



Building a foundation to deliver opportunities for all

TODMORDEN TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN

(REVISED PROJECTS 2021/22)

This document sets out the projects that made the final selection in the revised Town Investment Plan submitted to government in December 2021. These are the projects, some amended from the original Town Investment Plan (TIP), that central government has approved for funding from the £17.5M investment awarded to the town in February of this year.

Years of community consultations identified many of the priorities the projects aim to address. These projects represent a collective investment in a better future for the town, one that is more sustainable, accessible, connected, and inclusive. They are rich in opportunities and aspiration, connected by threads of resilience, health, enterprise and creativity.

At this early stage of the process, the project outlines are in brief. Project leads are currently developing highly detailed Business Cases. This information will be updated at the completion of that process in August of this year.

Each project outline includes a brief introduction and description of the key purpose of the project and how funding will be used, as well as the impact the project aims to achieve. There are also bullet points that indicate how each project sits within the criteria of the Towns Fund (Town Fund Alignment) and local, regional and strategic objectives (Strategic Alignment).

For further information on the original project outlines see the TIP submitted in early 2020 in documents on our website.

Public Places in the Heart of the Todmorden

Bramsche Square lies between three fine heritage buildings, Todmorden Market, Central Methodist Church and Grade I listed Todmorden Town Hall.

As a multi-purpose public space for our events and festivals, alongside a reconfigured and enhanced Pollination Street and 'town green', this investment will transform the heart of our town.

In its current use as a public car park, the square is dominated by cars and parking, and it does not have the capability to host our range of festivals, events and activities. This project involves reducing the amount of car parking by transforming Bramsche Square into a new public square and civic space.

The outdoor market stalls will be replaced with more modern retractable stalls that enable the space to be used more flexibly.

The project will put onsite infrastructure services in place to support Todmorden's successful programme of festivals as well as the hosting of specialty markets. The space will be designed for flexible, multipurpose uses including short term car parking.

Developing the heart of the town centre will facilitate better coordination between all stakeholders, the private, public and community sectors, and enable greater collaboration for local economic and health and wellbeing benefits for residents, visitors and businesses.

Towns Fund Alignment:

- ✓ Urban regeneration, planning & land-use
- ✓ Arts, culture & heritage
- ✓ Enterprise Infrastructure
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

- ✓ National Planning Policy Framework
- ✓ Planning Practice Guidance
- ✓ Our Green Future
- ✓ Leeds City Region Destination Plan
- ✓ Calderdale Submission Draft Local Plan
- ✓ Calderdale Visitor Economy Strategy
- ✓ Draft Todmorden Neighbourhood Plan

Town Deal funding will:

- Change perceptions by residents, businesses & visitors
- Encourage trips by foot and bicycle
- Improve wheelchair access
- Bring more visitors to town centre events
- Improve biodiversity and rainwater management

Enterprise in the Heart of Todmorden

A new state of the art three storey building will house diverse local enterprise start-ups and small businesses, enabling co-working, collaboration, and business incubation. The Project also offers a response to changing working habits due to Covid-19. Shop fronts on the ground floor will focus on food and a cycle hub, occupying ground floor and sharing central public space with a café. upper floors will contain flexible business and training units and some accommodation.

The scheme will be an exemplar of low carbon building and designed to the highest quality in keeping with the conservation area status of the site. A proposed atrium forms a direct link between the new Civic Square and Pollination Street and will double up as a Winter Garden. The ground floor units will have shop windows to the outside as well as trading within the atrium for animation as well futureproofing the businesses for future pandemics.

