

Long Term Plan for Towns Town Board Briefing

Introduction

Route-map to preparing the Long-Term Plan for Farnworth (LTPF)

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Guidance headlines

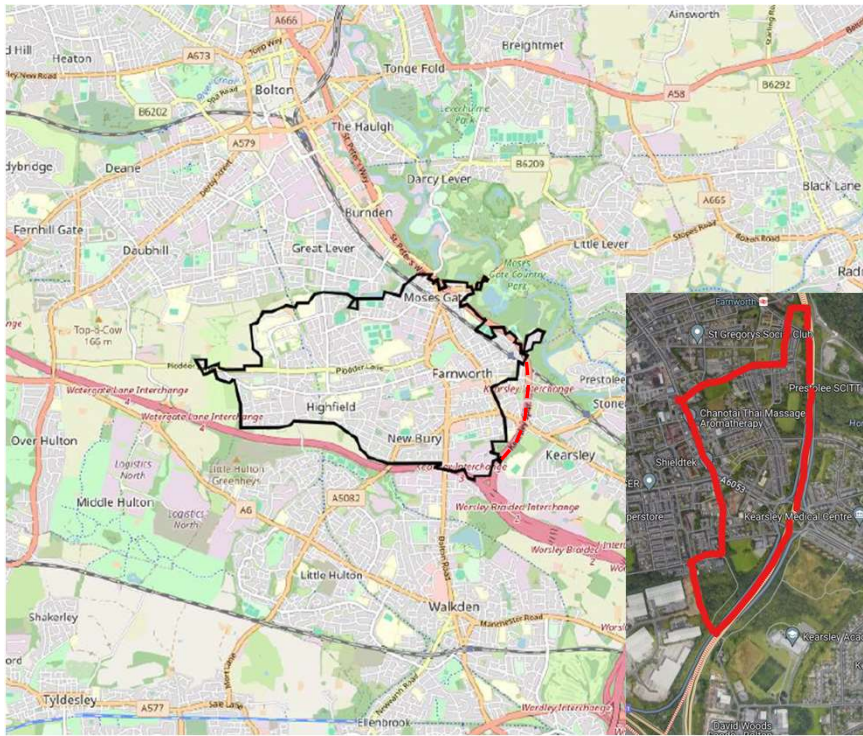
- October 23 DLUHC announced 55 towns benefit from £20m 'endowment style funding' over 10-year period
- Local Towns Boards must be established to develop a 10 year plan and vision for their town aligned to the themes of:
 - Security & Safety;
 - High Streets, Heritage & Place; and
 - Connectivity & Transport
- Bolton Council is the accountable body
- Should be genuinely 'community-led'
- LTPF should identify other funding and investment
- Document submission to DLUHC 1st August

Annex – Long-Term Plan for Towns Funding Profile

in 000's	23-24	24-25	25-26	26-27	27-28	28-29	29-30	30-31	31-32	32-33	33-34	Total
Total RDEL per place	50	449	423	449	449	449	449	454	467	467	467	4,574
Total CDEL per place		491	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	1,605	14,936
Total amount per place												19,510

