

**NOTE OF A MEETING OF THE  
NELSON TOWN DEAL BOARD  
HELD REMOTELY VIA TEAMS  
ON 7<sup>TH</sup> OCTOBER, 2022**

*PRESENT*

*S. Barnes (Chairman – in the Chair)*

**Members of the Board**

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| <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 Z. Ali</i>   | <i>Nelson Town Council</i>          |
| <i>D. Mendoros</i>         | <i>Pendle Vision Board</i>          |
| <i>L. Oddie</i>            | <i>Oddie's Bakery</i>               |
| <i>P. Hartley</i>          | <i>In-Situ</i>                      |

**Consultants/Advisors**

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| <i>C. Schofield</i> | <i>BEIS</i> |
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**Officers in attendance**

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| <i>R. Rouse</i>     | <i>Chief Executive, PBC</i>                                  |
| <i>R. Gibson</i>    | <i>Director of Resources, PBC</i>                            |
| <i>J. Whittaker</i> | <i>Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager, PBC</i> |
| <i>J. Stockton</i>  | <i>Regeneration Manager, PBC</i>                             |
| <i>S. Farnell</i>   | <i>Transport and Co-ordination Manager, PBC</i>              |
| <i>J. Robinson</i>  | <i>Committee Administrator, PBC</i>                          |

**Also in attendance**

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| <i>M. Nuttall</i>     | <i>Property Director, Brookhouse Group</i> |
| <i>A-M. Parkinson</i> | <i>Lancashire Enterprise Partnership</i>   |

*(Apologies for absence were received from Councillor D. Whipp, C. Bennett, S. Burns, D. Gordon, T. McDonald, C. Parker, D. Rothwell, C. Smith, A. Stephenson MP and H. Warren.)*

**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 meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 and 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 were submitted for approval.

**AGREED**

That the minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> August, 2022 and 9<sup>th</sup> September, 2022 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**3. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting was scheduled for Friday, 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 10.00 a.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. REVITALISED NELSON & MODERNISING NELSON'S INDUSTRIAL POTENTIAL**

The Housing, Health and Engineering Services Manager submitted a report which gave a detailed update on progress with the two remaining projects which had not yet been through the business case process and sought approval in principle for revisions to these projects.

The interest Bradley Big Local (BBL) had expressed in a key site in the Revitalised Nelson project was mentioned. The Board was advised that there had been dialogue between the Council and BBL on the site, and that these discussions remained open but the site would be taken forward outside of the Town Deal. A scheme was also being considered for this site by a Registered Provider.

In respect of the Trafalgar House project it was noted that the residential options did not represent value for money and further work was required on the parking and EV option to support the retention of the front part of the building facing Market Street.

Board Members stressed the importance of supporting the existing tenants of Pendle Rise throughout the delivery of the Revitalised Nelson project.

**AGREED**

- (1) That the report be noted.
- (2) That it be noted that Towns Fund investment in the Modernising Nelson's Industrial Potential project was no longer felt appropriate given it would be taken forward for development by the Private Sector.

- (3) That Pendle Borough Council's Policy and Resources Committee be recommended to:
- (a) Agree that £4m of funding from Modernising Nelson's Industrial Potential be redirected into the Revitalised Nelson project to make a Towns Fund total of £13,265,297.
  - (b) Agree that the focus of the Revitalised Nelson project should be on Pendle Rise, Trafalgar House and acquiring vacant and poor quality properties in the Town Centre.
  - (c) Agree that a Project Adjustment Request be submitted to Government in line with the proposals set out in the report, with any minor variations to be agreed in consultation with the Town Deal Board Chairman and the Council's S151 Officer.
  - (d) Progress further design and development work on Trafalgar House on the basis of retaining the front part of the building facing Market Street and redeveloping behind, subject to viable alternative uses coming forward as the scheme design/development work was progressed.

**6. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

The Chairman concluded the meeting by leading the thanks to J. Stockton who would be leaving the Council for a new role. The Chairman, together with all Members of the Board thanked her for her hard work on and dedication to the Nelson Town Deal programme and wished her well in her new role.

The Chairman then sought assurance from the Council that the post would be filled as soon as possible to ensure that the Town Deal programme or projects would not be affected. The Chief Executive agreed that this was important and said that Programme Management was being looked at as a matter of priority.

Chairman \_\_\_\_\_