Towns Fund Alignment:

- ✓ Urban regeneration, planning & land-use
- ✓ Enterprise infrastructure
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

- ✓ National Planning Policy Framework
- ✓ UK Industrial Strategy
- ✓ Gear Change
- ✓ WYCA Spatial Priority Areas
- ✓ Calderdale Submission Draft Local Plan
- ✓ Calderdale Inclusive Growth Strategy
- ✓ Calderdale Visitor Economy Strategy
- ✓ Draft Todmorden Neighbourhood Plan

Town Deal funding will:

- Improve perceptions of Todmorden
- Bring new business opportunities
- Deliver commercial spaces for local use
- Support enterprise to flourish
- Create accommodation

Todmorden Town Hall

The Town Hall project is to re-invent the 1875 built Grade I listed building to create an open and welcoming Heritage Centre and community hub that is financially sustainable. Town Deal funding will build on partnership investment already spent on works to improve both the exterior and interior of the Hall. This will include:

- Refurbishment and adaptations including reopening of the main entrance.
- Works to the main access to improve accessibility
- Remodelling of internal spaces to enable a range of uses (including information centre, event space and workspace) /activities simultaneously
- The Main Hall will be fully refurbished and become an attractive useable venue for hire

The Town Hall will become an attractive and fully accessible building available for events, functions and workspace. The investment will realise the potential of this much-loved building to be valued and used fully by the community.

Towns Fund Alignment:

- ✓ Arts, culture & heritage
- ✓ Skills & Enterprise infrastructure
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

- ✓ National Planning Policy Framework
- ✓ Historic England Corporate Plan
- ✓ Visit Britain & Visit England 5-Year Plan
- ✓ West Yorkshire Strategic Economic Framework
- ✓ Welcome to Yorkshire Recovery Plan
- ✓ Leeds City Region Destination Plan
- ✓ Calderdale Vital Signs
- ✓ Calderdale All Age Disability Strategy
- ✓ Calderdale Visitor Economy Strategy
- ✓ Calderdale Submission Draft Local Plan
- ✓ Draft Todmorden Neighbourhood Plan

Town Deal funding will:

- Improve perceptions by residents and visitors
- Create new volunteer and paid posts
- Increase visitor numbers
- Create a heritage education hub for local school children
- Enhance local civic pride

The Hippodrome Theatre

The Hippodrome is one of the UK's largest community run theatres and has been owned and run by the Todmorden Amateur Operatic and Dramatic Society (TAODS) for over 50 years. The theatre present arts and cultural events throughout the year and hosts many other arts and educational organisations events both professional and community based. Towns Fund investment will expand the offer and increase jobs and training prospects within the creative industries, in particular, for young people. Funding will be targeted towards:

- Extending existing theatre building to create a new fully accessible performance space
- The provision of a cinema space
- A new space to allow for the expansion of our youth theatre section
- Additional public spaces and refurbishment of existing spaces to increase the number of events
- Increased day time use of the building to promote footfall along Halifax Road and an increase in visitors to Todmorden
- Purchase of an off-site storage unit to increase the amount of public space available
- Increasing employment opportunities for people working in the creative arts

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- ✓ Arts, culture & heritage
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- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

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- ✓ Historic England Corporate Plan
- ✓ Visit Britain & Visit England 5-Year Plan
- ✓ West Yorkshire Strategic Economic Framework
- ✓ Welcome to Yorkshire Recovery Plan
- ✓ Leeds City Region Destination Plan
- ✓ Calderdale Vital Signs
- ✓ Calderdale Adult Learning Strategic Plan
- ✓ Calderdale All Age Disability Strategy
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Town Deal funding will:

- Provide new creative, retail and storage spaces
- Increase visitors to arts, cultural and heritage events
- Extend positive perception of The Hippodrome
- Create more volunteer and member opportunities
- Increase visitors to Todmorden

The Riverside Centre

The Riverside site has been underutilised for 20 years with one single interest sport making use of the site. Disrepair of the less visible elements are evident on inspection. The structure of the pavilion building is sound, but the internal facilities and services are in poor condition and not sustainable as with modern builds.

Upper Calder Valley Renaissance (UCVR) has had ownership since 2016 and it has seen many minor improvements to enable the site to widen its use in the last four years, but it needs serious investment to allow income generating activities to make it sustainable. The investment will be used to refurbish and modernise the pavilion building so it is fit for purpose. The site will be developed into a modern multi-use facility with leisure and course accommodation. There will be café to complement the recreation, leisure and sports facilities. Riverside's transformation on a main access route will announce the town's ambitions and progress.