Study Area

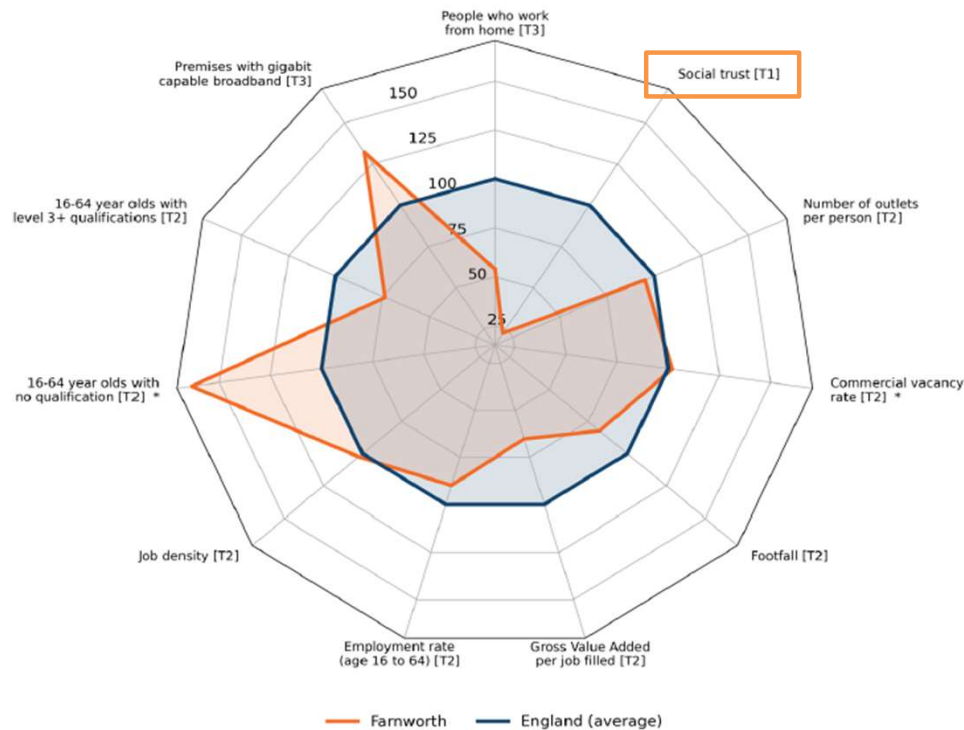
Based on the definition of Built Up Area (BUA, 2022) by ONS



Source: [ONS, 2022](#)

If your Town Board would like to invest in projects outside of the boundaries that are set out in the pack, you will need to confirm this by 1 April at the latest, as part of a wider return to the department on the establishment of your Towns Board. The department will share an agreed template and further guidance for this submission, which will need to set out the amendments that you would like to make (including a map) and the rationale for the changes. You would need to provide confirmation that changes to the geography were agreed by the Towns Board and provide evidence for why these changes are needed to deliver local priorities. Ministers will then consider the case for change, in particular, how this aligns with the spirit of the programme, and confirm whether the changes are accepted.

Socio-economic context



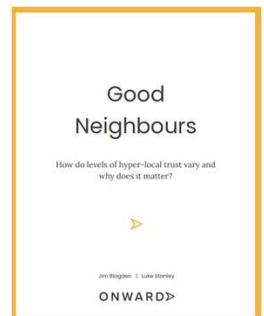
Safety & Security theme

Key insights for further analysis:

- Extremely low levels of social trust in Bolton and England context

Indicator	Farnworth	Bolton	England
Social trust (%) (2023)	-19.8	-11.1	-3.1

- Study undertaken by Onward
- "Generally speaking, would you say that people can be trusted or that you can't be too careful in dealing with people?"
- This matters for community life/ productivity/ fear of crime/ mental health



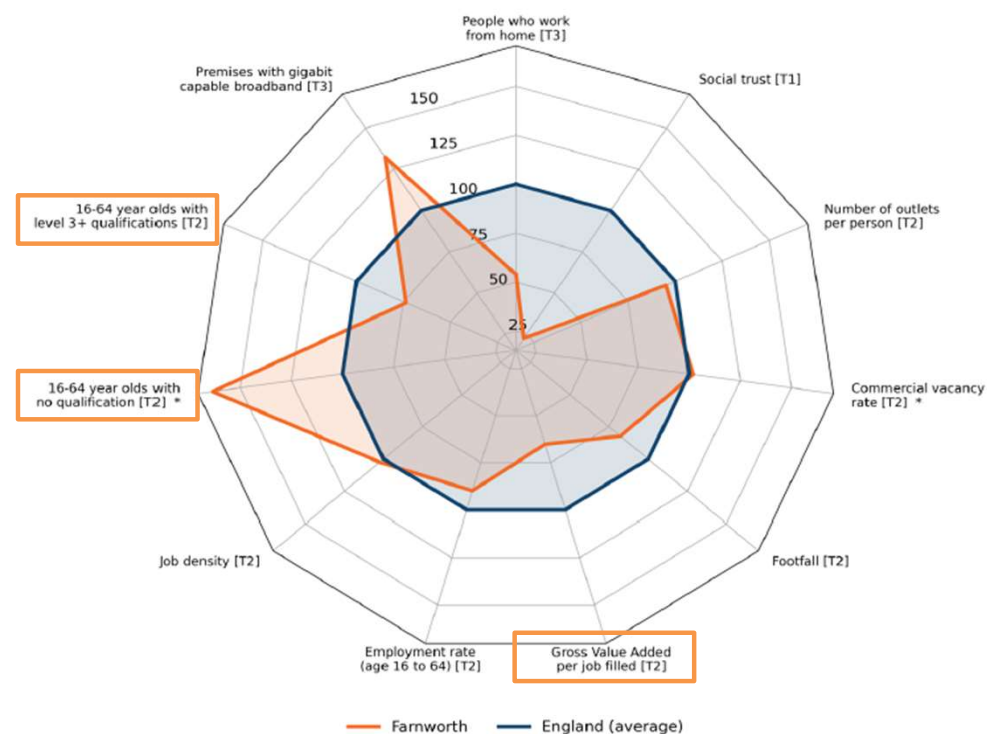
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High Street, Heritage & Place theme

