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**To: Members and Officers of
The City of Preston Town Fund Board**

Dear Sir/Madam

City of Preston Town Fund Board - 15 February 2024

You are requested to attend a meeting of the City of Preston Town Fund Board to be held on Thursday, 15th February, 2024 at 10.30 am on MS Teams.

Members are reminded of their responsibility to declare any personal interest or disclosable pecuniary interest in respect of matters contained in this agenda.

The Agenda for the meeting is set out overleaf.

Yours faithfully

Jackie Wilding

Director of Resources

City of Preston Town Fund Board
Thursday, 15 February 2024

AGENDA

1. **Minutes** (Pages 1 - 2)

To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on 13 November 2023.

2. **Declaration of Interest (if any)**

3. **Towns Fund Implementation Report** (Pages 3 - 162)

Report and appendices attached.

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City of Preston Town Fund Board 13 November 2023

Present: Mr J Chesworth in the Chair; Councillors Brown, Borrow,
Mr A Phillips, Mr R Binns and Mr P Thomas

Also in attendance:

Mr M Flemming	-	TIG
Mr C Hayward	-	Director of Development and Housing
Ms J Wilding	-	Director of Resources & S151 Officer
Mr C Blackburn	-	Assistant Director (Head of City Growth and Regeneration)
Mr T Joel	-	Head of Culture
Ms Palmer	-	Regeneration Manager
Mr Z Bapu	-	Senior Member Services Officer

Apologies: Ms A Huck, Ms J Anthony and Ms K Illingworth - Turner

CD70 Minutes

The minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed as an accurate record.

CD71 Declaration of Interests (if any)

There were no new Interests declared.

CD72 Towns Fund Implementation Report

Mr Tim Joel, Head of Culture, gave a presentation on the Harris project. He highlighted the progress from the start to date. The Board was informed that there had been major changes undertaken at the Harris and the project had evolved due to increased funding and challenges. Mr Joel gave an overview of the timeline and stated that the aspiration was to have a grand re-opening in spring 2025. The project had made use of the scaffold on-site to undertake work that may have been carried out in future resulting in savings for future scaffold cost.

The Board welcomed the update and thanked Mr Joel for his presentation.

The Board received an update on the implementation of the other Towns Fund projects. It was reported that there were no issues to raise as the

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projects were progressing well and running on time. An update on the Comms and the work undertaken since the previous meeting was highlighted to the Board.

Resolved - The Towns Fund Board agreed to

- (i) Note the October/November Monitoring Updates; and
- (ii) Confirmed the continued delegation of M&E submission approval via the Chair.

Towns Fund Board
Meeting to be held on 15 February 24

TOWNS FUND IMPLEMENTATION REPORT
APPENDICE '1' and '2'

1. Summary

1.1 This report provides the monitoring report for Phase 3a/b Towns Fund projects and a general update on the Towns Fund work programme.

2. Decision Required

2.1 The Towns Fund Board is requested to:

- (i) Note the January Monitoring Updates;
- (ii) Confirm which project the board want to see presented at the next meeting

3. Information

3.1 Background and Advice

3.1.1 The City of Preston Towns Fund Board (the Board) submitted a City Investment Plan (CIP) to Government at the end of July 2020. In March 2021, Preston Towns Fund Heads of Terms were signed by the Board Chair and Chief Executive of the City Council as Accountable Body (AB). The Harris Quarter Investment Programme comprises six projects with a total Towns Fund grant allocation of £19.9m, which combined with the Harris Quarter Pop Ups project form a total investment programme of over £200m. The six projects are Renewal of Harris Quarter Assets; Animate; Illuminate and Integrate; Educate Preston; Preston Youth Zone; and Harris Your Place.

3.1.2 At meetings in December 2021 and March 2022 the Board considered and approved investment recommendations for the Towns Fund projects following the preparation and appraisal of treasury compliant "Green Book 5 case" business cases. In March 2022 the Summary Plans were submitted to Government. In June 2022 the Accountable Body received confirmation that the Summary Plan was approved by Government and the Accountable Body is now in receipt of Towns Fund grant.

4. Monitoring

4.1 TIG Update

4.1.1 Please find slides attached in **Appendix 1** highlighting the latest position on progress for the 6 Towns Fund Projects.

The projects are progressing well the key points have been extracted below

- **Your Harris**
 - Coordination with the fit-out contractor to firm up the opening date/programme
- **Amounderness House**
 - Moving in to stage 4 with work to do on the budget position
- **Animate**
 - Construction now moving onto the roof, next step will be a watertight building
- **I&I**
 - TRO consultations to begin following planning approval
- **Educate Preston**
 - Update to follow – due to absence of project lead
- **Youth Zone**
 - Legals to conclude with a target start on site date of February '24

4.2 Grant Funding Agreement & Legal Updates

4.2.1 The latest position on the GFA/MoU's is as follows.

Educate Preston

- 1 minor admin point left to conclude around the change from a fixed position to a mobile unit, ensuring the documentation is consistent throughout.
- A change in legal team personnel internally at UCLan has caused a slight delay.
- In the meantime, the subsidy control act has come into force meaning a slight re-draft
- PCC position is complete, **Action with UCLan to finalise.**

Youth Zone

Draft Agreement for Development and Lease

- Minor remaining points being discussed between PCC/SPB which will be issued back to OnSide/Youthzone as the final position for signing.

Operational – as above

- GFA back with SPB for final review before issuing to OnSide/Youthzone.

Appropriation

- Process now complete with no objections.

5. Monitoring and Evaluation

5.1 The meetings for 2024 are to be diaries and aligned with the TIG Updates. Key Dates are 1st June and 1st December but we will continue to monitor quarterly to ensure we're tracking progress as closely as possible.

6. Towns Fund Communications

6.1 Limitless Update

6.1.1 Please see **Appendix 2** for the Activity Reports for December and January in addition to the Social Media Calendar and Communications Planner.

Statistics continue to show an upward trend, meaning more engagement and exposure.

December:	#Followers	#increase/decrease	#Impressions
LinkedIn:	928	46+	6473
X/Twitter	226	10+	2600
January:	#Followers	#increase/decrease	#Impressions
LinkedIn:	997	69+	12,020
X/Twitter	240	14+	13,900

6.2 PCC Comms Update

6.2.1 Media relations activity is generating good levels of coverage. Most recent coverage can be seen here:

<https://limitlesspr.coveragebook.com/b/1cbaca2fc042c272>

6.2.2 Media briefings have taken place.

- Place NW – completed
- NW Business Desk – completed
- Lancashire Post – completed
- Lancashire Business View – completed
- Estates Gazette – completed
- BBC Radio Lancs: - Completed

The team is still pursuing Property Week and NW Business Insider may only consider a visit based on the invitation being exclusive. Limitless advises against this approach as it may harm other media relationships

- 6.2.3 Community Roadshows are now being planned for May to September to coincide with the progress at Animate. Limitless will be contacting the stakeholder engagement team at PCC to plan first round of events. A senior officer from PCC will also attend the roadshows.
- 6.2.4 Public consultation for Illuminate and Integrate scheme has now completed and the comments have been recorded, collated to sent to the EWG project team.
- 6.2.5 Semi-permanent exhibition regarding the regeneration of the Harris Quarter are now in situ at Preston Markets but may have to change location as a new tenant is lined up to take the vacant space.
- 6.2.6 A number of city centre tours are in the pipeline over the next couple of months and include a PCC staff tour, and a Mayoral delegation from South Korea to learn more about the Preston Model. The comms team will be in touch with the main contractors to discuss potential availability logistics and timings for the proposed activity.
- 6.2.7 A summary of the period since the October Board is set out below:

Animate:

Limitless is in discussions with Animate tenants (Hollywood Bowl and Arc Cinema) to develop a series of media relations opportunities. This activity has currently been paused until a date agreed for the cinema opening. Once confirmed, activity will begin to take place.

The time capsule has been postponed but Limitless is in discussion with Nick Hague to determine a suitable date.

Two young members of the EWG were also interviewed for use on social media. One of the case studies was used to tie in with National Apprenticeship Week.

A topping out ceremony was also planned for Animate, Feb 9th but was postponed due to delays caused by weather. Limitless is liaising with site manager for new date.

Amounderness House

No activity in December and January but a profile of Rizwan Seth is in production for social media channels.

Preston Youth Zone:

NB has been in dialogue with PYZ comms team regarding a construction start date in March. Work to remove the trees on site is due to start imminently and it has been agreed that Onside will take a reactive approach to any media interest surrounding the preliminary activity on site. Q&As have been prepared and circulated to the project team re: tree removal and mitigation.

The Harris:

PCC/Limitless have been in discussion with Harris on a press release regarding the appointment of contractors for the next fit out stage. A press release has been issued by the Harris comms team.

Telephone Boxes

Limitless issued a press release regarding the refurbishment of the telephone boxes which achieved widespread media coverage. Project team to give comms contacts a lead in time to arrange TV and radio coverage when the works start/the boxes are removed from site for refurbishment.

Educate Preston:

No further information has been given on the status of this project, and Limitless continues to chase for an update.

The Towns Fund Board is requested to:

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Appendix 1 – Project Monitoring Updates – January TIG Update

Appendix 2 – Comms Reports

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Preston Towns Fund Dashboard Reports

Jan '24



Amounderness House Monthly Update – Jan '24

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Summary of the month

- Stage 3 completed, cost plan currently over budget (circa £400k)
- Landlord Specification complete
- Potentially a supply to power the building has been found via Crooked Lane
- Re-arranged Council Member visits completed

Key Focus Next Month

- Continuation of Stage 4 design with value engineering the design to reduce the current budget position
- Finalise the legal/property focused issued such as the DM/Payment Process
- Engage the Main Contractor on buildability/costs for the design proposals

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
Cost increases	Regular updates from the QS Team with any anticipated cost changes	Red
Lack of engagement from ENWL with regards hub station	Exhaust all avenues to find a key contact to ensure open dialogue with ENWL to avoid unknown delays	Yellow
Strip out works reveal more work is needed on structural elements than first anticipated.	The strip out work being undertaken early gives PCC a better view of the buildings and allows informed decisions to be made.	Green

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role/Responsibility
Matt Cowburn	PCC Client Rep

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project cost
£5,194,000	£2,055,386 (PCC)	£7,249,386

Actions Requiring PCC Action

Actions Requiring PCC Action	Who	RAG
• DMA to be concluded - URGENT	• MP	Red
• Decision around Electricity to AH/Market	• CH/CB	Yellow

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
RIBA Stage 3	Mar 23	Aug 23
Planning App	Aug 23	Nov 23
RIBA Stage 4	Nov 23	Apr 24
Legals/Contract	Apr 23	Jun 24
Stage 5	Jun 24	Jan 25

PRESTON YOUTH ZONE Monthly Update – Jan ‘24

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Summary of the month

- Appropriation has now concluded. Judicial Review period has begun and will run until mid-April.
- Letters have been issued to the tendering Contractors. Triton Construction are to be appointed to deliver the scheme.
- BREEAM works ongoing.
- Works on-going to discharge planning conditions.
- OnSide have completed detailed review of all draft legal documents received from SPB with amended drafts returned via Teacher Stern.

