

REPORT OF: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
MANAGER

TO: NELSON TOWN DEAL BOARD

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NELSON - CAPACITY FUNDING

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To inform the Board of funding that has been secured to support the development of the masterplan, feasibility studies and business plans.

RECOMMENDATIONS

1. To note the proposed use of the funding.
2. To suggest any other work areas that may require funding.

REASON FOR RECOMMENDATION

To ensure that the funding available is used in the most appropriate way.

ISSUE

1. Pendle Council has secured funding from a range of sources to support the development of the masterplan, undertake feasibility studies and produce business plans. The different funding is set out below.

One Public Estate (OPE) - We have secured £50k through a bid into the OPE7 programme, which is being matched by £20k of Pendle Council funding. This funding is to investigate opportunities within Nelson Town Centre for public sector rationalisation of assets and to explore opportunities for additional residential development in the context of a wider masterplan. It is also funding feasibility work for an Extra Care housing scheme in Bradley.

Future High Streets Fund – Following a successful Stage 1 submission we have been awarded £150,000 for feasibility studies, development of a business case and marketing/branding of the town.

Towns Fund – We have been awarded £162,019 to support the Town Deal Board, for community engagement, research and the development of proposals.

Use of the Funding

2. Of the £382,019 secured so far £180,810 is already committed and we have provisionally allocated the majority of the remaining funding against a number of proposed work areas and for additional staffing. Around £21,000 remains unallocated but it would seem prudent not to allocate all the funding until further guidance is received on the development of Town Investment Plans. Appendix 1 gives more information about use of the budget.
3. We are proposing to appoint a temporary member of staff for 2 years to support work on Future High Streets Fund and Towns Deal, including community engagement. This will be subject to approval by Pendle Council. As part of our Stage 2 bid for Future High Streets and the development of a Town Investment Plan we will include a proposal for longer term staffing resources to support delivery,
4. Pendle Council will be responsible for determining the use of the funding but the Board are asked to consider if there are any other work areas that may be required to develop the Town Investment Plan that have not been identified.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None directly arising from this report

Financial: As set out in the report

Legal: None directly arising from this report

Risk Management: None directly arising from this report

Health and Safety: None directly arising from this report

Sustainability: None directly arising from this report

Community Safety: None directly arising from this report

Equality and Diversity: None directly arising from this report

APPENDIX

Appendix 1 – Nelson Funding

LIST OF BACKGROUND PAPERS

None

NELSON FUNDING

	OPE7	Pendle Council	FHSF	Towns Fund	Total
AVAILABLE	50,000	20,000	150,000	162,019	382,019
COMMITTED					
Staffing - Existing Snr Regeneration Officer (part funded)			24,000	24,000	
Masterplan - Cushman & Wakefield	31,000	20,000		8,800	
Extra Care Feasibility - Bankhouse Road, Bradley	19,000				
FHSF Business Case - Cushman & Wakefield			30,000		
FHSF Feasibility Studies - Liberata			24,010		
	50,000	20,000	78,010	32,800	180,810
PLANNED					
Staffing - Project Assistant (new post)			40,000	40,000	
Feasibility Studies - Individual Sites across Nelson			5,000	20,000	
Economic Research - to provide baseline/guide Investment Plan				20,000	
Rebranding/Promotion - To tackle negative perceptions			15,000		
Arts/Culture - Arts Council match funding to develop wider bid				10,000	
Town Investment Plan/Business Case - Consultancy support				30,000	
	-	-	60,000	120,000	180,000
Unallocated	-	-	11,990	9,219	21,209