

**NOTE OF A MEETING OF THE
NELSON TOWN DEAL BOARD
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS
ON 29th MAY, 2020**

PRESENT

S. Barnes (Chairman – in the Chair)

<i>A. Stephenson MP</i>	<i>Member of Parliament for Pendle</i>
<i>Councillor M. Iqbal</i>	<i>Pendle Borough Council</i>
<i>Councillor D. M. Whipp</i>	<i>Pendle Borough Council</i>
<i>Councillor Z. Ali</i>	<i>Pendle Borough Council</i>
<i>A. Parkinson</i>	<i>Lancashire Enterprise Partnership</i>
<i>A. Melton</i>	<i>Nelson and Colne College</i>
<i>D. Mendoros</i>	<i>Chairman, Pendle Vision Board</i>
<i>C. Smith</i>	<i>Pendle Engineering Ltd.</i>
<i>R. Bashir</i>	<i>Building Bridges</i>
<i>R. Jenkins</i>	<i>Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy</i>
<i>H. Murray</i>	<i>Department for Works and Pensions</i>
<i>D. Gordon</i>	<i>Lancashire County Council</i>

Officers in attendance:-

<i>D. Langton</i>	<i>Chief Executive, Pendle Borough Council</i>
<i>J. Whittaker</i>	<i>Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager, Pendle Borough Council</i>
<i>N. Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager, Pendle Borough Council</i>
<i>J. Stockton</i>	<i>Senior Regeneration Officer, Pendle Borough Council</i>
<i>J. Watson</i>	<i>Head of Democratic Services</i>

(Apologies for absence were received from C. Bennett, P Evans, T. McDonald, K. Tupling and S. Burns).



1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Members were reminded of the requirement to declare any interest they had on any item of business on the agenda.

2. MINUTES

AGREED

That the minutes of the meeting held on 28th February, 2020 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. DEVELOPING THE TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN FOR NELSON

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which outlined a programme for developing a Town Investment Plan (TIP) for Nelson. Details of what was broadly expected to be included in the TIP was set out in the report. Further guidance on how the

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Government would agree Town Deals, the timescales, amounts of capital and revenue funding available and the interventions that could be supported through the fund was still awaited.

It was acknowledged that the impact of the Covid-19 outbreak had delayed progress over the past couple of months. However, the Government was keen to see progress and a draft programme/timetable was set out in the report and discussed. Initial project proposals were set out in Appendix 1. These had been developed before the Covid-19 pandemic and would need to be reviewed to see if they were still a priority. The Board were also invited to put forward other proposals for further discussion.

The Board were reminded of the three Town Deal investment themes:

- Urban regeneration, planning and land use
- Skills and enterprise infrastructure
- Connectivity

A key part of developing and delivering the TIP was engagement with local communities. Reference was made to the Mytown Campaign which the government had launched earlier in the year. A summary of comments from this Campaign was attached to the report at Appendix 2.

Again due to the impact of Covid-19 the approach to community engagement would need to be different with less face-to-face engagement being possible. There was a lengthy discussion around the options available for community engagement and further suggestions from Board members were welcomed. It was acknowledged that whatever was appropriate would be considered to engage with all parts of the community about what was being proposed.

The Government were developing a communications and community engagement toolkit for Town Deal Boards. Once this had been published a more detailed community engagement plan would be brought back to the Board.

There was some discussion around not losing sight of the infrastructure needs associated with the projects and the need to align projects to the overall investment plan for Pendle and the wider area.

AGREED

- (1) That the proposed programme for developing the Town Investment Plan be noted along with the feedback received on the initial proposals for community engagement.
- (2) That any initial project proposals Board Members had under the Town Deal investment themes should be submitted to Judith Stockton before 9th June, 2020.

4. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

No further business was discussed.

5. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

AGREED

That the next meeting be held at 2.00 p.m. on 19th June, 2020.

5. EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS

AGREED

That in pursuance of the power contained in Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 (as amended) the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the next item of business on the grounds that if a member of the public and press were present during consideration of the item, there would be disclosure to them of exempt information which was of a commercially sensitive nature.

6. FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND SUBMISSION FOR NELSON

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which sought approval for the investment priority within the Council's Case for Future High Street Funding.

AGREED

- (1) That this item be deferred pending further discussion.
- (2) That a further meeting be arranged as soon as possible to discuss the proposals within the report.

Chairman _____