Key Focus Next Month

- Appropriation process - JR period running (3 months).
- Revised programme to be produced setting out key milestones including final cost plan/CFF
- Tree clearance to be completed early February 2024 under license from PCC.
- Order to be placed with preferred contractor – Triton.
- Start on Site
- Resolve outstanding issues in legal documents and the Council’s intentions for review/approval of construction-related process/documentation.

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
Unforeseen costs arise during construction period	Design and build principle mitigates risk of unforeseen costs falling on project	Yellow
Right to light leads to potential delays and increased costs.	Parties continuing to liaise – Appropriation process completed and all parties potentially affected consulted with	
Statutory Services require off site reinforcement works	Early quotations secured from Statutory Undertakers. Orders placed and supplies confirmed as soon as practicable	

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role/Responsibility
Fiona Norcross	OnSide project lead

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project cost
CAP £5.3 million REV £	£7 million	£12.3 million

Actions Requiring PCC Action

Legals on final draft and back with PCC as at 26.01.24

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
Planning Submission – to – Approval	25 Nov 22	06 Jul 23
Tender open; public portal	14 Jul 23	06 Oct 23
Agree contract sum	27 Nov 23	22 Dec 23
Possession of site	12 Feb 24	24 Mar 25
End of construction period		24 Mar 25

Key Comms Messages

The brand development continues to make good progress, with two names and brands now being worked on. We will be presenting to the board on 8 February and sometime afterwards will be opening the public vote to determine the final brand for the Youth Zone. There will be a small launch event when the final brand is announced.

Coverage for the BAE event and Founder Patron announcement was good, we featured on Rock FM and in several local publications. The next Founder Patron announcement is for Pringle Homes who have confirmed their support of the Youth Zone.

Aside from branding and Founder Patron announcements, the next key milestone for comms will be around groundbreaking – date TBC.

Animate Monthly Update – Jan '24

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Summary of the month

- The steel frame is complete, with the final sections of concrete upper floors being cast
- the façade is progressing on all elevations, with Limehouse curtain walling being glazed and the brickwork progressing
- The basement car park slab is being cast in sections, allowing the plant room walls to be constructed

Key Focus Next Month

- Progress the facade
- Complete roofing installation

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
Design changes from Landlord and/or tenants	Implement a robust change control process	RAG
The works are delayed due to adverse weather	Monitor the progression of the works and identify opportunities to improve the programme	
The minimum areas and critical dimensions aren't achieved	Regular check measurements to be undertaken	

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role/Responsibility	
Nick Hague	Project Manager	
Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project cost
£3.43m	£42,400,755	£45,830,755

Actions Requiring PCC Action

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
Commence steel frame erection	15/6/23	1/12/23
Metal upper deck installation	31/07/23	22/12/23
Façade erection	Oct 2023	
Ground floor slab	Jan 2024	

Animate Monthly Update – Jan '24

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Key Comms Messages

- Topping out event arranged

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Illuminate and Integrate Monthly Update – Jan '24

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Summary of the month

- Arup Lighting to submit street lighting design to LCC Street Lighting for approval.
- PCC chasing one Market Street and Cheapside property owner's consent to replace wall lights
- Design Team concluding Stage 3 design
- Stakeholder and Public Consultation complete and comments incorporated into Stage 3 design

Key Focus Next Month

- Obtain outstanding property owner's consent to Market Street and Cheapside
- PCC checking in-house Solicitor's advice if planning permission is required for Lancaster Road public realm works
- CBRE to obtain updated Heritage and Ecology reports due to passage of time
- Subject to PCC's Solicitors advice CBRE to prepare planning reports for public realm work
- TRO consultation to follow planning approval

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
• LERG grant agreement not formally entered into with LCC	LCC and PCC are progressing	Green
• TRO and S.278 Agreements	Public Consultation to progress	Red

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role/Responsibility
Julie Palmer	Project Lead

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project cost
£1.4M	£130k PCC £800k LERG	£2.3M

Actions Requiring PCC Action

- Following TF Board approval in September 2022 to a change in outputs , a request for a Projects Adjustment was made to LCC, in relation to the LERG Grant
- LERG grant agreement is awaiting finalisation and signing

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
S.278 Agreements (Part 1)	Feb 2023	May 2023
Public consultation (Part 2)	Nov 2023	Dec 2023
Planning (Part 2)	Feb 2024	May 2024
TRO (Part 2)	Apr 2024	Oct 2024
S.278 Agreements (Part 2)	Sep 2024	Feb 2025
Start on site/End Completion date Part 1 and Part 2	P1 June 2024 P2- Mar2025	P1 Oct 2024 P2 Jun 2025



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Key Comms Messages

Public engagement/ information exercise

Harris Your Place Monthly Update –Jan 24

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Summary of the month

- On Site window repairs complete. External scaffolding being removed to three elevations.
- Roof repairs continuing, including glass works and asbestos removal to lanterns.
- Decoration ongoing to spaces where possible
- Fit Out team fully in place with conservation tender now awarded. Off site fabrication due to complete March 2024 before mobilisation on site from September 2024.

Key Focus Next Month

- Roof gantry designs signed off and off site fabrication commences
- New stairs build commences on site
- Implications of extended programme are worked through and Council report due in February 24.
- Uplift request to the National Lottery Heritage Fund is progressed.

Key Risks

Risk	Mitigation	RAG
Long Term economic and supply problems in the construction sector causing increased uncertainty in programme and prices	Market testing of key cost items. Include sufficient allowances in cost estimate and contingency. Regular review. Early communication with contractors. Two-stage procurement approach.	
Programme overrun; delays occur - incurring additional costs.	Regular review of programme and mitigation measures taken as required.	
Lack of coordination / coordination issues between different project elements (in particular between Conlon and BECK on site)	Communication between work streams. Workshops to take place. Reviews at Project Team Meetings and additional meetings as required. Regular monitoring.	

Report Compiled by Project Lead

Who	Role/Responsibility
Tim Joel	Project Lead

Towns Fund Contribution	Other Funding	Total Project cost
£4.1	£12.1	£16.2

Actions Requiring PCC Action

Council Report in February to underwrite additional costs.

Key Programme Dates

Task	Start	End
Capital works start on site	August 2022	April 2024
Interpretation programme and costs agreed	December 2022	April 2023
Interpretation off site period	April 2023	March 2024
Interpretation on site period	September 2024	February 2025
Opening (NOT PUBLIC -OPENING IN SPRING 2025 IS THE PUBLIC COMMS LINE)		March 2025

Key Comms Messages

Please refer to project comms plan
Fit Out Team Press Release – Jan/Feb 24

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Towns Fund Communications

Media coverage December 2022 - to date



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Summary



125

Pieces of Coverage

Total number of online, offline and social clips in this book



276M

Audience

Combined total of publication-wide audience figures for all outlets featuring coverage



1.75M

Estimated Views

Prediction of lifetime views of coverage, based on audience reach & engagement rate on...



2.46K

Engagements

Combined total of likes, comments and shares on social media platforms



62

Avg. Domain Authority

A 0-100 measure of the authority of the site coverage appears on. Provided by Moz



99

Max. Domain Authority

A 0-100 measure of the authority of the site coverage appears on. Provided by Moz



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Social Posts

Number of posts on social media channels such as Instagram, Twitter and...



17

Twitter Posts

Number of Tweets posted on Twitter



5

Offline Pieces

Amount of coverage featured in print publications & broadcast channels



103

Online Pieces

Amount of coverage published on websites, blogs and online outlets



1.73M

Est. Online Views

Prediction of lifetime views of online coverage, based on audience reach & number of...



17.1K

Est. Social Views

Prediction of lifetime views of social posts, based on audience reach and...



2.35K

Social Shares

Number of times the online articles have been shared on social media



30

Twitter Retweets

Number of times the posts have been Retweeted on Twitter



79

Twitter Shares

Number of times the online articles have been shared on Twitter



78

Twitter Likes

Number of times the posts have been liked on Twitter



2.27K

Facebook Shares

Number of times the online articles have been shared on Facebook



276M

Online Readership

Combined total number of people that visit the websites featuring coverage



45.3K

Offline Audience

Combined total number of people for Print/TV/Radio

Coverage



125 pieces



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18M

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Restoration plans for Preston's historic red phone boxes

GRANADA | PRESTON | HERITAGE | Friday 22 December 2023 at 3:49pm

Preston's historic phone boxes to get a spruce up
Credit: X: claire_journo

Preston's iconic red phone boxes in the city centre are set for a spruce up.

The row of nine cast iron kiosks is the longest line of historic red phone boxes in the UK.

They were designed by British architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott to mark the Silver Jubilee of the Coronation of King George V in 1935 and are Grade Two listed.

Over the years they have been vandalised and fallen into a state of disrepair, but now Preston City Council is bidding to fully restore them thanks to money from the Towns Fund and Council, and has asked for Listed Building Consent.

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80.3K

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Britain's Longest Line Of Iconic Red Telephone Boxes To Be Transformed Into Art Installations

Preston's historic telephone boxes, damaged by vandals, will be restored with contemporary lights and graphic art

Izzy Hawksworth
December 21, 2023 2 min read

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733

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Blog Preston

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Preston's famous red telephone boxes, targeted by vandals, set for renovation

Posted on - 20th December, 2023 - 7:00am | Author - Paul Faulkner | Posted in - History, Preston City Centre, Preston Council, Preston News



Row of traditional red telephone boxes on Market Street.

Preston's famous row of red telephone boxes – the longest in the UK – is set to be temporarily removed next year so that the run-down kiosks can be renovated before potentially being given a new lease of life by local artists.

The condition of the nine Grade II-listed facilities – which line Market Street, alongside the former main post office building – has deteriorated since being disconnected around a decade ago.

Stripped of their sole purpose, the boxes have also become a target for vandals, while attempts to reinvent them as miniature food-and-drink outlets have come to nothing.


Read more: [24-hour weather warning in place for Preston this week](#)

[Preston City Council acquired the iconic kiosks in 2021 and intended to put them "to creative use" as one of six pop-up projects to be delivered in the Harris Quarter, backed by cash awarded under the government's Towns Fund.](#)

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2.31M

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After years of neglect, these red phone boxes will become a...

