

**NOTE OF A MEETING OF THE
NELSON TOWN DEAL BOARD
HELD REMOTELY VIA MICROSOFT OFFICE TEAMS
ON 11TH FEBRUARY, 2021**

PRESENT

S. Barnes (Chairman – in the Chair)

Members of the Board

<i>A. Stephenson</i>	<i>Member for Parliament</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>A. Melton</i>	<i>Lancashire Enterprise Partnership</i>
<i>A-M Parkinson</i>	<i>Lancashire Enterprise Partnership</i>
<i>P. Hartley</i>	<i>In-Situ</i>
<i>C. Bennett</i>	<i>Positive Action in the Community</i>
<i>R. Bashir</i>	<i>Building Bridges</i>
<i>D. Gordon</i>	<i>Lancashire County Council</i>

Consultants/Advisors

<i>L. Newby</i>	<i>Hatch</i>
<i>L. Quinn</i>	<i>Nichols/Town Hub Co-ordinator</i>
<i>R. Jenkins</i>	<i>Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)</i>

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>S. Madigan</i>	<i>Pendle Leisure Trust</i>
<i>J. Eccles</i>	<i>Committee Administrator, PBC</i>

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 21st January 2021 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

3. 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.

4. NELSON TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN

Since the last meeting, a text-only version of the Nelson Town Investment Plan followed by a fully designed final draft Plan had been emailed to Members for comment. The following supporting documents would form annexes – the future Stakeholder Engagement Plan, Evidence of Need report, Pendle Covid Impact report, the draft Nelson Masterplan, Project Prioritisation report, Stakeholder Insight report and letters of support.

Members were asked for their approval to submit the Plan to Government (MHCLG), the following day, subject to the agreement of the Council's Policy and Resources Committee.

The Plan now integrated elements of the Future High Streets Fund bid as agreed by the Board at its last meeting. The total bid was for £29.97m to deliver £70.55m programme of investment including anticipated £24.5m private sector leverage.

R. Jenkins said that MHCLG would take at least 2 months to assess the Plan. If Heads of Terms were agreed, towns would have two months to confirm which projects would be taken forward as part of their Town Deal. Full business cases would then need to be developed for each project and a summary document submitted to MHCLG within 12 months. MHCLG would need to be satisfied with the summary document before funding would be released.

The Board would be kept informed of any feedback from Government in the coming weeks and a meeting would be convened once the decision was announced.

Board Members agreed that the Plan set out an ambitious investment strategy for Nelson. They felt the good mix of projects responded to the town's need and opportunities, and would help to secure transformational and sustainable growth. They were 100% behind the Plan and wished it well.

AGREED

- (1) That the Council's Policy and Resources Committee, at their meeting later in the day, be recommended to agree the Plan and submit it to the MHCLG for assessment on Friday 12th February.
- (2) That the Board's thanks be given to officers and the consultants for all the work involved with the production of the Plan. Also to Board members for their involvement with developing the projects and for their support.

5. ACCELERATED FUNDING

D. Langton gave an update for information on recent developments to acquire two key buildings and a smaller adjoining building within the Town Centre using the £750k accelerated funding which had to be used by 31st March 2021.