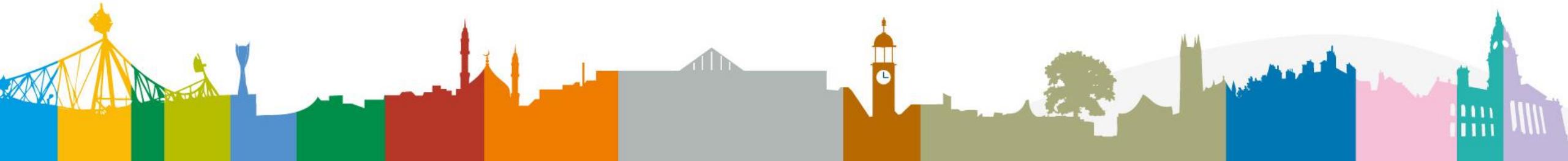


Towns Board

13th September 2024

Town and District Centre Regeneration



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Simplification Pathfinder Pilot

- Bolton is 1 of 10 local authorities in the pilot that looks to streamline monitoring of central government funded initiatives
- Operational from 1st April 2024 and 8 projects currently in the portfolio
- Easier reporting requirements
 - Q1 and Q3 RAG only
 - Q2 and Q4 Financials and Outputs
- Ability to flex funding between projects
 - £5m materiality cap
- Ability to spend up to 31st March 2026
- Government confidence in Bolton Council's delivery of projects
- SPP does not include Long Term Plan for Towns programme (limited to Farnworth only)

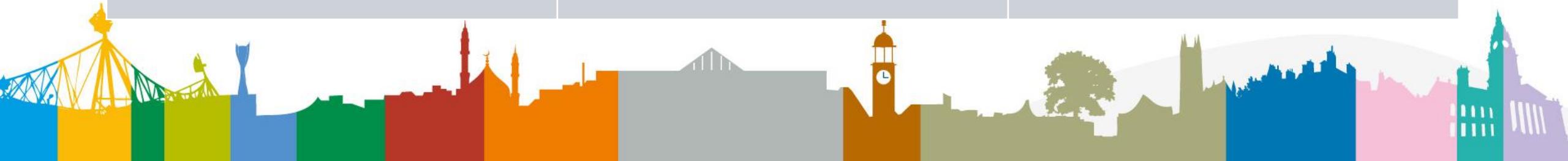
Levelling Up R1

- Levelling Up Round 1 secured £20m towards the delivery a new state-of-the-art medical sciences education facility for University of Bolton, to be constructed on the site of Bolton Royal Hospital.
- Facility was given PC in April 2024.
- First wave of students in Nursing, Midwifery and other allied health professionals to enter the facility in September 2024.
- University of Bolton to seek to use facility as part of Medicine Degree delivery from September 2025.

Levelling Up R3

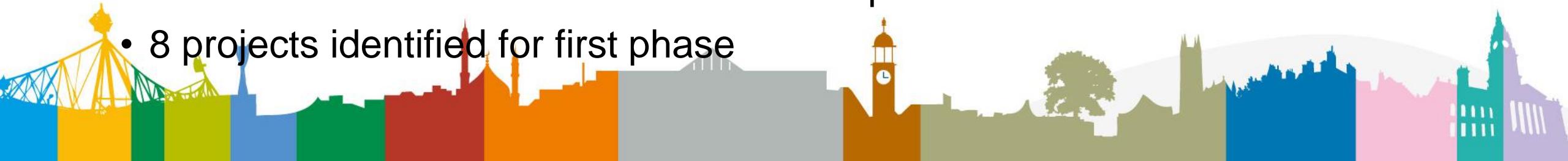
The £20m from Levelling Up R3 is earmarked for three separate Town Centre projects, each is a unique opportunity to propel the Town Centre into more of a visitor destination.

Le Mans Crescent Hotel	Reimagining Market Place	Mawdsley Gate Public Realm
<p>Repurposing the old Bolton Magistrates Court into a boutique 110-bedroom hotel, under IHG's VOCO branding.</p> <p>The hotel would bring a historic building back into use, and maintain many of the existing heritage features.</p> <p>Original allocation of £8,152,769.</p>	<p>To repurpose the old first floor Debenhams unit, and basement into mixed use leisure facilities.</p> <p>First floor to include leisure and F&B offering with the basement to include a performance space and potential for music studios.</p> <p>Original allocation of £9,800,000.</p>	<p>Creating new public realm at the edge of Victoria Sq by opening up more space by demolishing a building on the edge of Crompton Place.</p> <p>Works no longer being considered as part of this project which gives us the opportunity to move the £2,047,231 allocated into the other two projects.</p>



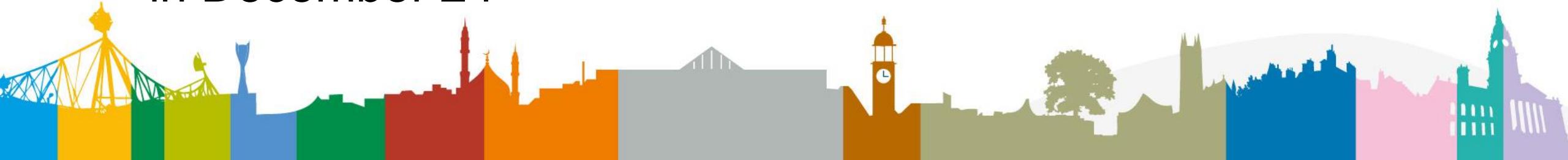
Long Term Plan for Towns (Farnworth)

