

Millom Town Deal – the story so far..



Duddon Parish Council

26th March 26

Dave Savage – Chair – Millom Town Board



What is the Town Deal Board?

Key Responsibilities

Advisory Board to Cumberland Council:



The Board does not

Hold the funds-
Cumberland Council

Can not enter into
legal contracts



The Process

Invitation to Bid



Understanding the Challenges and Strengths



Town Deal Investment Plan



Business Case for each Project



Delivery Phase

Demographic & Depopulation Challenges



Population Loss

Total population has fallen by 6% since 2016.
Under 15 age is falling as a proportion of the population



Reducing Workforce

The working-age population has fallen by 12%,



Historical Context

The town lost 27% of its residents following the 1968 Iron Works / Mines closures and has struggled to recover the loss of residents



Impact

A shrinking, ageing population reduces labour supply, consumer spending, and may impact public services.

Health Inequalities Challenges



National Outlier

80% of neighbourhoods are in the top 20% most health-deprived areas nationally.

Health Challenges

Obesity rates are 11 percentage points above the England average
Rising levels of adult diabetes and obesity

The Provision Gap

Residents have no access to a swimming pool within a 25-mile radius.

Consequence

Poor health impacts the available workforce and has the potential to place more demands on health providers

The Cost of Doing Nothing



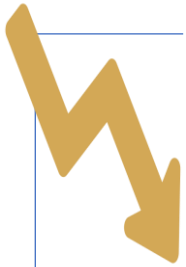
Reducing Services

- Further depopulation will make local shops and public services potentially less viable.



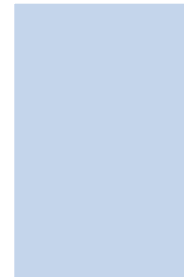
Investing in the Town

- Vacant buildings will deteriorate further, suppressing overall property values and loss of potential investment



