

Economy Projects				
Ref and Title	Project Manager	Q1, April - June 2022	Q2, July - September 2022	Q3, October - Dec 2022
PEC1 - Status		Amber	Amber	Amber
Support business growth at the Hillhouse Technology Enterprise Zone	Mark Fenton	<p>The Council continues to support the work of the EZ Board, providing a strategic direction for the EZ through regular meetings with key stakeholders. In addition the Council supports the work of NPL Ltd in facilitating a Hydrogen Steering Group for the EZ.</p> <p>A draft cabinet report has been prepared to request the release of funding from the Enterprise Zone Business Rates Growth Reserve for the commission of technical studies and update of the masterplan</p> <p>Amber rating as business growth (as measured by NNDR retained) is relatively unchanged at present.</p>	<p>The Council continues to support the work of the EZ Board, providing a strategic direction for the EZ through regular meetings with key stakeholders. In addition the Council supports the work of NPL Ltd in facilitating a Hydrogen Steering Group for the EZ.</p> <p>Release of funding from the Enterprise Zone Business Rates Growth Reserve for the commission of technical studies and update of the masterplan was approved 8 September and a programme for the work is to be agreed in Q3.</p> <p>Amber rating as business growth (as measured by NNDR retained) is not revised during the year.</p>	<p>The Council continues to support the work of the EZ Board, providing a strategic direction for the EZ through regular meetings with key stakeholders. In addition the Council supports the work of NPL Ltd in facilitating a Hydrogen Steering Group for the EZ.</p> <p>A programme for the commission of technical studies and update of the masterplan was delayed at the request of NPL Ltd. Agreeing a programme will be revisited in Q4.</p>
PEC2 - Status		Green	Green	Green
Collaborate with our Lancashire partners to develop joint working arrangements with a focus on economic growth, skills and tackling climate change.	Marianne Hesketh	<p>The Corporate Director Communities is part of the Lancashire 2050 strategic plan working group and continues to help support this strategic piece of work going forward. The Chief Executive is going to lead the housing theme, Members will be kept up to date on progress with the Lancashire Strategic Plan.</p>	<p>A workshop was held of Lancashire leaders to focus on the Lancashire 2050 plan. Work continues on developing the vision, ambition and eight priority areas - Economic Prosperity, Transport and Infrastructure, Housing, Health and Wellbeing, Environment and Climate, Education and Early Years, Employment and Skills and Communities and Place.</p>	<p>The Lancashire 2050 Plan was formally launched on 23rd November 2022 at an event held at Apeakers House, Westminster.</p>
PEC3 - Status		Green	Green	Amber
Continue to support town centre recovery through the town centre strategy fund and explore investment and sustainable development opportunities for our key town centres	Mark Fenton	<p>Garstang: Town Centre Regeneration Framework adopted by Council 1 June.</p> <p>Cleveleys: final draft of the Town Centre Regeneration Framework report to be published for public comment mid July.</p> <p>Future Fleetwood: feedback on the draft Town Centre Regeneration Framework report - sessions with officers have been undertaken and comments from the board are to be confirmed at their July meeting.</p> <p>Development of Investment Plan for UK Shared Prosperity Fund is in progress. Town centre recovery projects, shortlisted from the regeneration frameworks, have been shortlisted for funding.</p>	<p>Cleveleys: Town Centre Regeneration Framework adopted by Council 8 September. The High Streets Task Force visited Cleveleys on 26th July to undertake an Unlocking Your Place Potential diagnostic visit. Their recommendations have been received and the scope of further expert advice is to be agreed in November.</p> <p>Fleetwood: report updated and to be reviewed by CMT.</p> <p>UK Shared Prosperity Fund: Investment Plan submitted 1 August which included recovery projects for each town centre. Approval of the plan is anticipated in October.</p>	<p>Cleveleys: Briefing and site visit completed by designated expert from High Street Task Force, workshop for the Board focusing on partnership working booked for January. Transport Study in progress with initial options for pedestrian priority on Victoria Rd West, Bus facilities and car parking were presented to the working group late December.</p> <p>Fleetwood: Regeneration Framework published for comment in December and the document will be considered for adoption by Cabinet 11 January.</p> <p>Garstang: working group formed for the development of a Town Centre Study which focuses on improvements to the High Street and assessment of car parking provision, final scope of the study to be agreed in January.</p> <p>UK Shared Prosperity Fund: UKSPF agreement received late December and return of further information to DLUHC completed for 23 December. The considerable delay in approving the plan (also a UK-wide issue) means that significant reprofiling of spend and a request to change delivery plans is required. Further information regarding the requirements of DLUHC has/continues to delay aspects of delivery and commissioning. (Amber rating for PEC3 as a result of these issues).</p>
PEC4 - Status		Green	Green	Green
Explore investment opportunities for our key council assets	CMT	<p>Bourne Hill sale successfully completed in May 2022. Acquisition of Project Neptune has entered into pre-completion stage with preparation of legal documents in readiness for contract exchange and raising a snagging list.</p>	<p>The Resources Portfolio Holder approved the provision of two changing places facilities one within Fleetwood to compliment the beach wheelchair project and the second at Wye Estuary Country Park. Work on the Fleetwood project is due to be completed this year.</p> <p>Project Neptune completed 9 August 2022. The council can now work to secure tenants for the 11 industrial units.</p>	<p>A report was approved by full council on 27 October 2022 to enable significant improvement works to Fleetwood Market. This includes the main hall slate roof windows and doors. The main contractor, Parkinsons has been appointed to undertake the work which starts in January 2023.</p>
PEC5 - Status		Green	Green	Amber

Relaunch our Wyred Up network to proactively support sustainable business recovery following the pandemic and to encourage and support businesses to reduce their carbon footprint	Colm Healy	Survey to ascertain what support local businesses required went live in Q1, reasonable response received. Continuing to forge links with Partner Organisations (e.g. NW Lancs Chamber, Boost, Lancashire etc.). Economic Development Team continuously working on increasing membership, through social media channels etc. Relaunch event (including speakers relating to current Low Carbon Campaign) due to take place during Q2.	First in-person event held at Myerscough College in July. Focus was on how local businesses can reduce their carbon footprint, featuring speakers from Lancaster University, Myerscough College, NPL Estates & Wyre Council. Feedback from attendees was overwhelmingly positive. Next quarterly campaign to focus on workplace health & wellbeing.	Amber rating as the Health & Wellbeing event due to take place in October 2022 was postponed due to unavailililty of speakers as well as the impact that the communication ban due to death of Her Majesty The Queen had on promotional activity. ED Team continuing to send out regular newsletters highlighting support services, news etc - current campaign theme of digital skills. Next in-person event due to be held 18th January 2023 at the Civic Centre, featuring guest speakers with a focus on digital skills.
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