

REPORT OF: HOUSING, HEALTH AND ENGINEERING SERVICES
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TO: NELSON TOWN DEAL BOARD

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NELSON TOWN INVESTMENT PLAN – ASSESSMENT FEEDBACK

PURPOSE OF REPORT

To provide feedback from Government on their assessment of the Nelson Town Investment Plan.

RECOMMENDATIONS

The Board are recommended to:

1. Note the feedback received from Government on their assessment of Nelson’s Town Investment Plan.

ISSUE

Background

1. At the last meeting of the Board, it was requested that feedback be sought from MHCLG on their assessment of Nelson’s Town Investment Plan to help understand why the £29.5m bid had been reduced to the offer of £25m.
2. The feedback received is attached as Appendix 1 to this report for information.

IMPLICATIONS

Policy: None directly arising from this report.

Financial: None directly arising from this 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 1 – Feedback on the Nelson Town Investment Plan

Nelson TF Feedback

The town’s funding offer reflects both the scoring of their TIP and projects.

TIP feedback

TIPs bidding for over £25m must be of the highest quality, with all the Town Investment Plan (TIP) assessment criteria fully demonstrated. TIPs bidding for over £25m must also be able to demonstrate investment will have regional or national significance.

Assessment criteria	Feedback
Level of Need	This section demonstrates a strong evidence of need, fully aligned to the objectives of the fund and proposed interventions, clear data-driven understanding of the issues and challenges that the town faces across socio-economic indicators.
Scale of opportunities	The evidence provided demonstrates that investment will likely benefit the town, but the scale of the projected impact is modest or doesn't fully capitalise opportunities.
Strength and Realism of Vision	The Town Investment Plan has a compelling vision for the future backed by strong evidence, fully realising the fund's objectives through sustainable outcomes, and addressing the needs of the town.
Coherence of TIP	This was well demonstrated through a coherent set of proposals fitting into a broader narrative for the town, clearly focused on need/opportunity, and backed by comprehensive logic models.
Capacity and alignment of proposed projects with existing interventions	There was some evidence to suggest proposals are complementary to existing plans. However, this could have been more fully developed.
Strength of collaboration with local communities and civil society	There was strong evidence that all key stakeholders have been thoroughly consulted, with a clear indication of support from all groups and feedback considered throughout the TIP and in project prioritisation.
Strength of collaboration with private sector	There was strong evidence that all key stakeholders have been thoroughly consulted, with a clear indication of support from all groups and feedback considered throughout the TIP and in project prioritisation.

Project feedback

Project	Strategy	Delivery	Outcomes	Status
Revitalised Nelson	Project is clearly aligned with the intervention framework. There is clear demonstration of evidence base for project, its additionality and fit with broader vision/strategy.	Overall, a good delivery plan in line with most criteria, that gives some confidence the project can be delivered, but some aspects need greater detail or adjustments.	Significant positive impact expected for the project, set out in clear and specific indicators, backed by a credible theory of change.	Approved
Advanced Digital Skills Hub and Academy	Project is clearly aligned with the intervention framework. There is clear demonstration of evidence base for project, its additionality and fit with broader vision/strategy.	High level delivery plan is clear and realistic, with detail on who will deliver and how, what capacity they have to deliver, analysis of risks and how they can be mitigated.	Significant positive impact expected for the project, set out in clear and specific indicators, backed by a credible theory of change.	Approved
Modernising Nelson's Industrial Offer	Project is clearly aligned with the intervention framework. There is clear demonstration of evidence base for project, its additionality and fit with broader vision/strategy.	Overall, a good delivery plan in line with most criteria, that gives some confidence the project can be delivered, but some aspects need greater detail or adjustments.	Significant positive impact expected for the project, set out in clear and specific indicators, backed by a credible theory of change.	Approved
Business Resilience and Growth	There is partial alignment with framework, with some points of departure relating to outputs and/or policy alignment. There is some demonstration of fit with broader vision and strategy, and with local context, but limited in some areas.	Overall, a good delivery plan in line with most criteria, that gives some confidence the project can be delivered, but some aspects need greater detail or adjustments.	A reasonable return of investment is projected, and this is based on a plausible theory of change. The indicators presented could have been clearer and more specific.	Approved with conditions
Yes Hub	Project is clearly aligned with the intervention	High level delivery plan is clear and realistic, with	A reasonable return of investment is	Approved

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Accessible Nelson	Project is clearly aligned with the intervention framework. There is clear demonstration of evidence base for project, its additionality and fit with broader vision/strategy.	High level delivery plan is clear and realistic, with detail on who will deliver and how, what capacity they have to deliver, analysis of risks and how they can be mitigated.	Significant positive impact expected for the project, set out in clear and specific indicators, backed by a credible theory of change.	Approved
Healthy Town	Project is clearly aligned with the intervention framework. There is clear demonstration of evidence base for project, its additionality and fit with broader vision/strategy.	Overall, a good delivery plan in line with most criteria, that gives some confidence the project can be delivered, but some aspects need greater detail or adjustments.	A reasonable return of investment is projected, and this is based on a plausible theory of change. The indicators presented could have been clearer and more specific.	Approved with conditions