Widening Health Gap

- Lack of health and wellness provision impacts the health of the town



Loss of Opportunity

- Build on the potential of Millom's location and strengths

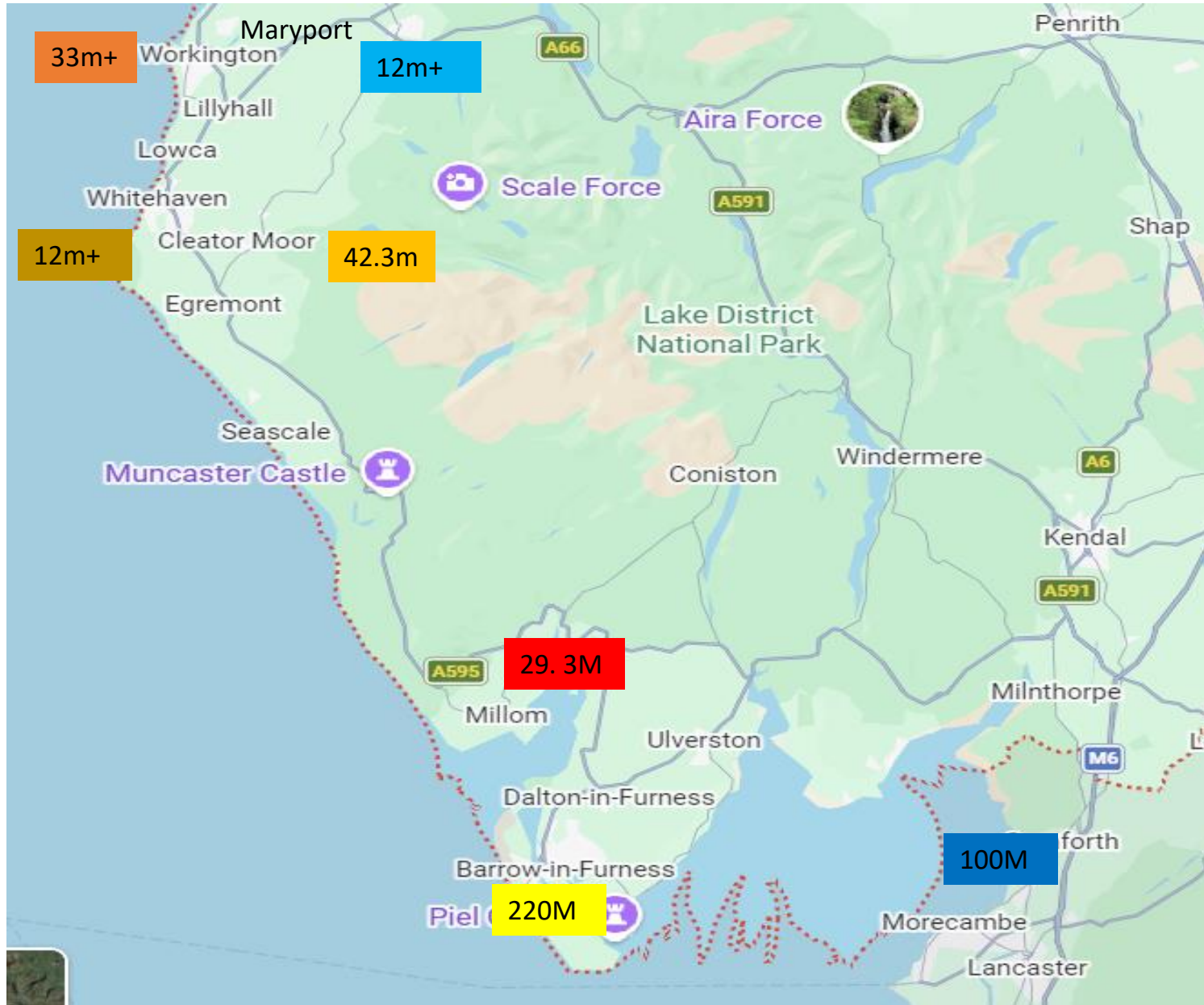


November 22 – HMG Confirm the Funding

- The government has pledged **£20.6 million** for the Town Deal, with a further £8.7 million coming from match funders.
£29.3M fund
- Comes with conditions:
 - Spend only on approved projects
 - Fund ring fenced to Millom and Haverigg



Other Towns are building new futures





Project Updates



Early Successes – a quick reminder of Town Deal Accelerator Funding



Secured early funding

(~ £500,000)

- Building confidence in the process
- Making a difference
- Only Projects that were ready to go
- Provided during Covid-19 – focus on outdoor activities

Delivering on the process:

- Millom Park redeveloped
- Running Track at Millom School
- Development of an App – follow the footsteps of Norman Nicholson



Millom Town Deal Programme update Iron Line

Total Investment £10.060m

- Planning consultation concluded
 - Planning supported by committee on 25th Feb 26
 - Completion of detailed design and construction contract programmed for award in March / April 2026.
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- **Job Creation- 8 FTE**





Reactivating Heritage Buildings Progress to date – The Old Bank

Total investment £3.049m

- Construction contract awarded to story contracting
- Lift shaft created
- Decoration to upper floors 90% complete
- Groundworks for new extension complete
- Steelwork for extension commenced
- New staircase installed
- Operator lease advertised
- Expected operator award in April 2026
- **Job creation output – 14fte**

- **Completion July 2026**





Connected Millom and Haverigg Progress to date

Total Investment £3.622m

- Engagement with public on proposed interventions
- Engagement on Market square complete following 2 engagement events
- No further progress to report – expected before end of April 26.
- First improvement programmed to commence April 2026 (Haverigg lights)



Millom Town Deal Programme update

Activating Community Health

Total Investment £12.4m

- Planning now approved for the new access road
- New playground area complete
- Bungalow demolished creating contractor lay down area
- Installation of new substation complete
- Excavations complete
- Steel frame erected
- Blockwork ongoing
- Pool base foundations ongoing
- Health and wellbeing workshop carried out on 26th Feb 26
- Leisure workshop planned April 26
- **Job Creation output- 8.5 FTE**

- **Anticipated - Completion October 2026**





Activating Community Health Milestones to date

- Appointment of Thomas Armstrong (Contractor)
- Refurbishment of All Weather pitch complete
- Installation of Long Jump (Social Value) complete
- Sod Cutting Ceremony for commencement of works
- Steel signing ceremony involving local schools
- Leisure operator secured “Everyone Active”

Community Engagement



*Community
Information events*



Join us at our pop up event!

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