

**NOTE OF A MEETING OF THE  
NELSON TOWN DEAL BOARD  
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS  
ON 8<sup>TH</sup> JANUARY, 2021**

*PRESENT*

*S. Barnes (Chairman – in the Chair)*

**Members of the Board**

<i>A. Stephenson</i>	<i>Member of Parliament for Pendle</i>
<i>Councillor M. Iqbal</i>	<i>Pendle Borough Council (PBC)</i>
<i>Councillor D. M. Whipp</i>	<i>PBC</i>
<i>Councillor Z. Ali</i>	<i>Nelson Town Council</i>
<i>D. Mendoros</i>	<i>Pendle Vision Board</i>
<i>C. Smith</i>	<i>Pendle Engineering Ltd</i>
<i>H. Murray</i>	<i>Department for Works and Pensions</i>
<i>A. Melton</i>	<i>Lancashire Enterprise Partnership</i>
<i>A-M Parkinson</i>	<i>Lancashire Enterprise Partnership</i>
<i>C. Parker</i>	<i>Homes England</i>
<i>C. Bennett</i>	<i>Positive Action in the Community</i>
<i>P. Hartley</i>	<i>In-Situ</i>
<i>R. Bashir</i>	<i>Building Bridges</i>
<i>D. Gordon</i>	<i>Lancashire County Council</i>

**Consultants**

<i>L. Newby</i>	<i>Hatch</i>
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**Officers in attendance:-**

<i>D. Langton</i>	<i>Chief Executive, PBC</i>
<i>J. Whittaker</i>	<i>Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager</i>
<i>N. Watson</i>	<i>Planning, Economic Development and Regulatory Services Manager</i>
<i>J. Stockton</i>	<i>Senior Regeneration Officer, PBC</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator, PBC</i>



*(Apologies were received from S. Burns, R. Stockdale, C. Shepherd, P. Evans and Katherine O'Connor.)*

**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. 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.

### **3. OUTCOME OF THE NELSON FUTURE HIGH STREET FUND PROPOSAL**

Members considered a report notifying the Board of the unsuccessful bid to the Future High Streets Fund (FHSF) and discussed the implications of this for the Nelson Town Investment Plan (TIP). They were asked to consider whether key elements of the FHSF bid should be included in the TIP by scaling down a couple of existing projects; if the amount of funding sought should be increased; and, in view of the additional work required, whether to seek a short extension to the submission deadline. To help the Board consider the best way forward a number of possible options were outlined in the report.

#### **AGREED**

- (1) That elements of the FHSF bid be incorporated into the TIP and a proposal based on a hybrid of options 3 and 4 and up to £5m additional funding be worked up for agreement at the next meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> January.
- (2) That further details of what was being lost from the current TIP be provided at the next meeting.
- (3) That a 2 week extension to the submission deadline be requested to enable the required changes to be made to the TIP, but that it be submitted earlier if it was ready.
- (4) That a MHCLG representative be asked to attend the next meeting.