UCVR is a not-for-profit social purpose organisation and funds will be reinvested in facilities, employment and maintenance.

Towns Fund Alignment:

- ✓ Arts, culture & heritage
- ✓ Skills infrastructure
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

- ✓ National Planning Policy Framework
- ✓ Visit Britain & Visit England 5-Year Plan
- ✓ Towards an Active Nation
- ✓ West Yorkshire Strategic Economic Framework
- ✓ Welcome to Yorkshire Recovery Plan
- ✓ Leeds City Region Destination Plan
- ✓ Calderdale Playing Pitch Strategy
- ✓ Active Calderdale Strategy
- ✓ Calderdale Visitor Economy Strategy
- ✓ Draft Todmorden Neighbourhood Plan

Town Deal funding will:

- Increase participation in physical activity
- Improve physical and mental well-being
- Offer more diverse and inclusive sports
- Provide training and visitor accommodation
- Create jobs in leisure, sports and tourism

All Ability Cycle Centre

EMPowered people (EMP), an inspirational local charity, will provide a local and regional hub that offers people with additional mobility needs the chance to experience cycling in a safe, supported environment, and offer structured taught sessions for people with mobility issues. They will now be based at the Riverside Centre and will occupy a new build which will store equipment and provide teaching and changing space. Facilities on the site will also be available to those who need confidence training to get back into cycling. EMP will host Bikeability off-road training as well as conservation and ecology education opportunities. Riverside will be fully accessible from the upgraded Rochdale Canal. Providing another hub for residents and visitors to access walking and cycling opportunities.

Towns Fund Alignment:

- ✓ Local transport
- ✓ Culture & heritage
- ✓ Skills & enterprise infrastructure
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

- ✓ Transport & Road Investment Strategy
- ✓ Our Green Future
- ✓ Creating a Transport Decarbonisation Plan
- ✓ Gear Change
- ✓ Ten Point Plan for Green Industrial Revolution
- ✓ West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy
- ✓ West Yorkshire Transport Strategy
- ✓ Leeds City Region Destination Plan
- ✓ Active Calderdale Strategy
- ✓ Calderdale Cycling Strategy
- ✓ Calderdale All Age Disability Strategy

Town Deal funding will:

- Provide more support to people with reduced mobility to get active
- Deliver an innovative centre of excellence in all ability cycling technology
- Create a centre for charitable enterprise, developing bespoke cycle solutions
- Support the Riverside Centre as a model for all ability sports
- Facilitate a hub for volunteer support riders and bike maintenance trainin

Centre Vale Park & Fielden Hall

A comprehensive project to restore and extend the use of Centre Vale Park, strengthening its role as the town's principal green space and its potential as a social, community hub alongside upgraded facilities in the adjoining Fielden Hall. Specifically, the project will include:

- Works to improve the environmental performance of the Grade II Listed Fielden Hall
- Acquisition and restoration of two residential properties that book-end Fielden Hall, these will be refurbished to deliver 2 environmentally sustainable affordable rented units.
- A new hard surfaced ball court/ multi-use games area
- A new pavilion with accommodation for both the tennis and bowling activities that will cater for disabled and non-disabled players, host regional and national competitions and provide enhanced community meeting space
- Refurbishment of the bandstand (Grade II Listed Building) and performance area as a focal point for open-air entertainment
- Create three new tennis courts and restore the existing court and secure their sustainable use with the relocation of the Club to the park
- Accommodation for a growing project involving veterans

Towns Fund Alignment:

- ✓ Arts, culture & heritage
- ✓ Regeneration, planning & land use
- ✓ Skills infrastructure
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

- ✓ National Planning Policy Framework
- ✓ Making Homes Happen
- ✓ Towards an Active Nation
- ✓ Visit Britain & Visit England 5-Year Plan
- ✓ Welcome to Yorkshire Recovery Plan
- ✓ Leeds City Region Destination Plan
- ✓ Calderdale All Age Disability Strategy
- ✓ Calderdale Playing Pitch Strategy
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Town Deal funding will:

