

Report to:	TOURISM, ECONOMY AND COMMUNITIES SCRUTINY COMMITTEE
Relevant Officer:	Alan Cavill, Director of Communications and Regeneration
Date of Meeting:	6 October 2021

BLACKPOOL TOWN CENTRE REGENERATION UPDATE

1.0 Purpose of the report:

1.1 To provide an overview of progress on the various projects being undertaken to secure the regeneration of Blackpool Town Centre following the last update in April 2021, and to inform the Committee of planned future work.

2.0 Recommendation(s):

2.1 To note the progress being made and to identify any issues requiring additional scrutiny.

3.0 Reasons for recommendation(s):

3.1 To ensure constructive and robust scrutiny of the strategic approach to regenerating Blackpool Town Centre following a request by the Committee.

3.2 Is the recommendation contrary to a plan or strategy adopted or approved by the Council? No

3.3 Is the recommendation in accordance with the Council's approved budget? Yes

4.0 Other alternative options to be considered:

4.1 None

5.0 Council priority:

5.1 The relevant Council priority is

- "The economy: Maximising growth and opportunity across Blackpool"
- "Communities: Creating stronger communities and increasing resilience"

6.0 Background information

6.1 A presentation will be given at the Committee covering the following projects:

- Blackpool Town Centre Strategy
- Talbot Gateway
- Blackpool Central
- Winter Gardens Conference Centre
- Showtown
- Quality Corridors

- Heritage Action Zone

Getting Building Fund Projects

- Houndshell Phase 2
- Abingdon Street Market

Town Deal Town Centre Projects

- Blackpool Central Courts Relocation
- Multiversity
- Youth Hub
- Illuminations
- The Edge (Stanley Buildings)

Levelling Up Fund Projects

- Town Centre Access Scheme
- Post Office
- Winter Gardens/Coronation Street

Welcome Back Fund

Community Renewal Fund

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7.0 Appendices

7.1 None

8.0 Financial considerations:

8.1 Each of the developments referred to have significant financial implications for which individual business cases are prepared and factored into the Council's budget. This includes securing significant levels of private sector investment and grant funding.

9.0 Legal considerations:

9.1 Most of the developments referred to either do or will include individual legal agreements to protect the Council's investment and to secure the planned outcomes.

10.0 Risk management considerations:

10.1 Each of the developments has a business case which includes a review of risks.

11.0 Equalities considerations:

11.1 The implementation of the Council's £1bn+ Growth and Prosperity Programme is designed to create extensive opportunities for employment and economic benefit to Blackpool residents and businesses.

12.0 Sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations:

12.1 Whilst sustainability, climate change and environmental considerations are not a key focus of the outlined projects, each project has its own business case that will look to address sustainability and the environment where appropriate.

13.0 Internal/external consultation undertaken:

13.1 Both formal and informal consultation has been and will continue to be a key part of the implementation of such an extensive programme of improvement.

14.0 Background papers:

14.1 None