

Economy Projects					
Ref and Title	Project Manager	Q1, April - June 2021	Q2, July - September 2021	Q3, October - Dec 2021	Q4, January - March 2022
PEC1 - Status		Amber			
Support business growth at the Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone	Steve Smith	<p>The Council continues to support the work of the EZ Board in providing a strategic direction for the EZ.</p> <p>The Council and the Lancashire LEP have provided grant funding of £63k and £505k respectively to improve access arrangement and infrastructure on site. This project is now underway and being delivered by NPL Estates.</p> <p>Forsa Energy development site is now complete -total investment totalling £17m. Majority landowner NPL Estates have completed the purchase of the vacant property of the former Vinnolit site and are seeking planning consent to demolish with work likely to take up to 12 months releasing new sites for development resulting in increased long term employment. A purchaser for the former Sainsbury retail site has been identified and their intention is to secure a planning consent for up to 250 homes and a smaller district retail centre which will support employment and provide some retained business rates growth. BXB have attended most recent Hillhouse EZ Board meeting to give overview of plans.</p> <p>Scheme in pre-planning for spec 60,000 sq ft commercial development. Risk Register updated regularly by Project Board.</p> <p>Works to extend the local full fibre network to the gatehouse of the site is now complete and awaiting proposals as to how and when this will be rolled out across the site.</p> <p>Outline planning application validated for housing development Thornton FC grounds.</p>			
PEC2 - Status		Amber			
Collaborate with partners to develop strategic economic plans such as the Greater Lancashire Plan	Mark Fenton	<p>IBI Group appointed to develop and produce Regeneration Frameworks for Thornton Cleveleys, Poulton & Garstang. Workshops and consultation activities to develop the frameworks will commence from July onwards. Establishing a Poulton partnership board postponed until autumn.</p> <p>Meetings held with Blackpool & Fylde ED teams to discuss funding opportunities and potential collaborative projects.</p>			
PEC3 - Status		Green			
Work with our partners to increase access for residents and businesses to high speed internet and Wi-Fi wherever possible	Marianne Hesketh	<p>We continue to link in with partners across the Fylde Coast to develop opportunities. Our assets including Marine Hall and Fleetwood market are now benefiting from better wi-fi.</p>			
PEC4 - Status		Amber			

Develop the Fleetwood Regeneration Framework and explore external funding opportunities to support the future options to transform Fleetwood over the next 20 years	Mark Fenton	<p>Through a partnership approach a series of projects have been developed out of the draft Regeneration Framework that will comprehensively kick-start the sustainable regeneration of Fleetwood's town centre. Our bid submitted to government for £8.56million consists of a programme of investment.</p> <p>Three parts are; 1. Port Residential Redevelopment (£5.68m), Fleetwood Market (£900k), Fleetwood Museum (£1.79m). Feedback from Government expected in autumn this year.</p> <p>Fleetwood Heritage Action Zone: Surveys and proposals for properties on Lord St, Adelaide St, North Albert St completed and owner's invited to submit grant applications. Landscape Projects (Landscape Architecture Consultants) developing final design for Custom House Square project following consultation with residents, Future Fleetwood and Historic England. Repairs to the southern gable end of the Fleetwood Museum delayed by nesting gulls. Draft project plan for public realm in the HAZ completed and ThinkingPlace visual narrative and imagery for the Fleetwood narrative presented to Future Fleetwood. Extensive condition surveys and valuation of Store 21 completed and discussions with the agent are to take place in July. Feasibility and business planning study for Fleetwood Market commenced. Application received for works to St Mary's RC Church Presbytery and St Mary's RC Church. £100,000 HE Cultural Programme grant awarded to deliver a programme of events celebrating the town's rich heritage - the programme will be delivered between March 2021 and March 2024 by a consortium of local arts and community groups working in partnership (With Fleetwood Museum as Lead).</p>			
PE5 - Status Explore investment and development opportunities for our other town centres in Poulton, Garstang and Cleveleys	Steve Smith / Mark Fenton	<p>Amber</p> <p>Garstang and Cleveleys Partnership Boards established. The establishment of Poulton to begin in later in 2021.</p> <p>Lead consultants have been appointed (IBI Group) and have commenced work. A slight delay to the first public meeting for the work in Garstang has occurred owing to the continuation of COVID restrictions, meeting now scheduled for 19 July.</p>			
PEC6 - Status Work with partners to explore the feasibility of a Fylde Coast tramway / rail loop	Mark Fenton	<p>Green</p> <p>Lancashire County Council have issued a final report - Strategic Outline Business Case.</p> <p>A report has been presented to Management Board, Lancashire County Council are now awaiting feedback from DfT and agreement on next steps.</p>			
PEC7 - Status Explore investment opportunities for our key council assets	Maria Blundy	<p>Green</p> <p>Work officially started on Project Neptune on 30 June. This project will see the development of 40,000 sq ft commercial space on Fleetwood Docks. The 2 new buildings will accommodate 11 food and fish processing businesses. The council will acquire the development on completion. Cabinet approved a report to declare the site at Bourne Hill surplus and proceed with appointing Land Agents to market the site. Expressions of interest for Land Agents to apply close 23/07/21.</p>			
PEC8 - Status		Green			

Proactively support business recovery following the pandemic	Marianne Hesketh	Town Centre Partnership Boards have been developed - in which there are Economy & High Street Theme Leads. As well as continued communication with local businesses through Wyred Up network, on business support initiatives promoted via Boost Lancashire we are now channelling communication directly to these Theme Leads to share at a local level (e.g the KickStart Scheme). ED Team carry out retail monitoring and Business Health Checks quarterly, and send a fortnightly newsletter to businesses within the borough. ED Team have also been responsible for the latest iteration of the ARG, to aid vacant properties on our High Streets to become occupied by new start-ups, providing grants of up to £25k for shop frontage, equipment and fit-out.			
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