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8.82K

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The screenshot shows the LancsLive website header with a green navigation bar. The main content area features several article teasers with images and headlines. A 'Sign in with Google' popup is visible over the right side of the page.

After years of neglect, Preston's red phone boxes will become a 'must see' art installation

Preston City Council plans to restore the 'iconic telephone boxes' with contemporary lights and graphic images

NEWS By Izzy Hawksworth
12:50, 19 DEC 2023

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"We are proud to celebrate Preston being the home of the UK's longest line of historic red telephone boxes" (Image: William Lailey / SWNS)

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Chris Merriman, left, Barry Williams

Economy
December 19 2023
Neil Hodgson



Write a comment

Manufacturing firms in and around Greater Manchester have the chance to make efficiency gains and significantly reduce their operating costs, thanks to the launch of a new productivity improvement programme.

The Manufacturers Network has joined forces with Kaizen Impact Coaching to deliver the Productivity and Capability Energiser programme (PaCE). The new partnership provides manufacturing leaders and their management teams with 15 days of intensive targeted support from two specialist coaches over a five-month period. It is designed to help them improve manufacturing productivity by optimising processes, maximising value, standardising work and strengthening leadership.

Participants will build capability and make improvements using proven Kaizen techniques including value stream mapping, process observation and practical problem solving. They will also attain the Lean Competency System (LCS) accreditation from Cardiff University.

Estimated Views

2.09K

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Domain Authority

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Designed by British architect Sir Giles Gilbert Scott 1935, the cast iron kiosks form the longest line of the much-loved red telephone boxes in the UK.

Situated outside the former head post office on Market Street, they were acquired by Preston City Council in 2021.

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Amounderness House currently stands empty Pic: Paul Swarbrick

A historic Preston building has moved a step closer to being brought back to life after more than 20 years lying idle in the heart of the city centre.

Councillors have given the go-ahead to the conversion of the former magistrates' court building, Amounderness House, into an office and retail facility.



The revamp of the Grade II-listed structure – which fronts Lancaster Road, Earl Street and Birley Street – has been on the cards since it formed part of Preston's

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Go-ahead for £7.4m transformation of former Magistrates' Court Plans to transform Preston's Grade II-listed former magistrates' court into offices and retail space as part of a £7.4m scheme have been approved. Amounderness House will undergo a refurbishment and is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the Government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021. Harris Quarter is a unique area of Preston undergoing a £200m investment programme to transform its historic buildings, sites and public realm into a diverse culture, leisure and employment offering, with Amounderness House located beside the £45m Animate cinema and leisure complex, which is under construction and due to open in spring 2025. The refurbishment of Amounderness House, originally built in 1857 as a police station with several holding cells, will be transformed into a high quality modern, flexible, multi-use workspace hub that Workspace will operate. Designed by FWP Architects, the sympathetic refurbishment of the building will create 26 offices of circa 645 sq ft, and four craft or retail studios. In addition, the existing courtyard will be updated and open for public use. Maple Grove Developments is working with Preston City Council and Workspace as project/development manager to deliver the project. Chair of Preston's Towns Fund Strategic Board, John Chesworth, said: "It's fantastic to see this magnificent building being brought back into use as it will help stimulate business, cultural, and community uses in Preston city centre. We are making significant progress in regenerating the Harris Quarter and seeing a ripple effect of interest in what Preston is achieving as an attractive place to live, work and play." Leader of Preston City Council, Cllr Matthew Brown, said: "On the back of this excellent news, we can transform Amounderness House and capitalise on this asset being in public ownership and using it to support growing local businesses. Furthermore, in line with our Community Wealth Building principles, we're working with Preston-based Workspace to run this important heritage asset as it helps boost our economy." Nik Putnam, senior development manager with Maple Grove Developments, said: "Bringing new purpose to older buildings like Amounderness House is rewarding, and we're looking forward to starting the transformation of this superb historic building. Renovating listed buildings comes with its challenges, especially one that has been vacant for so long, but when completed, it will complement other projects in the Harris Quarter and be an economic driver for the city centre." Rizwan Seth, managing director of Workspace, said: "The Workspace team are looking forward to welcoming Amounderness House into our flexible office space portfolio. The addition of a high quality city centre provision complements the existing business centre offering across the North West." Neil Ainsworth, partner at Preston-based FWP, said: "We welcome the approval of the plans for Amounderness House which means this flagship project for the city centre can move ahead." Smith & Love Planning Consultants submitted the application on behalf of Preston City Council and the wider project team for Amounderness House includes Cowburn-Watson Box, SCP Transport, Eden Heritage, E3P, TRP Consulting, and Graham Schofield Associates.

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£7.4M REFURBISHMENT OF FORMER MAGISTRATES COURT GIVEN GREEN LIGHT

News Built Environment Preston Amounderness House

By **Tim Aldred**
06 Nov 2023



A £7.4m project to transform Preston's Grade II Listed former magistrates court into offices and retail space has received planning approval.

The refurbishment is being led by Preston City Council and is one of six major projects planned under the Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

The refurbishment of Amounderness House, originally built in 1857 as a police station with several holding cells, will be transformed into a high-quality modern, flexible, multi-use workspace hub that Wrkspac will operate.

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Go ahead for refurb of former magistrates court

By Alice Bird 7 Nov 2023



A CGI of the refurbished court. (Photo credit: FWP Architects)

The £7.4m refurbishment of a grade II-listed former magistrates court in Preston has been approved.

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Originally built in 1857 as a police station, Amounderness House will be transformed into a flexible, multi-use workspace hub which will be operated by Wrkspace.

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Preston planners approve Amounderness House revamp

Proposals for the transformation of the Grade II listed former magistrates' court in Preston have been given the go-ahead by the city council.

Amounderness House will undergo a £7.4m refurbishment designed by architectural firm FWP.

The redevelopment will see the premises, originally built in 1857 as a police station with several holding cells, turned into 26 offices of 645 sq ft each and four craft or retail studios. Upon completion, it will be operated by North West-based office provider Wkspace.

In addition, the existing courtyard will be updated and open for public use.

The project is one of six planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

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Consistent unified vision

Public-private partnerships are commonplace across the North West and come with multiple challenges. Alex Bell lifts the lid on how complexities are simplified by speaking to people driving forward development

Most importantly, there has to be an alignment of interest and I think that's the challenge that public-private partnerships face."

The words of Andrew Antoniadou, head of lending at CBRE, which specialises on operational efficiencies that make public-private partnerships successful.

"I think it's less about the structure because the tail should wag the dog," adds Antoniadou, who runs the North West Evergreen Fund.

"What's important is that it works and it delivers something. For things to work, the goal has to be clear."

No wonder when the government aims to build 500,000 new homes per annum to meet housing needs, be carbon neutral by 2050 (either in some cases, towns and regions) and has made £3.6bn available through the Towns Fund for town centre renews - and to level up.

Public-private partnerships are plentiful in the North West: 17 million sq ft of prime land for development at Aom Valley, the £250m Stockport 8 joint venture featuring Stockport Mayoral Development (MDC)



"I think it's less about the structure because the tail shouldn't wag the dog," Andrew Antoniadou, CBRE

and The English Cities Fund (ECF) and the Lancashire Central Local Cluster by Lancashire County Council and its development partner Maple Grove Developments, which could create up to 5,000 full-time jobs, just three live public-private partnerships (PPP) examples.

Preston's rise to prominence has been Preston Towns Fund Chair for four years and led the partnership to a £255m award that has been funding projects in the city centre since 2021.

"Wembley is the biggest new-build project we've had in Preston in decades and it's going to be a real driver for repositioning the city centre," says Chownard. "We know that retail in every urban centre is struggling and people are going to turn around anytime soon. Hubs, have changed and cities and towns have to reposition their assets. We're bringing city centres online back and high-quality food and beverage which signifies a real sea change."

"There's also the 'South Zone' which will bring in a world-class centre for young



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people in the city centre. When it's complete, it will bring long-term benefits for young people and the future of Preston."

The Youth Zone is expected to open in 2025 and there's plenty more happening in Preston – the 2021 Towns Fund award being a catalyst.

But what has Cheshire's learnt about effective public-private partnerships?

"There's a heck of a lot of bureaucracy and red tape that the public sector has to deal with – and Preston City Council is good at it. I've no doubt that the public sector has learned about the private sector's entrepreneurial side."

"It has enabled better relationships between the public and the private sector. And it will allow us going forward to work much more collaboratively on bigger projects."

Karen Hest is managing director of Maple Grove Developments, development partner at Preston's Animate.

She says: "For any partnership to work, will there needs to be a good relationship with trust and a common goal."

"That's true of both formal and informal partnerships with the public sector, private businesses and within local communities – it is about creating places where people want to work, live and visit. For those to be effective places of change it is vital to have the input, support and involvement of not only the local authorities but the wider community."

PPP brings Prestwich's long wait (almost) to an end

Plans to create a new beating heart in Prestwich to the tune of £100m are alive and kicking.

Part of the town centre will be redeveloped, providing a 37,000 sq ft community centre, a multi-storey car park and 200 homes.

Alongside Bury Council, Mase has been progressing the project since 2021 – and is currently in consultation with local stakeholders to further shape plans.

Phil Marsden, managing director, North West at Mase, said: "Prestwich is such a positive scheme and we're lucky to be working with Bury Council. As we are when we work with other authorities including Stockport, Oldham and St Helens."

"We've been working on Salford Central and more recently the Crozier's for 20 years now. That's a brilliant case study for

what a PPP can do. We've turned surface car parks into thriving new places. There's a whole host of reasons why that's been so successful, but we've developed a really good honest built in our relationship with the council. We both share the same long-term view and vision."

"We signed an agreement with Salford City Council on Salford Central in around 2006,



"We understand their challenges, they understand ours."

Phil Marsden

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if you think about all the things that have happened since, including a major recession, Brexit, Covid and the shift in how climate change is dealt with. They weren't written into the agreement, we've just dealt with it together. We understand their challenges, they understand ours and we have projects like Eden which is an exemplary project in the country."

"Mismatches can be wonderful"

Antoniades uses a simple example to explain how the Evergreen Fund functions. "We might put £10m out on a loan. Three years later, we get it back with interest and

we invest it again. It increases the size of the fund. A scheme has been delivered, jobs created and a business has been attached to the area that may have gone overseas or elsewhere."

Current headline figures for the Evergreen include a £22m investment to date, £80m COV delivered and £32m business rates per annum.