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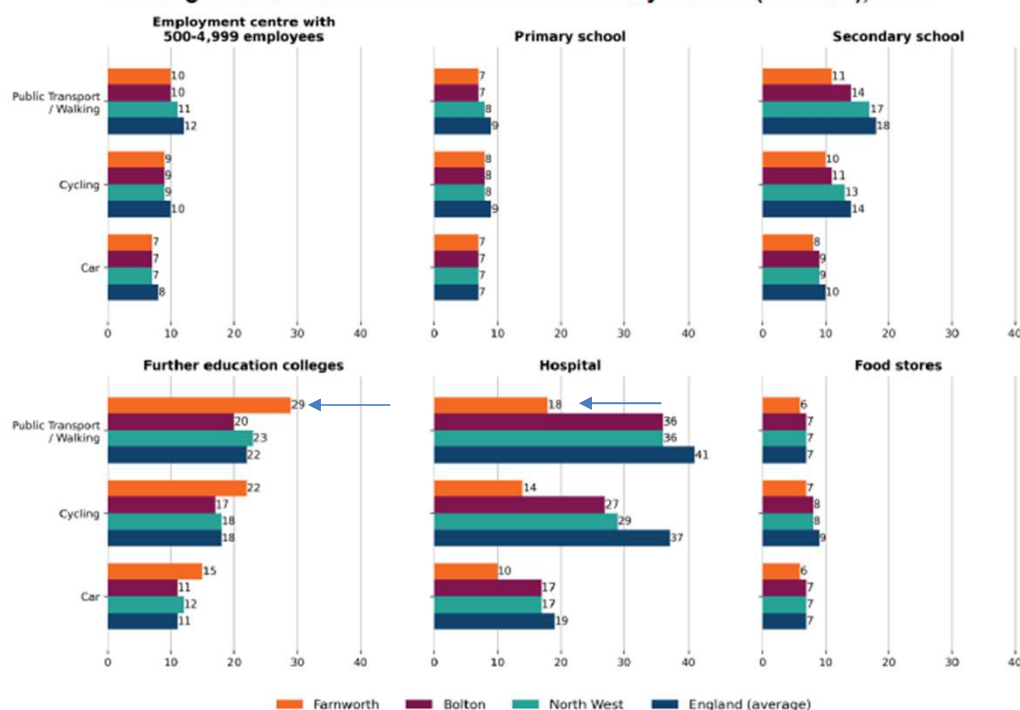
- Low productivity evidenced by GVA per job
- Extremely high level of adults with no qualifications
- Low levels of adults with qualifications higher than GCSEs

Indicator	Farnworth	Bolton	North West	England
Gross Value Added per job filled (£) (2020)	38,407	46,902	51,777	58,869
16-64 year olds with level 3+ qualifications (%) (2021)	40.9	48.7	53.7	55.6
16-64 year olds with no qualification (%) (2021)	20.6	17.1	13.7	12.6



Socio-economic context

Average minimum travel time to the nearest key service (minutes), 2019



Source: [Department for Transport, 2021](#)

Transport and Connectivity

Key insights for further analysis:

- High digital connectivity capacity

Indicator	Farnworth	Bolton	North West	England
Premises with gigabit capable broadband (%) (2023)	96.5	88.1	72.9	72.9

- Connectivity to employment/schools/food stores in line with national averages
- 29 mins to further education by public transport in comparison to 22 mins national average
- 18 mins to hospital by public transport in comparison to 41 mins national average