- Increase participation in physical activity
- Improve access to sports and recreation for disabled people
- Increase visitors to arts and cultural events
- Improve perceptions by residents, businesses & visitors
- Support protection of our heritage
- Offer residential housing

Learning in Todmorden

The former college building has been asset transferred to Todmorden Learning Centre and Community Hub (TLCCH) CBS. The CBS is constitutionally bound to serve its community above all other interests. The college building is well-designed and remains fit for purpose with all services and full disabled access to 95% of the building. Facilities include a hall, stage, gym, classrooms, conference rooms, workshops, offices and a children's centre. The Towns Fund will enable the TLCCH to:

- improve thermal efficiency, which will reduce reliance on fossil fuels and reduce overheads.
- improve ventilation, which improves indoor air quality and will result in less reliance again on fossil fuels to run mechanical equipment and will reduce overheads.
- install public access Wi-Fi and high-speed broadband for business users.
- restore the sports hall and gym to its original 400 seat capacity to allow functions, conferences and concerts.

Towns Fund Alignment

- ✓ Arts, culture & heritage
- ✓ Skills infrastructure
- ✓ Enterprise infrastructure
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

- ✓ National Planning Policy Framework
- ✓ New Green Economy
- ✓ UK Clean Growth Strategy
- ✓ Our Green Future
- ✓ Towards an Active Nation
- ✓ Welcome to Yorkshire Recovery Plan
- ✓ West Yorkshire Low Emissions Strategy
- ✓ Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan
- ✓ Draft Todmorden Neighbourhood Plan

Town Deal funding will:

- Support long-term community and educational use in a sustainable venue
- Improve facilities to support number of new learners
- Facilitate more visitors to arts, culture and heritage events
- Improve perceptions by residents, visitors and businesses
- Enable more learners to gain relevant experience

Murmuration Workshops

Murmuration Workshops is a new not-for-profit organisation run by Todmorden artists which aims to create shared artist work, teaching, rehearsal and exhibition spaces.

The project will provide high-quality equipment, tools and furnishings to enable affordable arts creation and teaching spaces that support local artists and creative businesses.

Towns Fund Alignment:

- ✓ Arts, culture & heritage
- ✓ Skills infrastructure
- ✓ Enterprise infrastructure
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

- ✓ National Planning Policy Framework
- ✓ Arts Council England Strategy
- ✓ Leeds City Region Strategic Economic Plan
- ✓ WYCA Spatial Priority Area
- ✓ Calderdale Adult Learning Strategic Plan
- ✓ Calderdale Inclusive Economy Strategy
- ✓ Todmorden Draft Neighbourhood Plan

Town Deal funding will:

- Support start-ups utilising business incubation and co-working spaces
- Assist new learners
Bring more visitors to arts, cultural & heritage venues
- Increase number of visitors to Todmorden
Improved level of skills in arts / creative sector

Active Todmorden

The project will enable all ages and abilities to walk or cycle for everyday journeys and make the natural assets of the area more accessible to enable leisure use by local residents and tourist visitors. It will:

- provide an accessible, attractive, legible pedestrian environment in the town centre and on key approaches along the three main corridors and to/from the Rail Station.
- create a spine walking and cycling network, using the Rochdale Canal corridor to provide connections east and south, and the Burnley Road corridor for connections north. There will be easy access to this core network from residential areas and key public destinations from low traffic neighbourhoods.

These physical enhancements will be complemented by an improved signing, wayfinding and interpretation, improving the awareness and attractiveness of destinations and amenities. Walking and cycling itineraries will be developed for leisure visitors to support the broader ambition for the area to become a hub for leisure walking and cycling.

Towns Fund Alignment:

- ✓ Local transport
- ✓ Covid-19 recovery plan
- ✓ Clean growth

Strategic Alignment:

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- ✓ Gear Change
- ✓ Ten Point Plan for Green Industrial Revolution
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Town Deal funding will:

- Increase use of walking and cycling
- Reduce trips by vehicles
- Improve air quality
- Improve commuter flows
- Create direct canal access to/from town for activities and venues
- Improve signage