"Evergreen is owned by Greater Manchester but with a total of 16 local authorities, and they want to see things happen," says Antoniades.

"One of the beautiful things about the public sector is that it doesn't have to think like the private sector."

"I think that kind of risk of mismatch needs to be guarded against. We should remember that a mismatch is a wonderful thing in this context as you get the best of both worlds."

Antoniades couldn't think there is a market quite like the North West for developers. He adds: "The bigger ones like Buntwood, Peel and Allied London, and many others including smaller ones, have a passion and know their schemes inside out."

"It's the can-do spirit really, negotiating and that's why the stuff we fund with Evergreen always come good."

"The developers form really good alliances with money outside the region and internationally as well which is super impressive."

One voice singing together

Cheshire isn't finished explaining the benefits of PPP.

"We're confident that we are going to complete all the projects in the time frames," he says. "We're taking the benefits we have realised from the Towns Fund into forming much closer relationships between Preston City Council, Lancashire County Council, the University of Central Lancashire and the newly formed Preston Partnership."

"What PPP allows you to do is have difficult conversations between closed doors, agree what the strategy is, and then sing with one voice together."

External investors are looking at whether a place has a consistent vision and whether they are united. If we aren't together we are not going to fulfil the ambitions we have for Preston."

"It's say to other towns and cities, get started on it. Preston is a long way behind places such as Manchester but we have started" ■



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Amounderness House revamp, Preston holiday park tipped for approval

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The grade two-listed building in the city's Market Quarter is set to be converted into a coworking office complex, while developer GHV wants to transform Goosnargh Golf Club into a luxury resort.

Preston City Council is recommended to approve its own plans to bring Amounderness House back into use, along with GHV's Garstang holiday park, at its planning committee meeting next Thursday.

Amounderness House

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The city council is hoping to secure the future of the former courthouse on the corner of Lancaster Road and Earl Street with its plans for the property, which has lain vacant for 20 years.

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Harris Museum refurb contributes £3m, 286 jobs and 500 apprentice days to local economy

Posted on - 15th October, 2023 - 12:00pm | Author - Charlotte Everrett | Posted in - Preston City Centre, Preston Council, Preston News, Redevelopment



The Harris Museum’s refurbishment has so far contributed more than £3million, 286 jobs and 500 apprentice days to the local economy.

The £16m Harris Your Place project has so far seen £3,479,212 spent within PR postcodes with local supply chain companies.



286 local people within a 30 mile radius have worked on the project which has also generated more than 500 apprentice days to date.

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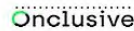
HARRIS FACE-LIFT GIVES LOCAL BUSINESSES A HELPING HAND

The refurbishment of The Harris has so far given a £3.5m boost to the Central Lancashire economy, according to the firm leading the project. Bamber Bridge-based Conlon Construction says that of the £9m worth of work that the company is delivering on the £10m scheme, more than third has so far been spent with suppliers with a PR postcode. Meanwhile, 286 people based within a 30-mile radius of the site have worked on the project - and more than 500 apprentice days have been generated to date. Preston City Council leader Matthew Brown says that the spending stats reflect the aim of the authority to retain wealth within the local economy - the so-called 'Preston Model'. "Seeing these economic benefits being delivered by our ambitious, but realistic, investment programme was central to our thinking. "We wanted to ensure

that our regeneration of Preston would enhance our economy by using a community wealth-building approach to target spend on local business and employ local people, many of whom live in Preston. "It's heartening to see our objectives come to fruition and pay dividends socially and economically. This, once again, is the Preston Model in action," Coun Brown claimed. Conlon Construction chair Michael Conlon said that there were plenty of options when it came to looking for local companies to help complete the project. "As a proud Prestonian business, it's imperative that our supply chain draws from the wealth of outstanding people on our very doorstep. "Some of our longest supplier relationships are with local businesses who possess the same passion for excellence and the specialist skillsets that heritage projects like the

Harris require. "The works taking place on this much-loved city landmark are a prime example of delivering true economic benefit through employment, apprenticeships, training, work experience and more," Michael added. The revitalisation is one of six Preston projects being partially funded by a share of the £20.9m allocated to the city under the government's Towns Fund. John Chesworth, chair of the Preston Towns Fund Strategic Board, said of the local spending figures: "When designing the Towns Fund Investment Programme, we wanted to ensure that local people and businesses would benefit from the transformation of the city's key assets in the Harris Quarter. "The projects now being delivered are creating real economic impact, and we're only at the start of what we're looking to achieve."

The Harris had been set to reopen next year - but not anymore




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Economic impact of museum project revealed

 **By Laurence Kilgannon**
10 Oct 2023

Conton Construction, the construction company behind the regeneration of Preston's iconic Harris Museum, has detailed how the project is helping to boost the local economy.

The £16m Harris Your Place project, which Preston-based Conton Construction is the principal contractor on and is generating approximately £9m of work, has so far involved £3.5m being spent within PR postcodes with local supply chain companies.

In addition, 286 local people within a 30-mile radius have worked on the project which has also generated more than 500 apprentice days to-date.

Under the Harris Your Place project, the grade I-listed museum, art gallery and library, are being refurbished to enhance and protect the building for future generations. It is one of six major projects within the £200m Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

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A CGI of what the completed library at Harris Museum will look like (Image credit: Conlon)

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Duke Street Market Food & Drink Market, located in Liverpool city centre, has welcomed new trader, Picar, to its vibrant food scene.

Picar, spearheaded by the creative minds behind renowned kitchens such as Bone & Block and Barnacle, brings a fresh twist to traditional Spanish cuisine with its small plates concept. The ethos of putting a modern spin on classic Spanish dishes permeates every aspect of the dining experience, it says.

Founder, Harry Marquart, said the new kitchen would focus on 'Spanish home cooking.'

The culinary team has drawn inspiration from a treasure trove of authentic Spanish recipes collected by Marquart and Picar's chefs, drawing inspiration from their recent travels across Spain. Marquart said: "As part of Project Picar, our team has dedicated extensive time to delve into the world of Spain's renowned artists and their exceptional creative methods, with a particular focus on the works of Picasso."

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Preston artist designs Animate Cinema cladding

Posted on - 5th October, 2023 - 8:00am | Author - Kate Rosindale | Posted in - Arts, Business, Politics, Preston City Centre, Preston Council, Preston News



Bonnie Craig with the tenterhooks design for the cinema cladding

A Preston artist has designed the cladding being used for the city's new cinema complex.

Bonnie Craig was commissioned by developers Maple Grove to create the pattern for the [Animate Cinema](#).

Bonnie took her inspiration from the cinema's location, in Tenterfield Street.

Read more: [Animate Cinema complex to now open in 2025](#)

Its name comes from the tenter fields, where outdoor frames held the woven fabric as part of the production process.

Bonnie, who recently completed glass artwork for the University of Central Lancashire's student centre, said: "When asked to create designs that explored the area around the Animate site, I was intrigued by the interesting shape and name of Tenterfield Street, as well as the art-deco style design of Lancaster House on one

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Ceremonial coins added to Preston's Animate steelwork

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L-R Mike Costello, Matt Friedmann, Cllr Yakub Patel and Nick Hague

To mark the progress of Preston's £45m+ Animate leisure complex, two ceremonial coins have been added to the construction project's steelwork.

A 50p Windrush coin, which celebrates 75 years since HMT Empire Windrush docked in England, and a £5 coin to mark the coronation of King Charles III were installed by the Mayor of Preston, Councillor Yakub Patel.

Read more: [Steelwork being installed at Preston's Animate leisure scheme](#)

Cllr Yakub Patel said: "As we mark the progress of the Animate, we thought it appropriate also to acknowledge significant events during its construction.

"The coins are a simple way of acknowledging what's happened in society and how citizens to royalty have contributed to shaping British culture."

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Preston key to devolution deal for Lancashire

By Robyn Hewson 26 Sep 2023



Simon Lawrence (Image credit: Guezelian)

The director of growth and regeneration at Lancashire County Council has told an *Insider* event that the local authority is in conversation with government about a level two devolution deal, adding that the county was working hard to "secure a new relationship with government and funding that will come with that".

Simon Lawrence was speaking at Insider's Preston: Right Place, Right Time breakfast event, sponsored by Maple Grove Developments, Invest Preston and Preston Partnership.

He said Preston is "crucial to the success of the county".

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Impressive brutalism? Oh yes. Preston bus station was built by Ove Arup and Partners in the Brutalist architectural style between 1968 and 1969, to a design by Keith Ingham and Charles Wilson of Building Design Partnership with E. H. Stazicker. It's actually the curved edges of the car park above that makes it stand out.

Who are we with? Michael Conlon, chairman of Conlon Construction; Dave Ragan from Conlon; John Chesworth from Harrison Drury law firm and the chairman of the Preston



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Plans go in to convert former Magistrates' Court into office and retail space. Plans to convert Preston's former Magistrates' Court into office and retail space have been submitted by the city council. Grade II-listed Amounderness House will undergo a £7.4m refurbishment and is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the Government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021. The refurbishment of Amounderness House, originally built in 1857, into a high quality modern, flexible, multi-use workspace hub will help stimulate business, cultural, and community uses in the city centre. Harris Quarter is a unique area of Preston undergoing a £200m investment programme to transform its historic buildings, sites and public realm into a diverse culture, leisure and employment offering, with Amounderness House located beside the £45m+ Animate cinema and leisure complex, which is under construction and due to open in spring 2025. Plans for Amounderness House's refurbishment, designed by Frank Whittle Partnership, include the sensitive repair and redevelopment of the existing former police station, cells and magistrates court building, retaining the historic building fabric wherever possible while creating a space suitable for modern use. When completed, the refurbishment will see 26 offices of circa 645 sq ft and four craft or retail studios made available. In addition, the existing courtyard will be updated and open for public use. Maple Grove Developments is working with Preston City Council and W_rkspace as project/development manager via the Lancashire Regeneration Property Partnership to deliver the project. Chair of Preston's Towns Fund Strategic Board, John Chesworth, said: "It's fantastic that plans have been submitted to transform Amounderness House into a vibrant commercial space. The scheme will provide much needed office accommodation in the city and contribute to the growth of Preston's economy. It's a remarkable building with significant historical and architectural importance, and we're delighted to see that those assets are celebrated in the proposed plans." Smith & Love is the planning consultant for the scheme. Director, Deborah Smith, said: "The reuse and repurposing of Amounderness House will make a significant contribution to Preston Council's regeneration plans for the city centre." Nik Puttnam, senior development manager with Maple Grove Developments, said: "The submission of the planning application and listed building consent is another key milestone which has been achieved on the project." The project team for Amounderness House also includes Cowburn-Watson Box, SCP Transport, Eden Heritage, E3P, TRP Consulting, and Graham Schofield Associates.