Vision shaping

- Guidance: A 250-word vision statement that articulates, at a high level, the vision for the future of the town and how success will be judged.
- By 2034, Farnworth is ...[e.g. a green place, a healthy place, a safe place, a friendly place, a desirable place....?]
- What makes Farnworth unique?
- Community led...a Farnworth stakeholder group could act a conduit for engagement with the local community
- Towns Board shaped...
- Communicated by social media/ non-digital methods?
- Identified projects will be aligned to the Vision

Masterplan vision:

“Farnworth town centre will be a vibrant and attractive environment, encouraging healthy lifestyles, offering a diverse range of shopping, leisure and cultural activities. Maximising the benefits of its proximity to neighbouring towns and cities, it will be a place that people want to come to live, work and socialise.”

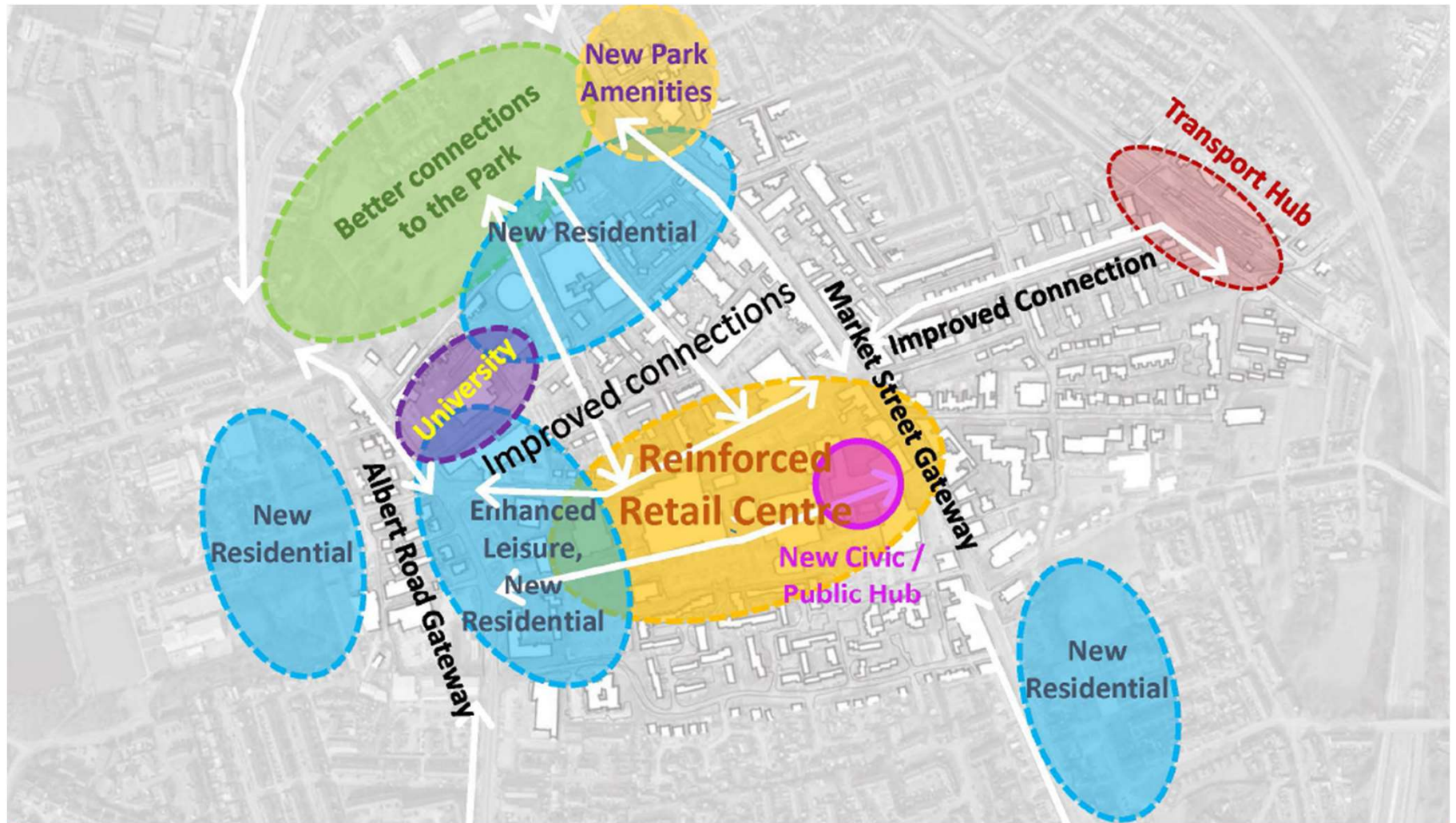


Figure 4.2: Regeneration Strategy Diagram

Existing projects

- **Farnworth Streets for All-** £2.8m spend
 - Treatment in Market Street between Frederick Street and King Street
 - Safer and more accessible space
 - Start on site March 24
 - Phase 1 complete March 25
 - Phase 2 complete March 26
- **Farnworth Market Precinct**
 - 97 dwellings/ community centre/ commercial space/ public realm
 - On budget- Future High Street & Brownfield Land, GMCA loan, Council borrowing
 - Due to complete Nov 24
 - Community hub occupiers to be determined



Engagement

- **Workstream 1-** Towns Board engagement
- **Workstream 2-** Member working groups
- **Workstream 2-** Farnworth stakeholders (Pre-election)
- **Workstream 3-** Community engagement (post-election)

121 engagement underway to map key stakeholders (including Council) e.g:

- Lesley Simm, Area Manager Age UK
- John Bradbury, Farnworth Baptist Church Minister
- Victor Franks, Thrive Business Centre (owned by Sterling Properties)
- Carol Morris (Branch Manager of bank) & Andy Shaw (Property Developer)
- Rachel Noble, Health Strategy, NHS
- University Dental School/ University in general

- Ian Coll
- Dawn Yates, Bolton CVS
- Sam Elliott, BCC Libraries and Culture
- Emma Hutchinson, Bolton Lad and Girls Club
