

REPORT FROM: DIRECTOR OF PLACE

TO: TOWN DEAL BOARD

DATE: 5th February 2026

Nelson Pride in Place - Update

PURPOSE OF REPORT

1. To update the Town Deal Board on the Nelson Pride in Place programme.

RECOMMENDATION

1. To note the report.

REASONS FOR RECOMMENDATIONS

1. For information.

1. The Regeneration Plan and Investment Plan were submitted to the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) ahead of the 28 November deadline. Nelson Pride in Place has been advised that the plans are currently undergoing MHCLG's assessment process, with outcomes expected in early 2026.
2. Subject to approval, programme delivery funding will be released to local authorities from April 2026, enabling delivery to commence in the 2026/27 financial year.
3. Due to the limited level of funding available in Year One, the Board agreed to focus on projects that are at risk, have a funding shortfall, or immediate community benefit projects.
4. An indicative list of potential Year One projects was presented to the Board on 12 December 2025. The Board agreed that all projects identified must complete and submit an application form by 22 January 2026 to progress to the next stage of consideration.
5. An update on all submitted applications was presented to the Board on 23 January 2026. Applications were then assessed and scored by a Task and Finish group on 30 January 2026, with the outcomes and recommended projects to be reported back to the Board on 20 February 2026 for ratification.
6. All project applicants will be informed of the outcome of the assessment process following the Board meeting on 20 February 2026. The Board is keen to ensure that all approved projects are supported to commence delivery from 1 April 2026, wherever feasible.
7. Following the selection of Year One projects; work will begin on preparing the grant funding agreements to enable projects to start on 1 April 2026. This is subject to MHCLG approval of both the Regeneration Plan and the Investment Plan.
8. The Board will then begin developing the criteria for funding applications for years two to four that align with Nelson Pride in Place Investment Plan. It is anticipated that the call for projects will open in early summer.