

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
GEARING UP FOR GROWTH GRANTS PANEL
HELD ON 24TH OCTOBER, 2017
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

PRESENT –

Panel Members

Councillor M. Arshad

Councillor M. Iqbal

Councillor D. Whipp

Julie Whittaker

Kevin Clark

Housing, Health and Economic Development Services Manager (PBC)

Enterprise Lancashire

Officers in attendance

Hassan Ditta

Deborah McCarthy

Lynne Rowland

Employer Engagement Officer (PBC)

Assistant Economic Development Officer (PBC)

Committee Administrator (PBC)



17. APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRMAN

AGREED

That Councillor M. Iqbal be appointed as Chairman of the Panel for the municipal year 2017/18.

Councillor M. Iqbal – Chairman (In the Chair)

18. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillors were reminded of the legal requirements concerning the declaration of interests. Other members of the Panel were also asked to declare any interest as appropriate.

19. MINUTES

AGREED

That the Minutes of this Panel, at a meeting held on 6th September, 2017 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

20. GRANTS FOR GROWTH

The Panel was provided with a project summary, including information on the background of the company with regard to the following application –

(a) GB Controls Ltd

GB Controls Ltd designed, manufactured and supplied electrical and electronic control systems for industrial and commercial applications.

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To continue its growth, the company was moving to larger premises.

The project was to carry out building works to make the new premises fit for purpose.

As a direct result, the business expected to create five full time jobs and create an additional 297m² of floor space.

AGREED

That a grant of £10,000 be awarded to GB Controls Ltd.

REASON

The project will contribute to the Council's priorities of creating jobs and sustaining strong economic growth.

21. PENDLE BUSINESS AWARDS

The Business Support Team Leader submitted a report which summarised the tender process for the Pendle Business Awards 2018.

Tenders had been invited from interested businesses from previous awards and the opportunity had also been advertised on the Council's various social media accounts. Eight submissions had been received in total, which had all been scored by set criteria.

The Panel was asked to consider the officer scoring and recommendations and agree on the successful proposal.

A discussion was also held about the proposed venue for the Awards, when it was suggested that further costs needed to be provided before the venue could be finalised.

AGREED

- (1) That the scoring of the proposals received, and officer recommendations be noted.
- (2) That the submission by Pennine Events be voted as the successful tender and they be asked to deliver the Pendle Business Awards 2018.
- (3) That a working group with overall decision making power for the event format be established consisting of Pennine Events; the Chairman of Pendle Vision Board and/or his representative; the Council Members of this Panel; and officers of the Council. This group would agree the final venue for the event.

22. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no additional business to consider.

23. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To be agreed.

CHAIRMAN _____