcare Trust) to the Board. DW advised that going forward Superintendent Haroon Chughtai will represent West Midlands Police and Claire Evans will represent the Sutton Coldfield Charitable Trust. Apologies received from Rt Hon Sir Andrew Mitchell, Cllr Ewan Mackey, Claire Bridges, Haroon Chughtai and Claire Evans. The Chair advised that given the importance of appointing consultants to carry out the community engagement, items 6, 8, 9 ,10 & 11 would be deferred, to give more time to agenda item 13.
2	**Minutes of the Previous Meeting and Decisions Log** The Board approved the minutes of the meeting held on 28 March 2025.
3	**Matters Arising** None.
4	**Meet the Chair Event on 27th May 2025** DW advised that on 27 May, he and Paul Faulkner met with 13 community groups, representing 16 organisations. A mop up session is to be held on 26 June.

5	**Neighbourhood Board Chair Networking Event on 10^{th} June 2025** DW thanked PF for attending the Neighbourhood Board Chair Networking Event, held in London on 10 June.
6	**Board Membership & Governance** Deferred to next Board meeting.
7	**Terms of Reference** As agreed at the inaugural meeting of the Plan for Neighbourhoods Board, members were given the opportunity to review the Terms of Reference. Re line 5.7 in the draft Terms of Reference DW advised he would not be in agreement for Board members to nominate a substitute when unable to attend meetings and requested that line 5.7 be deleted. **Decision** – to agree the revised Terms of Reference with line 5.7 in the draft Terms of Reference deleted.
8	**Royal Sutton Coldfield Plan for Neighbourhoods Boundary** Deferred to next Board meeting.
9	**Plan for Neighbourhoods Government Guidance on Regeneration Plan** Deferred to next Board meeting. DW advised that the deadline for submission of the Board's completed Plan and Investment Priorities is 28 November 2025.
10	**Local Data Profile** Deferred to next Board meeting.
11	**Polling Data** Deferred to next Board meeting.
12	**Capacity Building Funding** The Board noted the statement of expenditure circulated and published to date.
13	**Private and Confidential Session** **Decision –** The Board approved that Genecon be commissioned to carry out community engagement on the Plan for Neighbourhoods and to work with the Board to develop the 10 Year Vision and Regeneration Plan and Investment priorities for the first four years of the programme. The Board considered the five applications that were received for funding of £3,000 to conduct grass roots consultation, in collaboration with Genecon.

	Decision – Age Concern, The Gap, Our Place CIC, Sutton Parivaar and Boldmere Futures CIC are awarded £3,000 to conduct grass roots consultation, in collaboration with the specialist contractors (Genecon). Krishan Jaglan declared a pecuniary interest as a member of the Sutton Parivaar and therefore abstained from voting.
14	**MHCLG** The Chair reported that civil servants from MHCLG will visit Sutton Coldfield on 23 July and requested that Board members who wish to attend contact the secretariat for further information.
15	**Any Other Business** None.
16	**Date of Next Meeting** 12 September 2025. **Decision –** that the meeting scheduled for 5 December 2025 is brought forward to 21 November 2025.