

## **CLAY CROSS TOWN DEAL BOARD**

### **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD ON FRIDAY, 30 JANUARY 2026**

#### **Present:**

Lee Barnes (Chair) (in the Chair)  
Councillor Nigel Barker (Vice-Chair)

Councillor Jayne Barry  
Councillor Kathy Rouse  
Louise Sandher-Jones  
Angela Stansfield

Councillor Pat Kerry  
Councillor Alex Dale  
Andrew King  
Councillor Stephen Reed

#### **Also Present:**

M Homer	Head of Service - Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service, Derbyshire County Council
S Lee	Assistant Director of Regeneration and Programmes (SIRO)
T Burdett	Programmes Manager
S Stevenson	Partnership Strategy & Support Officer
T Fuller	Senior Governance Officer

#### **CXT Apologies for Absence**

**B/26/**

**25-26** Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Brian Wright, Gavin Varley and Becky Hunter.

#### **CXT Declarations of Interest**

**B/27/**

**25-26** There were no declarations of interest.

#### **CXT DCC Adult Education Services Presentation**

**B/28/**

**25-26** The Board received a presentation that detailed the future options consultation for the Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES). The presentation included an explanation of the purpose and approach of the consultation, a summary of the priorities of the consultation and a detailing of three options that were being put forward to consultees. At the end of the presentation, Board Members were asked to give their input into the consultation.

Board discussed the presentation. Members discussed the importance of non-qualification courses, the importance of getting the older generations involved in mentoring young people, the need for flexibility to get to the most deprived communities and the need to be able to get those in need to engage with the service. The Board also heard that a large portion of the DACES budget was spent on sustaining buildings, and it was suggested that in some cases the money could be better spent elsewhere.

The Board discussed concerns that the decision on the future of DACES would potentially lead to Derbyshire County Council (DCC) pulling out of providing the Adult Education Centre in Clay Cross. It was highlighted that this provided an integral part of the regeneration project. Some Members suggested that the uncertainty was causing stress to people of Clay Cross. Some Members suggested that it would be wrong to try and pre-empt the results of the consultation. It was also suggested that certain options being put forward could likely mean Clay Cross Adult Education Centre remained open, although it was acknowledged that the potential of closure represented a major issue to the Board.

The Board discussed the importance of the Adult Education Centre to the Clay Cross regeneration scheme. Some Members suggested that the primary concern was around the building itself rather than the future of adult education provision in Clay Cross at this time. Some Members queried whether DCC had considered alternative uses for the building. The Board heard that DCC were not at that stage yet, although they remained committed to having the building as part of the regeneration scheme. The process for reaching a decision on the future of the Clay Cross Adult Education Centre was explained and a timeline for reaching a decision was shared. In this context, the process for when a building was deemed surplus to service need was clarified.

At the end of the discussion, the Board agreed to submit a collective response to the consultation. It was suggested that an informal Teams meeting be set up to formulate a collective response.

RESOLVED –

1. That the presentation be noted.

That Board submit a collective response to the future options consultation for the Derbyshire Adult Community Education Service (DACES).