

<h1>Agenda Item 4.</h1>	
Report to:	Blackpool Town Deal Board
Subject:	Town Deal Board Membership
Relevant Officer:	Nick Gerrard, Growth and Prosperity Programme Director
Date of Meeting:	28/02/2020

**Town Deal Board Membership**

**1. Purpose of the report:**

To outline the rationale for Board Membership

**2. Recommendation:**

The Board is asked to consider and approve the proposed membership.

**3. Background**

The Towns Fund Prospectus was specific on both the role and membership of the Board.

Its **role** is to :

- Develop and agree an evidenced based Town Investment Plan
- Develop a clear programme of interventions
- Coordinate resources and influence stakeholders

In terms of **Membership**, Town Deal Boards must include:

- Town Councils
- Our two Members of Parliament
- Local businesses and investors
- Lancashire Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP)
- Communities: Boards should draw on the local knowledge and insight that communities can provide on the barriers to driving local growth and productivity. It is expected this would be achieved by including community representatives from prominent local civic and faith organisations

Town Deal Boards are also strongly encouraged to include (either in their governance structure or in their engagement activity):

- Business Improvement Districts (BIDs):
- Jobcentre Plus, The wider business community
- Universities and Further Education colleges, Academies and Schools
- Hospitals
- Development corporations
- Local sports teams and Cultural and creative institutions
- Housing sector including housing developers and housing association

- Other non-departmental government agencies: such as Historic England
- Other private investors and developers

The Town Readiness checklist submitted in December stated in relation to the Town Deal Board:

**“The work of the Pride of Place Board and the establishment of the Town Prospectus has been instrumental in putting Blackpool in a very strong position for securing a Town Deal – indeed, after Grimsby, Blackpool had made great strides towards becoming the second Town Deal in what has now become an expanded programme.**

**Whilst the constitution of the current PoP Board is close to what is required by Government it does not fully represent the engagement which is required although most of the organisations are already involved in Blackpool’s partnership arrangements. It also includes some whose remit is beyond the Blackpool Town Deal area.**

**It was therefore agreed at the Pride of Place Board on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2019 that the Town Board would be a sub-group of the PoP Board which would act as an advisory group to the Council.”**

In line with the above, and having regard to existing Governance and engagement arrangements the proposed Blackpool Town Board membership is as set out below overleaf:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Organisation</b>
Paul Smith (Chair)	BITC Pride of Place
Neil Jack	Blackpool Council
Alan Cavill	Blackpool Council
Anna Blackburn	Beaverbrooks
Bev Robinson	Blackpool & The Fylde College
Dick Cartmel	Together Lancashire
Jane Cole	Blackpool Transport
Kate Shane	Merlin
Linton Brown	Blackpool Football Club
Nick Payne	Nikal
Paul Maynard	MP, Blackpool North
Peter Swann	Coolsilk
Richard Greatham	Nutrition Group
Scott Benton	MP, Blackpool South
Steve Fogg	Lancashire LEP
Steve Williams	Force Technology
Tina Redford	Left Coast
Tracy Hopkins	Blackpool Fylde & Wyre VCFS
Heather Murray/ Carla Passarello	DWP
<b>In Attendance</b>	
Katherine O’Connor	BEIS
Nick Gerrard	Blackpool Council
Andy Charles	BITC Pride of Place