

<h1>Agenda Item 5.</h1>	
Report to:	Blackpool Town Deal Board
Subject:	Town Deal Boundary
Relevant Officer:	Nick Gerrard, Growth and Prosperity Programme Director
Date of Meeting:	28/02/2020

Town Deal Fund Boundary

Purpose of the report:

To enable the Board to agree the proposed Town Deal Boundary area.

1. Recommendation

The Board is asked to consider and approve the Town Deal boundary outlined below.

2. Background

Blackpool Council was requested by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to complete a “Readiness Form” by the 19th December, which included a host of questions intended to capture information about where each town stands in relation to the key actions required to develop and agree a Town Deal (such as forming a Board and developing an Investment Plan). This form required agreement to a pre-determined ONS boundary.

The defined boundary (whilst contained entirely within the Blackpool boundary) included most but not all of the Local Authority boundary which meant that some important areas were not incorporated e.g. Stanley Park. It also suggested an incorrect population figure, meaning any outputs measured per capita may not be comparable with some Local Authority measures.

We were asked to confirm the boundary or propose amendments. In our response, as shown on the attached plan, we referred to:

- the need to amend the boundary to include the whole of the Blackpool Borough Council area, and,
- The need to include the whole of the Blackpool Airport Enterprise Zone which lies partly in the Fylde Council area as Blackpool Council is the accountable body for the whole of the Enterprise Zone under arrangements agreed with Fylde Council and is the subject of separate governance arrangements. In addition, any proposals in the Town Investment Plan which related to the Enterprise Zone would be addressed through those arrangements.
- (nb the Fylde MP, Mark Menzies, has been advised of this as requested by Government and he will be contacted on any matters relating to the EZ and his constituency)

The revised boundary has now been approved by Government

