

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE  
GEARING UP FOR GROWTH GRANTS PANEL  
HELD ON 24<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2019  
AT NELSON TOWN HALL**

*PRESENT –*

*Councillor M. Iqbal – Chairman (In the Chair)*

**Panel Members**

*Councillor S. Cockburn-Price*

*Neil Watson*

*Kevin Clark*

*Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager*

*Orvia*

**Officers in attendance**

*Hassan Ditta*

*Lynne Rowland*

*Employer Engagement Officer (PBC)*

*Committee Administrator*

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Clegg.)*



**15. 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.

The following person declared a non-pecuniary interest in the item indicated –

Neil Watson	Application for Start-Up Grants – Appraisal 1 (JD T/A PEH)	Minute No.18(a)
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**16. MINUTES**

**AGREED**

That the Minutes of this Panel, at a meeting held on 31<sup>st</sup> July, 2019 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**17. BUDGET UPDATE**

The Panel was advised that there was a balance of £8,698 remaining in the Gearing up for Growth Budget.

**18. APPLICATIONS FOR START-UP GRANTS**

The Panel was provided with a project summary and an overview of the business with regard to the following applications for a start-up grant. In reaching their decision, the members of the Panel considered the business plan and received information on what the requested grant was to be spent on.

**(a) Appraisal 1 – JD – T/A PEH, Colne**

*(Neil Watson declared a non-pecuniary interest in this item. He felt that he should not take part in the debate and decision on the matter, therefore he withdrew from the meeting for this item only.)*

Orvia had provided the applicant with business support.

**AGREED**

That a start-up grant of £1,825 be awarded to JD – T/A PEH, Colne.

**REASON**

***The business appears sustainable and will contribute to the Council's priorities of creating jobs and sustaining strong economic growth.***

**(b) Appraisal 2 – UA – T/A 313 T&L Ltd, Nelson**

Orvia had provided the applicant with business support.

**AGREED**

That the application for a start-up grant be refused.

**REASON**

***The business model is flawed.***

**19. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR GROWTH**

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

**(a) Appraisal 1 – NR Ltd, Nelson**

As a direct result of this project, the business expected to create three new full time equivalent jobs which consisted of delivery drivers and extra kitchen staff.

**AGREED**

That a growth grant of £2,796 be awarded to NR Ltd, Nelson.

**REASON**

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

**20. PENDLE BUSINESS AWARDS – EVENT MANAGEMENT TENDER**

The Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager submitted a report which summarised the tender process for the Pendle Business Awards 2020. The report outlined the

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officer scoring for each submission and advised that Pennine Events had been appointed to deliver the Awards on behalf of Pendle Borough Council.

The report was noted.

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CHAIRMAN \_\_\_\_\_