

Report to Finance, Assets & Performance Scrutiny Committee

17 September 2026



Kidsgrove Town Deal Update

Lead Member:

Cllr Jonathan Gullis - Leader & Cabinet Member for Planning & Town Centres

Lead Officer:

Simon McEneny – Deputy Chief Executive

Key Decision: No

Ward(s): Newchapel & Mow Cop, Kidsgrove & Ravenscliffe, Talke & Butt Lane, Bradwell

Appendices: Not Applicable

Report Assurance:

	Name	Date
Lead Officer	Simon McEneny	13/8/26
Monitoring Officer	Olwen Brown	9/9/26
Section 151	Craig Turner	8/9/26
Cabinet Member	Jonathan Gullis	

Report Summary

To update the Scrutiny Committee on the progress with the various projects that are being funded or part funded through the Kidsgrove Town Deal.

Recommendations

That the Committee:

1. Notes this report on the delivery of the Kidsgrove Town Deal Funds projects.

1. Background

1.1 Chatterley Valley

Harworth have now announced their first contract for a unit on the D plots which is due to start on site early 2027 it is hoped.



1.2 Kidsgrove Train Station works

East Midlands Railway are currently working up the details of the project, with Network Rail. Works are expected to take place in 2027.



The works have been reduced in size to not include the vacant space to the right of the entrance bridge to the station car park due to the extent and unknown costs of ground remediation in this area.

1.3 Canal Pathways

Led by the Canal & River Trust these works are now substantially complete.

1.3 Community Hub

A revised project led by the Kings Academy Trust using land adjacent to Fifth Avenue. This is to deliver community services alongside relocation of the training bistro operated by the Kings Academy. Project progress is subject to production of a sustainable business model demonstrating that the community hub can be sustained – this is still under development.

1.4 Public Realm

A range of activities to improve the public realm in areas of Kidsgrove to improve the overall appearance and function of the town centre. Including improvements to the public realm at Kings Street which is currently on site and will be completed in September 2026.

Car park improvements at Heathcote Street will commence in September 2026 and are due for completion in January 2026.

1.5 Enterprise Units

Development of three small enterprise units at Meadows Road alongside improvements to the car park to provide 16 parking spaces that are prioritised for short term use have begun and works will be completed in December 2026. Enquiries have already been received regarding the units.

1.6 Highways

Works to make Market Street one-way in the direction of Heathcote Street, providing an accessible pedestrian crossing point and providing a section of short-term parking in front of the shops and a loading bay to support the pub and laundrette have been completed.

Works to make Meadows Road/Station Road one-way from the A50 in the direction of The Avenue, and the installation of a bus stop for rail replacement services and installation of bollards adjacent to the library to prevent parking on the pavement have started and are planned for completion in September 2026.

2. Purpose

- 2.1 To update the Scrutiny Committee on the progress with the various projects that are being funded or part funded through the Kidsgrove Town Deal.

3. Strategic Approach

- 3.1. To deliver the projects outlined in the Kidsgrove Town Deal.

4. Finance & Resources

- 4.1 £16.9m has also been awarded via the Town Deals fund for Kidsgrove to enable real and lasting economic benefits to be realised in Kidsgrove and the surrounding area. At

30 June 2026, £15.7m has been received of which £8.4m had been spent as shown below:

Project	Award (£000s)	Spend (£000s)	Balance (£000s)
Kidsgrove Sports Centre	2,328	2,328	0
Chatterley Valley West	3,496	3,496	0
Kidsgrove Station	3,658	499	3,159
Shared Services Hub	6,183	894	5,289
Canal Enhancement	400	358	42
Project Management	835	806	29
Total	16,900	8,381	8,519

5. Legal & Governance

5.1 The Localism Act 2011 gives the council the power of general competence.

5.2 The Council will need to make sure that its activities are legally and state aid compliant, including having regard to the Public Sector Equality Duty within the Equality Act 2010, statutory guidance on local authority investments and The Prudential Code for Capital Finance in Local Authorities.

5.3 All projects will be examined to ensure that they are within the Council's powers and legal implications will be identified on a case-by-case basis.

6. Supporting Information

6.1. Not Applicable