

**NOTE OF A MEETING OF THE
NELSON TOWN DEAL BOARD
HELD REMOTELY VIA TEAMS
ON 18th MARCH, 2022**

PRESENT

S. Barnes (Chairman – in the Chair)

Members of the Board

<i>Councillor N. Ahmed</i>	<i>Pendle Borough Council (PBC)</i>
<i>Councillor M. Aslam</i>	<i>PBC</i>
<i>Councillor M. Iqbal</i>	<i>PBC</i>
<i>Councillor D. Whipp</i>	<i>PBC</i>
<i>Councillor Z. Ali</i>	<i>Nelson Town Council</i>
<i>A. Stephenson</i>	<i>Member of Parliament</i>
<i>D. Mendoros</i>	<i>Pendle Vision Board</i>
<i>C. Smith</i>	<i>Pendle Engineering Ltd</i>
<i>L. Oddie</i>	<i>Oddie’s Bakery</i>
<i>D. Gordon</i>	<i>Lancashire County Council</i>
<i>R. Bashir</i>	<i>Building Bridges</i>
<i>D. Rothwell</i>	<i>Nelson and Colne College</i>
<i>A. M. Parkinson</i>	<i>LEP</i>
<i>G. Agrawal</i>	<i>LEP Intern</i>
<i>Nathan Shoosmith</i>	<i>LEP Intern</i>

Consultants/Advisors

B. Zhang *Cities and Local Growth Unit*

Officers in attendance

R. Rouse *Chief Executive, PBC*
J. Whittaker *Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager, PBC*
R. Gibson *Financial Services Manager, PBC*
J. Stockton *Regeneration Manager, PBC*
J. Watson *Head of Democratic Services*

(Apologies for absence were received from P. Hartley (InSitu), C. Parker (Homes England) and A. Melton (Nelson and Colne College)).

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

The minutes of the meeting held on 4th March, 2022 were submitted for approval.

(Nelson Town Deal Board 18.03.2022)

The Board were also advised that Heather Murray (Job Centre Plus) was retiring and would be replaced on the Board by Helen Warren.

AGREED

- (1) That the minutes of the meeting held on 4th March, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
- (2) That on behalf of the Board Heather Murray be wished well in her retirement and the good wishes of the Board be extended to her.

3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, 1st April at 10.00a.m.

4. EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

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.

5. PROGRAMME UPDATE AND RISKS

The Housing Health and Engineering Services Manager provided an update following discussions involving project leads, the Council's new JV partner and the Cities and Local Growth Unit (CLGU) in relation to a request to extend the deadline for the development of two business cases which had been recommended to the Board at the last meeting.

The Board discussed assurances around Government approval; assurances and issues around the late start and catch up along with general assurances around the speed of the current programme.

AGREED

- (1) That the current status and risks associated with the development of the Town Deal projects be noted.
- (2) That the feedback from key stakeholders since the last Board meeting be noted.
- (3) That a request be made to Government to extend the deadline for the development of project business cases and the submission of Project Summary Documents for Revitalised Nelson and Industrialising Nelson's Industrial Potential to the end of February, 2023.

Chairman _____