

BBC/EWR Governance Board – Minutes



BEDFORD BOROUGH COUNCIL

Date: Thursday, 17th September 2026

Time: 13.30 – 15:00pm

Venue: Hybrid

Attendees:

Paul Pace (PP)

Dawn Staal (DS)

Antigua Riley Corion (ARC)

Keith Maidlow (KM)

Andrew Prigmore (AP)

Jo Branson-Budd (JBB)

Barry Garner (BG)

No.	Discussion	Actions
1.	Apologies John Kell (JK), Sarah Combes (SC), Simon Joynes (SJ)	
2.	Legal Advice Procurement Discussion regarding instruction of legal Counsel to advise on DCO process.	JBB to share cost code with DS
3.	Traffic Modelling & Highways BBC continue to await further information from EWR regarding the baseline traffic model. This has been requested multiple times. Concerns remain regarding the traffic modelling data provided by EWR to date. Engagement ongoing with EWR regarding highway design work; proposals continue to evolve in response to feedback. EWR advised that they received survey feedback from 44 respondents, and further design refinement will continue.	JBB to follow up on traffic modelling baseline data.
4.	EWR Issues Tracker Discussion regarding contents of issues tracker provided by EWR.	All to revisit and review the project to maintain accuracy and visibility of issues.
5.	Property and Legal Discussion regarding impact of EWR's safeguarding zone on BBC-owned land and potential capital receipts. External specialist support to be sought.	KM to review impact of EWR proposals on BBC assets.

6.	Housing BG advised that the Housing team has been briefed and affected residents continue to receive support.	
7.	DCO/Planning GC advised that the Planning team urgently requires an update on EWR's base traffic modelling, which we still await to be able to understand and take in account any impacts for the Borough's local plan and other developments.	
8.	Specialist Resource Requirements Discussion regarding future requirements for specialist external support.	All to report on external resourcing requirements at next meeting.
9.	Social Value and Community Funding ARC provided an update on engagement with a newly appointed consultant supporting EWRs social value and legacy plan. Recommendations were made to involve residents, voluntary organisations, educational institutions, and public-sector partners, with broader discussions expected to continue over an extended period.	
10.	Next meeting Thursday 1 st October	