- Graham Langley, BCC Highways
- TFGM, Streets for All
- Lisa Lamb, BCC (ran an elderly walk around Farnworth)
- Mr Atcha, Youth Leader & Charity worker
- Our Lady of Lords, Plodder Lane, Catholic Indian Church
- Damian Cross, GMCA, Fire Station, wider GM Estate opportunities
- Parks department/allotments
- Leisure services
- Police contact, Nick Bonson
- Education/ headteachers
- Local businesses- Federation of Small Businesses
- **Additional suggestions welcome...**

Project proposals

Q1: Project name
Q2: Intervention theme
Q3: Project proposer (Name, company/organisation address)
Q4: Project summary
Q5: Supporting background information e.g. business plan, designs, resource plan
Q6: Key risks/challenges in delivery
Q7: Project budget (inc. breakdown and assumptions and revenue/capital split)
Q8: Co-funding (if any)
Q9: Programme/timescales
Q10: Experience in delivering similar projects
Q11 What does success look like/outcomes

Suggested evaluation criteria:

- Is there a responsible & solvent legal entity/bank account for the Council to disperse funds to (pass/fail)
- Strategic fit/ alignment with evidenced need (20%)
- Level of detail on project (20%)
- Delivery risks (20%)
- Value for Money (cost v outcome) (20%)
- Track record of delivery (20%)
- Could this be funded elsewhere? (pass/fail)
- Timescales (not scored)

Pre-approved projects & policy toolkit

Security & Safety

S1– Design and management e.g. streetlighting & CCTV

S2– Visible crime prevention e.g. hotspot policing

S3– Prevention of ASB and reduce reoffending e.g. mentoring and diversion models

S4– Reducing repeat burglary e.g. neighbourhood watch, alley gating

Pre-approved projects & policy toolkit

High-Street, heritage and regeneration

H1- Place based regeneration e.g. town square or high street

H2- New or improved community Infrastructure e.g. decarbonisation

H3- Improvement to local green spaces, tree planting, improving access

H4 + 5- Enhanced support for arts, cultural & heritage activities, programmes and assets

H6- promotion to encourage people to visit and explore the local area

H7- Volunteering and social action projects to develop social and human capital.