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£7.4M PLAN TO TRANSFORM DISUSED MAGISTRATES COURT INTO COMMERCIAL HUB

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By **Tim Aldred**
30 Aug 2023



Preston City Council has submitted plans to transform the Grade II-listed former magistrates court, which has been empty for more than two decades, into a multi-use hub.

Amounderness House, built in 1857, will undergo a £7.4m refurbishment into a modern workspace hub designed to help stimulate business, cultural and community uses in the city centre.

The project is one of six planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

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The screenshot shows the article page on the Place North West website. The main headline is "Preston unveils £7m Amounderness House revamp plans". The article text states: "Formerly a magistrates' court, the grade two-listed building would be transformed into a coworking office complex under the city council's proposals. Preston City Council has submitted plans to bring the disused Amounderness House back into use and help secure its long-term future with hopes to deliver 6,400 sq ft of office space. Designed by FWP Architects, the scheme would also create an accessible main entrance to the building, which is located on the corner of Lancaster and Road and Earl Street within the city's Market Quarter. The property's 1,700 sq ft central hub would sit on the ground floor and feature breakout, hot desk, and social space, along with seven office units ranging from 100 sq ft to 900 sq ft." The page includes a "Subscribe" section with an email input field and a "SUBSCRIBE" button. There are also "Insight" and "Jobs" sections. The "Insight" section features a post by Lucy Lomas from Luma Marketing. The "Jobs" section lists a "Digital Content & Marketing Producer" position at "Place North Manchester". A "Place Podcast" section is also visible at the bottom.



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By **Ged Henderson**
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When Preston first launched its City Living Strategy at the Harris Museum in 2017 much of the talk centred on the question of how it would attract developers and investors.

Manchester led the way when it came to delivering residential development in its centre, its skyline dominated by cranes. Investment in Liverpool was gathering pace. Could Preston join its larger neighbours in the city living club?

Fast forward to 2023 and it appears the answer is a resounding 'yes'. The strategy has come to life, cranes have appeared on its city skyline and the momentum continues to gather pace. Industry watchers see Preston as a North West development hotspot.

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Chair of Preston's Towns Fund Strategic Board, John Chesworth, said:

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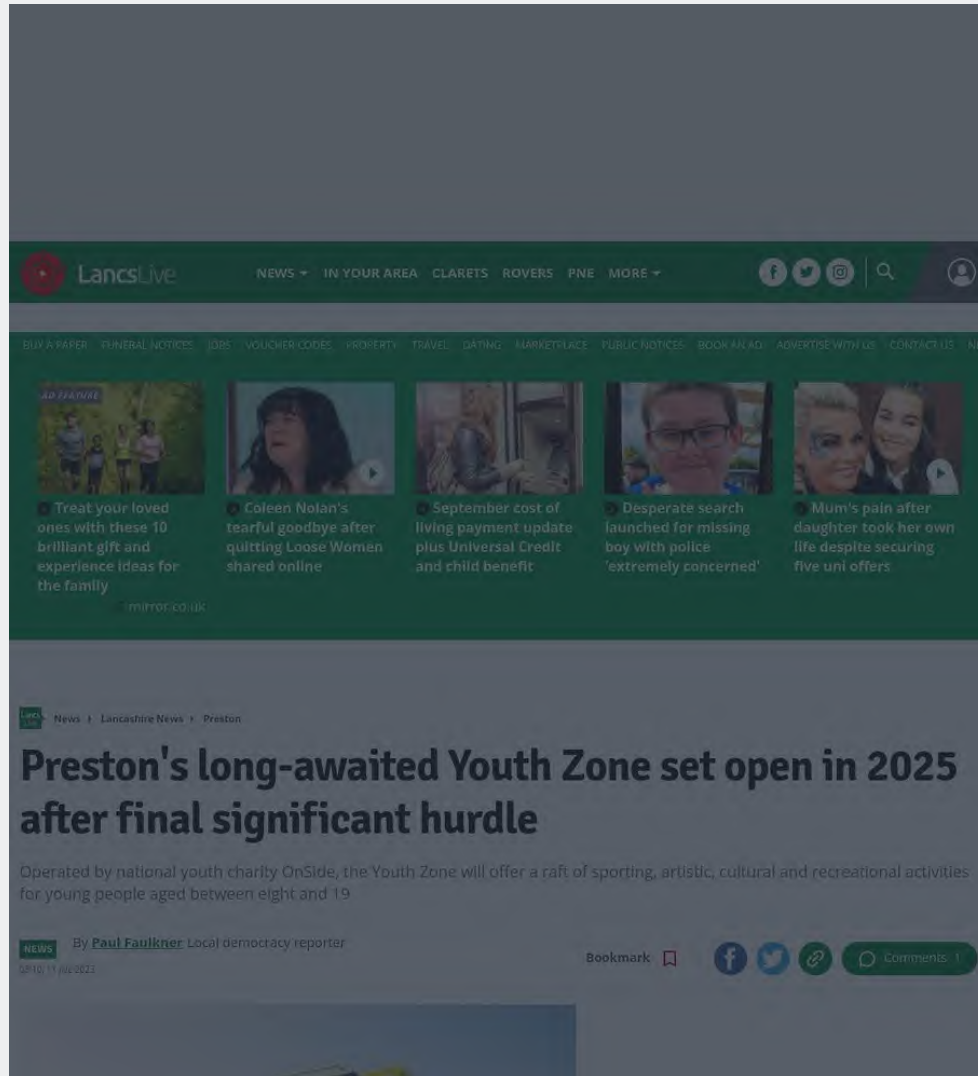
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The decisions were made at Preston City Council's planning committee meeting on Thursday. All of the votes were in line with officer recommendation. Here's a bit more on each of the approved schemes.

120 apartments in Adelphi Quarter

Portergate found success with its plans to build a 19-storey apartment block on land by the junction of Moor Lane and Walker Street in Preston's Adelphi Quarter.

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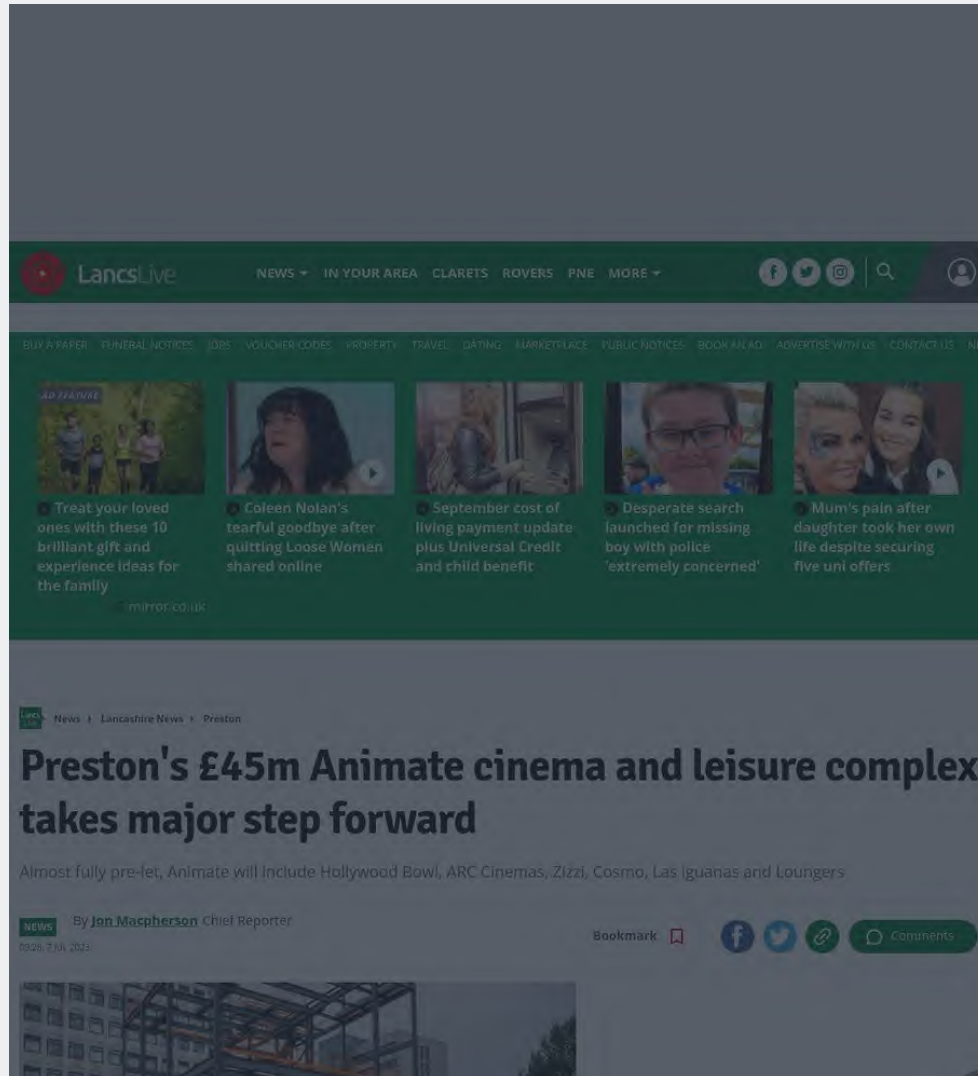
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By **Tim Aldred**
07 Jul 2023



National charity OnSide will extend its Youth Zone project into Preston after receiving planning approval from the city.

Expected to open in 2025, the Youth Zone will be located on the corner of Crooked Lane and Tithebarn Street.

The centre will provide young people with opportunities to engage in activities and access support from skilled youth workers, helping them to develop their skills and reach their full potential.

Preston Youth Zone will be open to young people aged 8-19, and up to 25 for those with additional needs, seven days a week.

For £5 annual membership, plus 50p per visit, young people will have access to a four-court sports hall, rooftop 3G outdoor kick pitch, gym and boxing and martial arts room for sports, as well as a music room with a built-in recording studio, arts and crafts area, climbing wall, dance

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After more than a decade of back and forth over its potential location and whether it would even happen – Preston will have a Youth Zone.

The state-of-the-art youth centre is to be built on the corner of Crooked Lane and Tithebarn Street in the shadow of the Guild Hall, Bus Station and Town Hall.

Plans from the OnSide youth charity were unanimously passed by Preston City Council’s planning committee.

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The Youth Zone will include a four-court sports hall, rooftop 3G outdoor kick pitch, gym, boxing and martial arts room, a music room with built-in recording studio, arts and crafts area, climbing wall, dance studio, sensory room and a mentoring

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l-r: John Chesworth, Chris Hayward and Nick Hague

The next stage of construction work has commenced on the £45m "flagship" Animate leisure complex in Preston.