- Farnworth has been selected as one of 75 towns to be part of the Long-Term Plan for Towns programme
- £20m to be granted over 10 years - 75% Capital, 25% Revenue
- To be community-led with Council as accountable body
- Governance guidance changed in April 2024 to require a separate Farnworth focused board
- Confirmation subject to Treasury Review, expected October Budget
- November 2024 - Council ECM to sign off plan (subject to Treasury decisions)
- Geographically constrained to a defined boundary of Farnworth
- Two documents to be submitted – 3 Year plan and Ten Year Vision
- 8 projects identified for first phase



Towns Fund

- Bolton Market, Central Library and Wellsprings all completed with Wellsprings due to open October 24
- Public realm completed on Howell Croft, Ashburner Street, Blackhorse Street and Elizabeth Park
- Elizabeth Park used as an events space for first time during Food & Drink festival
- Public realm continuing within Moor Lane development and at Cheadle Sqaure with Cheadle Square due for completion in December 24



The Wellsprings

- Practical completion achieved in Aug 24
- Oxford Innovation have been procured as our chosen building operator
- Operator fit out works ongoing to get the building ready for the planned opening in October 24
- Website and marketing underway via Oxford Innovation
- Business support with activities both underway and with a full calendar of events planned into 2025 in line with key outputs and outcomes
- Planned Place North West Event organised for late September 24 to be held in the Wellsprings as part of a range of events as we head towards building opening



Crompton Place

- Multi-disciplinary team established to take the development forward
- Survey work continuing
- Demolition due to commence Q1 2025 and take 12 months
- Placemaking/meanwhile use to be presented for consideration and review
- Competition / Procurement route to secure a developer partner to be determined and agreed.
- Scrutiny meeting specific to Crompton Place due in April 25

Church Wharf

- Cabinet report approved on 22nd July 2024 to enter into a conditional land sale agreement to Watson Church Wharf Limited for phases 1-4
- Draft programme is
 - Submission of planning application – October / November 2024
 - Secure planning consent – January / February 2025
 - Start on site – April 2025 (with activities including site remediation, drainage, roads and installation of services)
 - Commencement of construction – Q2 2025
 - Completion on site – 2029



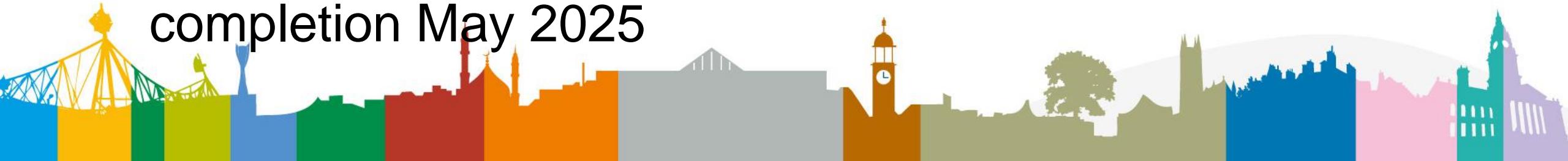
Westpoint

- Intention remains to bring this site forward for development in the near future.
- Planning permission already in place for up to 250 units and capacity for up to 500 units demonstrated.
- Options being explored in terms of connection to Queens Park and bringing forward an extension to the masterplan area to include Queens Park to allow for biodiversity net gain improvements.
- Financial due diligence being undertaken



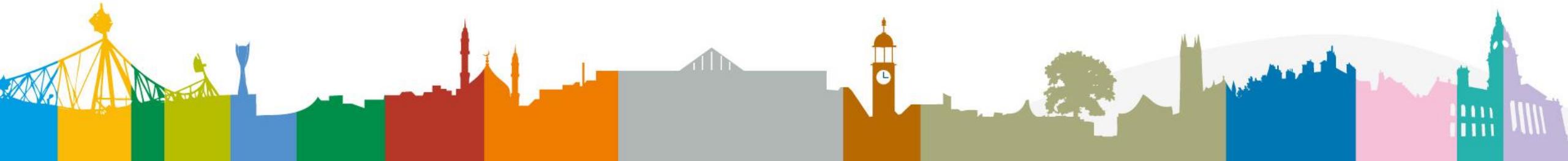
Moor Lane and Croal Valley

- Completion of 44 town houses and 60 apartments at Moor Lane
- Transfers to Bolton at Home and Step Places agreed
- GMPF agreement to invest in Central Street and Moor Lane
- GMIF agreement to complete blocks
- Croal Valley - 58 units nearing completion
- Central Street – first block for handover Jan 2025, completion May 2025



Next Steps (Wayfinding, Lighting, Cultural Strategy)

- Cabinet report approved on 9th September outlining proposals for wayfinding and lighting schemes using UKSPF funding with all projects to be in situ and spent by 31st March 2025



Forthcoming Events

- Bolton Institute of Medical Science – to be confirmed
- Food and Beverage promotion – 9th October
- Wellsprings Opening – 7th October
- Building Conversion stakeholder gathering – November 2024
- Delivery of Mayoral Development Corporation progressing