H8- funding for local sport

H9- funding for community centres

H10- Investment in digital infrastructure

H11- Investment in town centre retail and service sector including entrepreneurial support

H12-Funding for the development of the visitor economy

H13- Grants for business events and conferences

Pre-approved projects & policy toolkit

Transport and connectivity

T1– Active travel enhancements

T2– Funding for bus infrastructure

T3– Additional revenue to Bus Service Improvement Programme

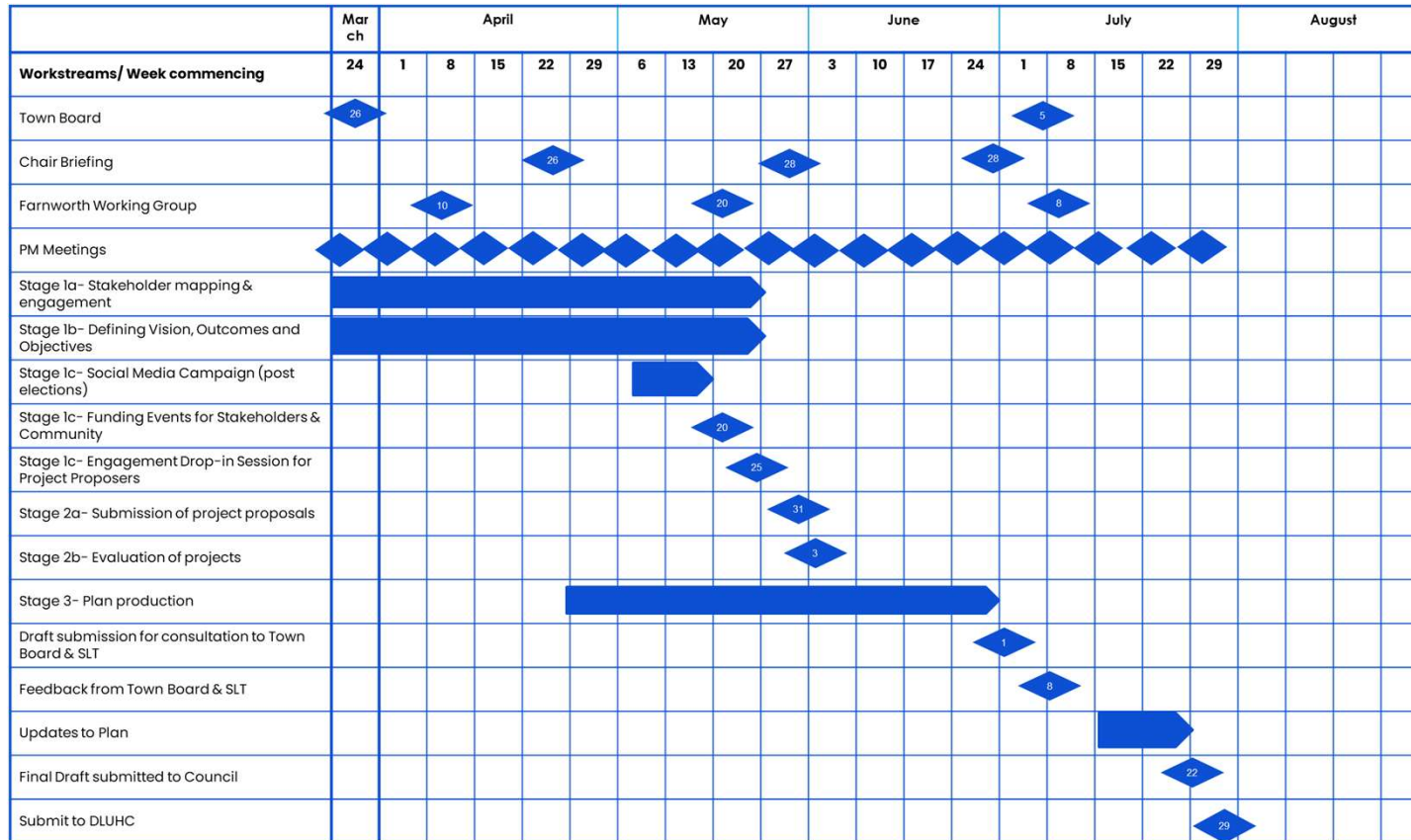
T4 – Funding for road improvements

T5– Funding for rail connectivity

T6– Reducing vehicle emissions

T7– Digital infrastructure for local community facilities

Programme



- **Adam Hawskby**, Chair of the Long Term Plan For Towns DLUHC visit- 26th April
- Funding Event 20th May
- Next Town Board w/c 1st July