Piling work has now started at the site, which is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, and will include a cinema, bowling alley and restaurants.

In March 2021, Preston was awarded £20.9m from the Government's national Towns Fund initiative, and the Harris Quarter is a part of the city centre undergoing a £200m investment programme to transform its historic buildings, sites and public realm into a diverse culture, leisure and employment offering.

All construction work on the development is expected to complete in late 2024, with piling work scheduled to finish this June.

Chair of Preston's Towns Fund Strategic Board, John Chesworth, said: "The start of the piling work is an auspicious occasion and marks another step toward the renaissance of Preston. The Animate complex has already attracted well-respected leisure brands, and together they'll create an impressive offering of activities that will increase footfall to the city, bringing additional economic benefits.

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The **£45 million Preston Animate** scheme was developed in 2016 and will be built on the site of the old indoor market and car park, next to Preston Markets.

168,000 sq ft leisure scheme will include:

- Eight-screen cinema with bar and restaurant.
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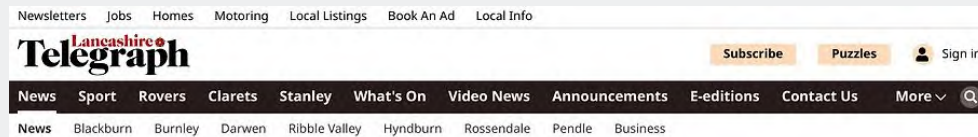
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Piling work has started on the [Animate leisure complex](#) in [Preston city centre](#).

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Piling work on the Animate project will be completed in June, with works starting on the steel structure shortly afterwards. All construction work is expected to be completed in late 2024.

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By **Tim Aldred**
12 Apr 2023



Construction of Preston's £45m Animate leisure complex continues to progress with piling work now underway.

Scheduled to complete in June, works starting on the steel structure can begin shortly afterwards. All construction work is expected to be completed in late 2024.

When open to the public, it will offer an eight-screen cinema, a bowling alley, various dining options and a 164 space car park.

The project is one of six planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme.

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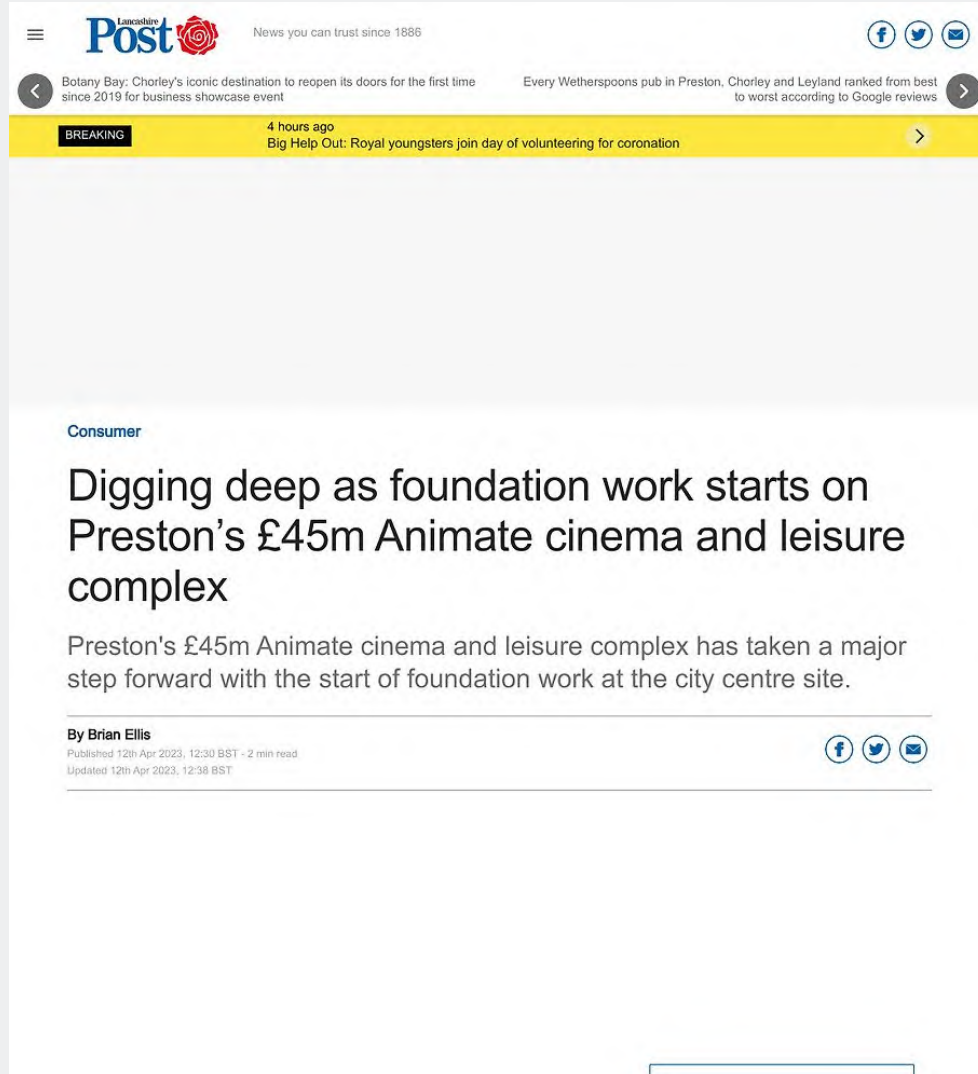
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Preston Youth Zone has been awarded a £6.2 million Youth Investment Fund grant to build the new state-of-the-art facility.

This means that the Youth Zone, which will be run as a new local charity once opened, has secured all of its building costs and will now focus on fundraising the remainder of its annual running costs, which will come from private sector and philanthropic contributions.

Subject to plans being approved, the Youth Zone is expected to open in late 2024 and will be built on the corner of Crooked Lane and Tithebarn Street, directly opposite the Bus Station. It will provide thousands of young people with opportunities to engage in activities and access support from skilled youth workers, helping them to develop their skills and reach their full potential.

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Soaring inflation and construction costs are building pressure on Lancashire levelling up projects and challenging the viability of commercial developments.

Preston's flagship Animate scheme in the city centre is a prime example of the impact being felt on regeneration. The cinema and leisure complex will now cost £45m to deliver - up from the £41m estimated when it received planning permission last March.

The city council has also revealed the big squeeze being felt on other projects - forcing it to cut back on some, seek more funding and borrow money to keep Preston's regeneration moving forward.

Leading figures in the county's property and construction sector have also told Lancashire Business View how rising inflation and falling investor confidence has added to the strain of material price volatility.

Adrian Phillips, chief executive at Preston City

In some projects 'value engineering' has been implemented to reduce costs. Adrian says: "Sometimes it can be quite brutal."

The council has also had to borrow money for the regeneration of the Grade-II listed Amounderness House - part of its Harris Quarter vision - to ensure it goes ahead.

The £7.4m scheme is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city received £20.9m from the government's Towns Fund in March 2021.



In February this year, Preston was awarded £20m of levelling up cash to regenerate its parks. It's a substantial sum but the challenges of cost inflation remain.

Adrian says the government has made it clear that councils can't go back for more money to mitigate the impact. He says: "We put the levelling-up bid last summer and things have changed a lot since then. It is a question of being as flexible as possible."

"Things are moving forward, it is just more difficult. The last thing we want is for things to falter, stall or be significantly delayed. It is about making pragmatic decisions."

Tim Webber is managing director of Lancashire-based construction and development group Bamfield. He says: "There is no doubt 2022 was a challenging year for main contractors in terms of controlling rising costs from suppliers and subcontractors alike."

"Values within both the residential and

"This could be the first indication of a market slowdown, which will help bring costs down, but we wait to see how further pressure of both wage and energy rises manifests itself in the construction sectors.

"In 46 years of business we've seen these trends many times before and we remain in a strong and stable position to weather this storm."



Jeremy Hartley, managing director of the Eric Wright Group, another major Lancashire construction and development business, says the impact of rising costs and inflation is making it more difficult to get developments out of the ground.

He says: "Viability is constantly being challenged and this is particularly the case in the commercial property sector. Rising costs are combining with increased interest rates and reduced market investor confidence.

"The group is focused on mitigating issues around pricing strategies and meeting the current unprecedented inflationary pressures as successfully as possible. We aim to ensure that we do not take on any undue risk and continue to carefully consider and evaluate the deliverability of every new project."

Michael Conlon, chairman of Conlon Construction, which has its HQ in South Ribble, says a "myriad of challenges" have played a part in rising costs. He cites the war in Europe, which led to sanctions cutting off timber supplies from Russia, energy hikes sparking increases in the price of cement, plaster, bricks, tiles and steel, and the cost-of-living crisis.

Michael says: "Clients have often budgeted years in advance, but costs are now higher, forcing delays and, in some cases, the cancellation of projects.

"As a sector we need to drive on. Many professionals, even some in senior roles, will not have encountered double digit inflation before. It is important to stress, therefore, that time is not on a client's side if they choose to delay.

"Time spent attempting to find savings may perversely have the opposite effect precisely because of the impact of high inflation."

Housebuilding has also been affected. Joel Winders, commercial director at Lancashire developer Kingswood Homes, says: "We anticipate price rises to continue throughout



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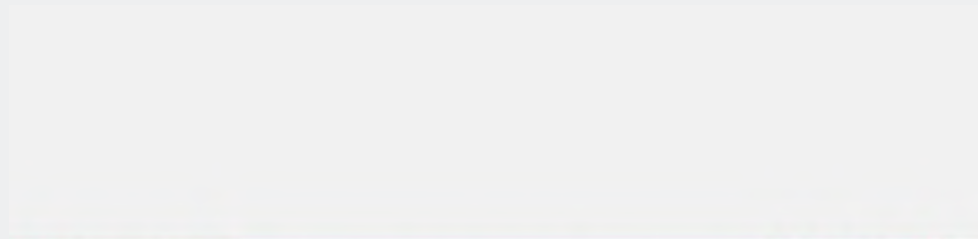
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Café-bar chain joins big names at Animate site

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A popular café-bar chain has become the latest tenant for Animate Preston, joining a number of big brands which have already signed up.

Loungers has signed a 15-year lease at Animate, Preston's city-owned £45 million cinema and leisure complex, which is being delivered by Maple Grove Developments.

The announcement comes after Eric Wright Construction began work on site last month.

