

**REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLACE**

**TO: TOWN DEAL BOARD**

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## **NELSON TOWN DEAL OUTPUTS AND OUTCOMES PROGRESS UPDATE**

### **PURPOSE OF REPORT**

To update the Town Deal Board on Output and Outcomes Progress across the Nelson Town Deal Programme.

### **RECOMMENDATIONS**

(1) To note the report.

### **REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS**

(1) For information.

1. The report provides an update on the Outputs and Outcomes of the Nelson Town Deal Programme.
2. **Outputs and Outcomes Progress Update**
3. The programme delivery team have met with representatives from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) and are currently in the process of revisiting and reviewing the target outputs and outcomes for each Nelson Town Deal Project. This work is intended to ensure alignment across all reporting documents, including the Hatch Business Case, the MHCLG monitoring return, PBC's master sheet and the MHCLG master sheet.
4. In parallel, the programme management team are reviewing the evidence requirements associated with each project to ensure that we can robustly report progress against the agreed targets. Performance against outputs and outcomes is strong across the programme, with evidence in place to support these achievements. The July Monitoring return is available upon request.

5. Where targets are unrealistic or there are differences between the Hatch Business Case, the MHCLG monitoring return, PBC's master sheet and the MHCLG master sheet, these are being reviewed in conjunction with the MHCLG team and project leads to agree confirmed delivery targets.
6. The final reconciliation will also be affected by new MHCLG guidance dated 02/09/25, which is reducing the number of national performance indicators from 150 – 45. There will also be a focus on 'Portfolio' (or programme) level achievement rather than individual projects – 'a significantly reduced set of metrics'.
7. In summary the exercise, coupled with changes in MHCLG guidance, means that the Pendle Town Deal is well placed to achieve all contracted outputs and outcomes.
8. We expect to present a definitive table of outputs and outcomes for the next reporting period in December 2025. This will reflect:
  - Agreed targets with MHCLG – in line with new guidance.
  - Achievements to date
  - Supporting evidence collected