

Report Title	Nelson Pride in Place (NPiP) - Update
Meeting	Executive
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Directorate	Policy and Commission
Lead Executive Member(s)	Cllr David Whipp
Wards Affected	Bradley, Whitefield, Marsden, Southfield, Walverden
Public. Part Exempt, or Fully Exempt	Public
Appendices (if any)	Appendix 1- Nelson Pride in Place Regeneration Plan

1. Executive Summary

- 1.1 This report requests that the Executive agree to the Council acting as the Accountable Body for the Nelson Pride in Place (NPIP) (formerly known as the Nelson Plan for Neighbourhoods Programme).
- 1.2 To provide an update on the Nelson Pride in Place (NPIP) part of the Pride in Place Programme.
- 1.3 To highlight the responsibility of Pendle Borough Council in supporting the NPIP board to produce and deliver a Regeneration and Investment Plan for the Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG)

2. Recommendations

That the Executive:

- 2.1 Approve that Pendle Borough Council act as the Accountable Body for the Nelson Pride in Place Programme.
- 2.2 Notes progress to date on the NPIP and the requirement to submit the Nelson Board approved Regeneration and Investment Plans.

3. Information: The Rationale & Evidence for the Recommendations Summary of developments to date:

- 3.1 In September 2023 the Government launched The Long-Term Town Plan. They identified 75 towns, Nelson being one, which were eligible to receive £20 million over 10 years.

The Priority areas of the Long-Term Town Plan were:

- Heritage and Regeneration
- Transport and Connectivity
- Safety and Security

- 3.2 The fund was relaunched in March 2025 as Plan for Neighbourhoods with new criteria and 3 priority objectives, these being:

Thriving places

Stronger communities

Taking back control

The 3 priority objectives are supported by eight pre-approved interventions:

- Regeneration, high streets and heritage
- Housing
- Work, productivity and Skills
- Cohesion
- Health and wellbeing
- Transport
- Safety and security
- Education and opportunity

- 3.3 In September 2025 the government announced the Pride in Place Programme which has incorporated Plan for Neighbourhoods.

- 3.4 The Pride in Place programme has a strong community emphasis. Driven by a multi-agency Board, the programme adopts a community led approach to regeneration. Pride in Place Boards are responsible for developing the Regeneration Plan on behalf of local residents. They are responsible for leading the community engagement necessary to identify the interventions which match the preferences and priorities of local communities and working with the accountable body to select the specific projects and initiatives to fund. Nelson's Board was established in 2024, with a Chair appointed from the Community Voluntary Sector.

- 3.5 To clarify and confirm priorities for Nelson's programme, extensive engagement and consultation took place with Nelson's residents between 21 August and 21 October. Over 1,000 people participated in this digital process, complemented by face-to-face discussions, visits to organisations and businesses, and youth workshops.

- 3.6 The Board is required, in partnership with their local authority, to develop a 'Regeneration Plan', setting out its vision for the next decade alongside a more detailed 'Investment Plan' for the first 4 years of the programme. (Note the investment plan answers questions on a portal and submitted online, it is not a separate document.)

- 3.7 The findings from the consultation exercise undertaken in August, alongside previous consultation undertaken during the Long-Term Town Plan phase, helped inform the priorities for inclusion in the Regeneration Plan. The pre-approved priorities were agreed at the Board meeting held on the 24th of October 2025 and are as follows:-
- Regeneration, high streets and heritage,
 - Safety and security,
 - Work, productivity and skill
 - Cohesion
- 3.8 Ministry of Housing Community and Local Government (MHCLG) require the submission of the Regeneration Plan and Investment Plan no later than 12.00noon on the 28th of November 2025. Nelson's Regeneration Plan and Investment Plan was signed off by the Nelson Board on 12th November.
- 3.9 For information, a summary of the Regeneration Plan and the Investment Plan can be found in Appendix 1.
- 3.10 MHCLG will assess the Regeneration and Investment Plan, and approval of the plans will be announced in early 2026.
- 3.11 Programme delivery funding will be released to local authorities from April 2026 for delivery to commence in 2026/27
- 3.12 The Accountable Body is the organisation or entity responsible for ensuring that public funds are distributed fairly and effectively, and that funds have been managed in line with the Nolan Principles and Managing Public Money principles.
- 3.13 As the Accountable Body the Council will work with the with the Board to determine the project selection processes, accounting for the need to progress the programme at pace while balancing propriety, regularity, value for money and deliverability.
- 3.14 In addition, the Council will work with the Board to agree and implement a clear process for monitoring the progress of projects they have funded and to recover funding where beneficiaries do not comply with fund parameters, UK law or any local requirements.
- 3.15 The Accountable body is responsible for ensuring that fraud is a key consideration in all spend activity.
- 3.16 Once the Regeneration Plan is accepted by MHCLG, they will enter into a memorandum of agreement with the Council as Accountable Body.
- 4. Link to Council Plan Priorities: (Providing High Quality Services and Facilities, Proud and Connected Communities and Places, Good Growth and Housing and Healthy Communities)**

- 4.1 Pendle Council Plan (2025–2028) reflects many of the Plan for Neighbourhoods principles locally. Alignment areas include community co-production, regeneration, health, sustainability, and transparency
- 4.2 **CP Priority 1: Providing High Quality Services and Facilities** NPiP can support this by: Taking back control- giving communities more say in local decisions. Providing open, transparent governance with published reports. Listening and engaging Nelson residents and businesses in decision making
- 4.3 **CP Priority 2: Proud and Connected Communities and Places** NPiP can support this by: Strengthening communities- empowering Board to lead local change, promoting social cohesion and community led initiatives
- 4.4 **CP Priority 3: Good Growth** NPiP can support this by: Thriving Places- Investment in infrastructure and regeneration, supporting local economies and High Streets
- 4.5 **CP Priority 4: Housing and Healthy Communities** NPiP can support this by: Taking back control- addressing deprivation through grassroots initiatives

5. Implications

5.1 Financial Implications

The Council is the Accountable body for the programme. The funding profile is set out below:

	2024/25	2025/26	2026/27	2027/28	2028/29	2029/30	2030/31	2031/32	2032/33	2033/34	2034/35	2035/36	Total
	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£	£
Capacity Funding Revenue	250,000	200,000	150,000										600,000
Main Scheme Revenue			232,000	256,000	432,000	432,000	432,000	432,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	450,000	4,016,000
Main Scheme Capital			360,000	1,736,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	1,605,000	14,936,000
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MHCLG will provide funding for the general purpose of the programme. The onward award of funding and the substantive design of potential public subsidies will be the responsibility of the Council.

5.2 Legal and Governance Implications

There are no legal implications that are considered to arise directly from this report.

5.3 Climate and Biodiversity Implications

No legal implications that are considered to arise directly from this report.

5.4 Human Resources Implications

No legal implications that are considered to arise directly from this report.

5.5 Equality and Diversity Implications

No action required

6. Consultation

6.1 No consultations are required.

7. Alternative Options Considered

N/A

8. Statutory Officer Sign off (please put an x in the relevant box below)

Section 151 Officer	X
Monitoring Officer	X

9. Background Documents

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/plan-for-neighbourhoods-prospectus-and-tools/plan-for-neighbourhoods-prospectus>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/plan-for-neighbourhoods-prospectus-and-tools/plan-for-neighbourhoods-pre-approved-interventions>

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/plan-for-neighbourhoods-neighbourhood-boards-and-place-boundaries/plan-for-neighbourhoods-governance-and-boundary-guidance>

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