The café-bar chain has taken a 4,265 sq ft unit, at an initial rent of £100,000 per annum, in a move which bosses say will further strengthen the retail and leisure offer at Animate.

The chain joins anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as brands including Italian restaurant Zizzi which is taking 3,250 sq ft on the main terrace, fronting Preston's market canopy; Latin American bar and restaurant Las Iguas; and world buffet operator Cosmo which will take 11,000 sq ft on the upper floor

ty manager at Loungers, said: "We are delighted to be bringing Loungers to Preston. Our Loungers strive to put community at the heart of hospitality and our teams always go the extra mile to make a difference."

Coun David Borrow, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulation said: "Loungers is a substantial operator in the UK hospitality sector and the business has proved to be one of the rising stars in the industry over the past three years.

"It's commitment to Animate is testament to the attractiveness of Preston as a great place to invest in and do business here."

The scheme is funded and owned by Preston City Council, with support from the Towns Fund (£3.4m) and City Deal (£3.25m).

The Animate development is a key project in Preston's 15-year City Investment Plan and is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.



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Office plans move closer

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Plans to transform a listed building into offices moved a step closer after Preston City Council announced the identity of the tenant to operate the facility.

The council and its development manager Maple Grove Developments have identified W_rkspace, operator of seven business centres in the North West, as the preferred tenant to lease Amounderness House, on Lancaster Road.

Following a complete refurbishment of the former police station and magistrates court by the council, W_rkspace will occupy and

ment offering, with Amounderness House located beside the £45m+ Animate cinema and leisure complex granted planning permission in March 2022 and due to open in 2024.

It is hoped the rejuvenation of Amounderness House into a modern, flexible, multi-use workspace hub will stimulate business, cultural and community uses in the city centre.

Councillor David Borrow, city council cabinet member for planning and regulation, said: "This is a significant step forward in the rejuvenation plans for one of Preston's grandest buildings.

"It will be wonderful to see new life breathed into a heritage property that has had such a rich history and im-

W_rkspace brings its own unique brand of flexible working solutions to the heart of the city.

"Offering outstanding opportunities for local established companies, alongside fantastic facilities to help start-up businesses looking to achieve first steps of their business journey.

"The W_rkspace team feel proud to accompany this exciting city development and look forward to many fruitful and rewarding partnerships with the proud business community within Preston."

Nik Puttnam, senior development manager with Maple Grove Developments, said: "This is an exciting milestone in this project.

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Designed by Leach Rhodes Walker and brought forward by Maple Grove Developments, the wider scheme will also offer a 164 car park and improvements to landscaping with an outdoor terrace for al fresco dining, street lighting, a changing places facility, improved pedestrian access and new trees.

Gemma Irwin, community manager at Loungers, said: "A real home from home, we'll cater for all tastes throughout the day with a varied and innovative all-day menu. Whether it's a coffee with friends, a long lazy brunch with family or a relaxed dinner and drinks, our Lounge will be the perfect place to relax and unwind in good company.

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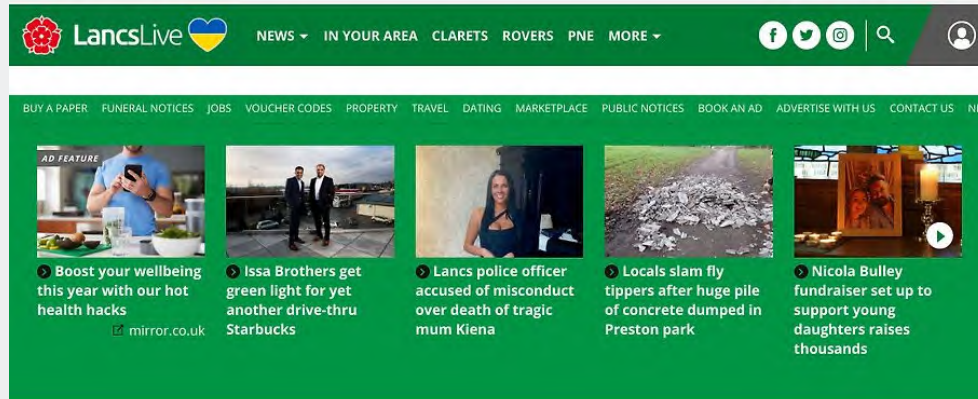
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Animate, Preston's city-owned £45m cinema and leisure complex, has a new tenant after national chain Loungers agreed on a 15-year deal.

The café bar has taken a 4,265 sq ft unit, at an initial rent of £100,000 per annum. It joins anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as other national and regional restaurants and a street food hub.

The deal means only three units remain to be filled: a restaurant, good hub and social space.

Coun David Borrow, cabinet member for planning and regulation at Preston City Council, said: "Loungers is a substantial operator in the UK hospitality sector and the business has proved to be one of the rising stars in the industry over the past three years. Its commitment to Animate is testament to the attractiveness of Preston as a great place to invest in and do business here."

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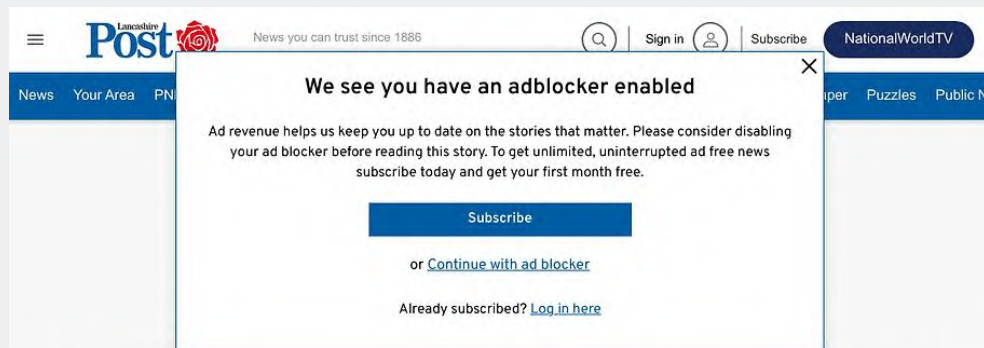
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The group will join anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as other national and regional restaurants and a street food hub.


Cllr David Borrow, cabinet member for planning and regulation, said:

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Preston's £45m council-owned cinema and leisure complex, Animate, has signed up national café bar chain Loungers to the site.

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The chain has taken a 4,265 sq ft unit, at an initial rent of £100,000 per annum, in a move which will further strengthen the retail and leisure offer at Animate, joining anchor tenants The Arc Cinema and Hollywood Bowl, as well as other national and regional restaurants and a street food hub.

Designed by Leach Rhodes Walker, the wider development will also offer a 164-car park and improvements to landscaping with an outdoor terrace for al fresco dining, street lighting, a changing places facility, improved pedestrian access and new trees.

Only three units are now left – unit 4 in centre of parade (restaurant); unit 6 (food hub) and the competitive social space. Bradys and CBRE are the joint lettings agents for Animate and advised Maple Grove Developments.

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Plans by Preston City Council to transform the grade II-listed Amounderness House into serviced offices and managed workspace accommodation have moved a step closer with a tenant having been selected to operate the facility.

The council and its development manager Maple Grove Developments identified W_rkspace, operator of seven business centres in the North West, including five in Preston, as the preferred tenant to lease the former police station and magistrates court situated on Lancaster Road.

Following a refurbishment of the property by the council, W_rkspace will occupy and operate 23,842 sq ft across three floors in the property from late 2025.

The £7.4m scheme is one of six major projects planned under Preston's Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, for which the city was awarded £20.9m from the government's national Towns Fund initiative in March 2021.

The rejuvenation of Amounderness House into a workspace hub will help to stimulate business, cultural and community uses in the city centre.

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Councillor David Borrow, cabinet member for planning and regulation, said:


"This is a significant step forward in the rejuvenation plans for one of Preston's grandest buildings.

"It will be wonderful to see new life breathed into a heritage property that has had such a rich history and impact on the city centre over the years. Not only will it repurpose an empty property, generating income for the city, but it will boost new footfall in the area, provide new jobs and support local businesses and the city centre economy."

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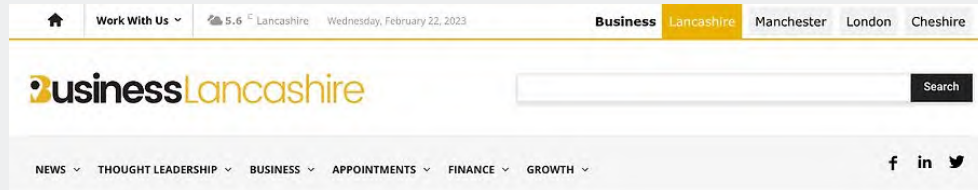
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BECK Interiors has been appointed as the fit-out contractor for the **Harris Museum, Art Gallery & Library** capital project.


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Councillor Peter Kelly, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure Services at **Preston City Council**, said:

"We're pleased to enter new major works with **Conlon Construction** and welcome **BECK** to the capital project team. Leveraging our collective strengths, this partnership will help us deliver on our ambitious vision for Harris Your Place, creating a community hub of learning, creativity and enjoyment."

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Harris Museum, Art Gallery & Library is on the hunt for critical friends and project advisory group members to ensure Preston's diverse communities are heard and represented.

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Councillor Peter Kelly, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure Services at **Preston City Council** said:

"We need help shaping the future of the Harris to ensure we are reflecting the voices of local communities as we move through this exciting period of transformation.

"Local communities are of utmost importance to us, their participation and opinions are valued and considered throughout all the work we do.

"This approach represents a new way of working for museums adopting a collaborative and co-curated approach to our programme decisions to ensure the Harris genuinely meets the needs of visitors and communities.


"Working in this way will ensure the Harris programme and offer reflects the diversity of our visitors and communities and ensures the Harris remains relevant and cherished.

"These two brilliant opportunities will work towards driving a community-led approach where individuals can present their views on how they would like to see change."

The closing date is Monday 13 March. More information here <https://lnkd.in/ePRBz7nJ>

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The Station Quarter project aims to create a Commercial Quarter on the land around Preston Station for the development of office and commercial spaces, new city living spaces, new civic spaces, landscaping and a high-quality public realm to improve the station quarter as a place to live, work and visit.

Learn more about Preston Station Quarter Project and its objectives here <https://lnkd.in/e2DHPren>

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Preston City Council has appointed **Limitless Public Relations** - the Preston and Blackburn-based firm, for a three-year strategic communications contract, following a competitive tender process.

The agency has been appointed to deliver strategic communications support for Preston's £20.9 million Town Deal which it secured in March 2021 as part of the government's £3.6 billion Towns Fund, established to help level-up towns and cities around the country.

