

**REPORT FROM:** HOUSING, HEALTH AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT  
SERVICES MANAGER

**TO:** NELSON COMMITTEE

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## **NELSON TOWN CENTRE WALKABOUT**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update Members on progress made on issues identified on the town centre walkabout undertaken on 31<sup>st</sup> August, 2016.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That Members agree the date for a follow-up walkabout.

### **REASON FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

To inform Members of the current position and relevant actions/progress following Nelson Town Centre walkabout.

### **ISSUE**

The Nelson Town centre Walkabout was undertaken on Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August 2016 to give Councillors the opportunity to discuss town centre maintenance issues and identify areas that may need some improvement/attention.

On Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> August, Councillors (George Adam, Mohammed Iqbal, David Whalley and Wayne Blackburn) along with relevant officers from Pendle Council (Neighbourhood Services/Economic development) undertook a walkabout through Nelson Town Centre. The aim of the walkabout was to identify any issues which need to be resolved, this included street furniture, buildings, and paving. This was the first such walkabout to be undertaken in Nelson. The walkabouts should take place periodically and aim to maintain a high standard throughout Nelson town centre.

Appendix 1 shows the comprehensive list of identified problem sites within the town, the relevant department which needs to deal with the problem and any actions/work undertaken.

Appendix 2 is map of the route taken highlighting the areas covered.

Following the walkabout the action list has been circulated to the relevant department/authority for action/comment. A further update report will be submitted to the Committee in due course.

Further Town Centre walkabouts will be arranged in the early parts of 2017, to identify any further issues and areas for improvement.

## **IMPLICATIONS**

**Policy:** In line with the Council policy of improving the appearance of its town centres.

**Financial:.** Some issues can be covered by the town centre maintenance budget.

**Legal:** The owners of some of the sites will need to be identified before work can be undertaken.

**Risk Management:** N/A

**Health and Safety:** ensure all workers are using the correct safety equipment and relevant risk assessments have taken place.

**Sustainability:** ensure the works use sustainable materials where possible and are done to a good standard that will last.

**Community Safety:** The actions aim to improve the town centre as a whole to improve the town's image and quality.

**Equality and Diversity:** Undertaking the actions will result in an improved town centre that can be enjoyed by the whole community

## Appendix 1 – Nelson town centre: Actions

Location	Issue/action	Department	Progress
Nelson Town Hall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Weeds growing on roof and ledges</li> <li>Vent damaged (right-hand side of the main entrance)</li> </ul>	Liberata	Works ordered
Trafalgar House	The building is beginning to fall into a bad state of repair. A number of the windows are damaged which is allowing unauthorised access to the building. Notice to be served on the property owner to secure the building.	Planning	
Ellen Street/Market Street Junction	No entry sign required to stop vehicles travelling against the one way system when exiting Market Street.	LCC – Highways	Issue logged Ref: PEM 1605563
Scotland Road/Market Street Junction	Finger sign post directions need realigning	Engineering special projects	
Outside Lord Nelson	Tree canopies need cutting back. Currently creating poor visibility and causing issues with market stalls.	Engineering special projects/parks.	
Former HSBC, 4 Manchester Road	Railings are damaged/broken, building owners to be contacted and made aware.	Liberata property services have the owners details	
Outside 36 Manchester Road	Damaged/bent bollard	Engineering special projects	
72 Manchester Road (formerly Clayton Arms)	Taxi restriction sign to be removed as no longer required.	Taxi licensing	
56 Manchester Road/Stanley Street	Bollards to be installed to stop vehicle overrun on the footway	LCC Highways/ Engineering special projects	Issue logged Ref: PEM 1605567
Ellen Street/Stanley Street Junction	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>One way street signs are faded and not very visible</li> <li>Lighting columns severely rusted</li> <li>Bollards need to be repainted</li> </ul>	LCC – Highways LCC – Highways Engineering special projects/EAG	Issue logged REF 186007
Rear of No1 Market Street	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Steps and canopy need cleaning</li> <li>Bin cage to be cleaned</li> </ul>	Barnfield	
Back Scotland Road/Russell Street Junction	Trench in the road has sunk, and needs filling/repairing	LCC – Highways	Issue logged PEM: 1605577
Pollard Street	Notice board is unused, suggested that the Town Council adopt	Nelson Town Council	
49 Scotland Road, Nelson dry cleaners	Step outside the property is hazardous. Suggested that the business paint a hazard line on the edge	Economic Development	
47 Scotland Road	Vehicles constantly parking on the footpath, it is suggested that a	Engineering special	