Councillor David Borrow, Cabinet Member for Planning and Regulation, said:

"We are delighted to have Limitless Public Relations on board and looking forward to working together to communicate Preston's regeneration and investment progress. We were impressed with the overall standard of submissions we received, in particular with Limitless's extensive experience and understanding of our ambition and vision for the City."

John Chesworth, Chair of the Towns Fund Board, added:

"Limitless Public Relations has been chosen to support Preston's Towns Fund investment programme following a thorough tender process against stiff opposition, and we are looking forward to working closely together on all the exciting projects that are starting to come to fruition and that will make a positive impact on Preston and its people."

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Great to see the new design surrounding the Harris Museum, including some favourite art of Pauline in the Yellow Dress by Sir James Gunn, and Horace the Poulton Elk, which appear digitally on the hoarding.

Councillor Peter Kelly, Cabinet Member for Culture and Leisure Services at [Preston City Council](#) said:


"It's a fantastic achievement to get to this stage of the Harris Your Place capital project. We're thrilled to announce the completion of the construction site hoarding, which offers an updated insight into the exciting reopening plans for 2024 and the significant community empowerment guidelines we base decisions.

"Throughout the project, we've listened to feedback from the Preston community where many have suggested the remarkable Harris collection items are greatly missed during closure. The refreshed design presents an opportunity to revisit many of the treasured paintings and objects while we remain on track for achieving the ambition for Harris Your Place."

The transformation continues!

Read more about the design here <https://lnkd.in/g/ehwKhBkv>

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The screenshot shows a LinkedIn post from the company 'Invest Preston' (184 followers, 1mo old). The post title is 'Invest Preston's Post'. The main text reads: 'The £20 million Levelling Up funding for Preston will be spent across two key areas of investment in cultural and transport projects:'. It then lists several projects under two categories: 'Transport' and 'Cultural investment'. The transport projects include a new cycle/footbridge over the River Ribble, new cycle paths and walkways, major public realm works at Friargate South, and a new mobility hub at Preston Bus Station. The cultural projects include a cross-city regeneration project, Ashton Park redesign, Moor Park restoration, Waverley Park improvements, and Grange Park accessibility improvements. The post ends with a link to the full plans and several hashtags: #LevellingUp, #Preston, #ProudPreston, #InvestPreston, #LancashireBusiness, and #LancashireLife. There is a small image at the bottom showing an aerial view of a city street.

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👉 £20m cash boost confirmed for Preston! 🎉

Preston City Council's Levelling Up bid has been successful, with the government's award of £20m for the city.

The Leader of Preston City Council, Councillor **Matthew Brown** said he was "over the moon" at the news that Preston's Levelling Up bid has been successful.


The funding will bring real quality of life, health and wellbeing benefits to Preston's residents and positively impact communities across the city.

The two main areas of investment are:

- 🚲 **Transport:** investment in new and regenerative works to improve active travel in the city, including a new cycle/footbridge over the River Ribble to replace the Old Tram Bridge
- 🌳 **Cultural:** regeneration and improvements to four main city parks, including new community sports pitches and facilities, safety and structural works to key heritage buildings, lake restoration and more at Ashton Park, Moor Park, Waverley Park, and Grange Park.

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@prestoncouncil's #LevellingUp bid received a £20m government award.

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When talking about the proposals for the construction of a brand-new £22m student accommodation block in Preston, close to the University of Central Lancashire, the developer - Caro Developments Limited - said:

"Preston is flying at the moment...the former indoor market site is going through the gears and the Station Quarter will deliver a modern central office district that will attract quality occupiers to the city.


"It's a good time to invest here."

We agree! 🍷

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🚧 Construction work begins on £45m Animate complex.

Andrew Dewhurst, director at **Maple Grove Developments**, commented:

"A huge amount of work over many years has got us to this point and credit must go to **Preston City Council**, as well as the wider project team for their determination and drive in making sure plans become a reality.

"There are now nearly two years of construction work ahead of us on the site of the former markets but the benefits Animate will bring to Preston once it is open will make it certainly worth the wait."

Jeremy Hartley, managing director at **Eric Wright Group** said:

"As a local business with a long-standing history of supporting improvement to our North West towns and communities we are very proud to now be in a position to deliver this leisure-led scheme for the people of Preston to use and enjoy."

John Chesworth, Chair of **Preston Partnership** said:

"As one of the key Town Deal projects and central to the £200m Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, Animate will help to regenerate the Harris Quarter and support the Council's commitment to Preston's City Investment Plan 2035, complementing further investment in the Harris Museum, Art Gallery and Library, flexible office space for local businesses in Amounderness House and a dedicated space for Preston's younger community at the Youth Zone."

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Excavators in action at our **#Preston Animate** development this week, crushing and sorting the remnants of the existing building for use in ground works.

The spray you can see coming from the arm of the CAT 360 excavator is water. They are fitted with a water suppression system to dampen down the materials during crushing, to prevent dust from becoming airborne.

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And we're off...Animate is underway! 🎉

Representatives from **Preston City Council**, **Eric Wright Group**, **Maple Grove Developments**, and **Preston Partnership** gathered at the site on Monday 9 January 2023, to mark the commencement of groundwork at the £45m leisure and entertainment complex within the Harris Quarter in Preston City centre.

Leader of Preston City Council, Councillor Matthew Brown, said:

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"The development is not only a catalyst for attracting further investment into the city, but working in partnership with Maple Grove Developments, and through implementing a renewed progressive approach to procurement, we have an opportunity to work more closely with a skilled local supply chain, throughout the life of the programme, working towards our shared vision for a more inclusive Preston economy."

The scheme is funded and owned by Preston City Council, with support from the Towns Fund (£3.4m) and City Deal (£3.25m).

Animate's complementary public realm improvements are being supported by a **Lancashire County Council** Economic Recovery Grant (£800,000).

Read more here https://lnkd.in/g/ebcg2_Gw

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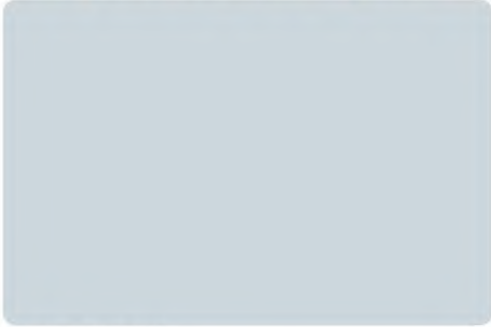
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
Key partners behind the £45m million pound council owned leisure and entertainment complex in Preston city centre met on site to mark the start of construction.

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Plans in for long-awaited Preston Youth Zone

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After nearly a decade of stop-and-start, Preston looks set to receive a facility aimed at providing activities and employability training for young people.

Youth charity OnSide has submitted a planning application to Preston City Council for the three-storey building, to sit on the corner of Crooked Lane and Tithebarn Street.

Facing Preston Bus Station, the 30,900 sq ft Preston Youth Zone would offer members the ability to participate in 20 different activities every night for the cost of 50p visit and a £5 annual membership.

Preston Youth Zone is being funded in part by £4.2m from Preston's successful bid to the government's £3.6bn Towns Fund. Additional financial support is to be procured by the private sector, grant funding bodies, and charitable trusts.

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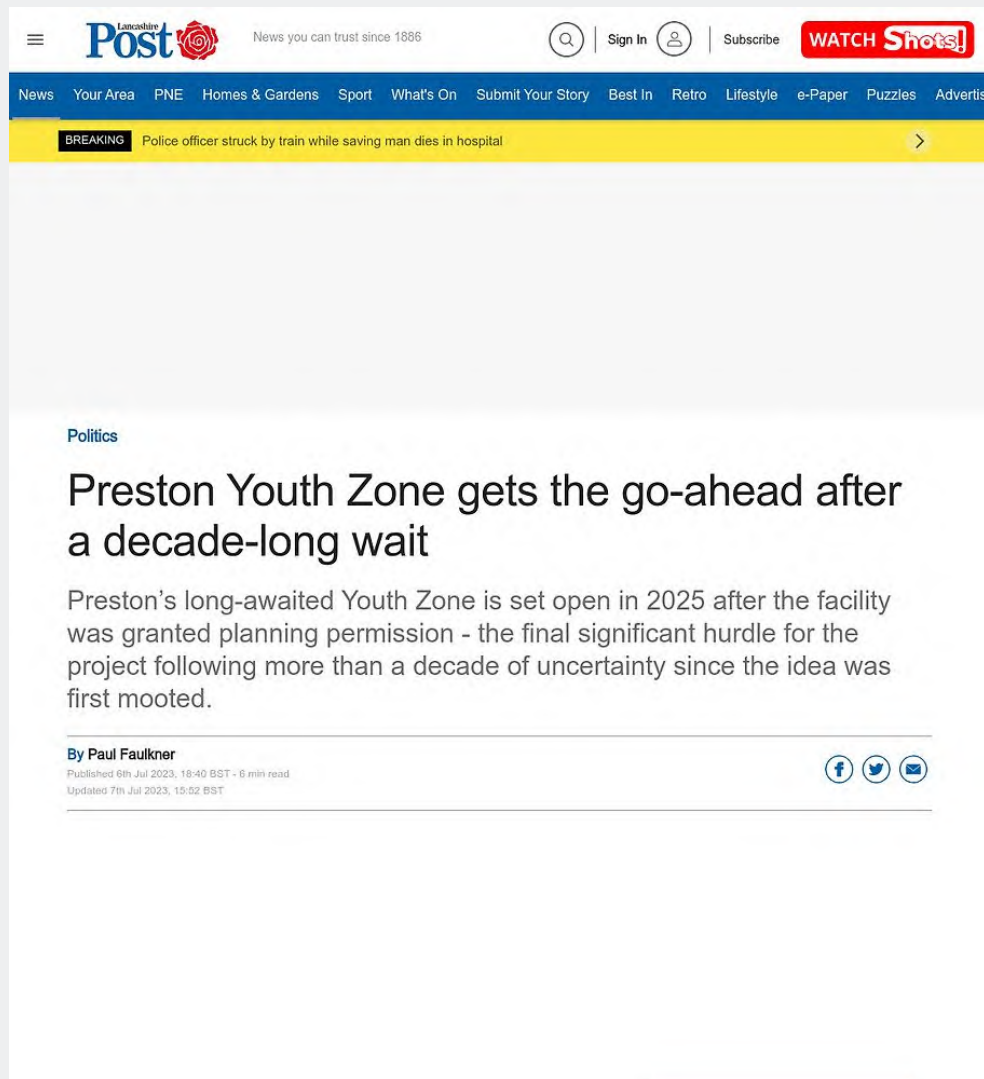
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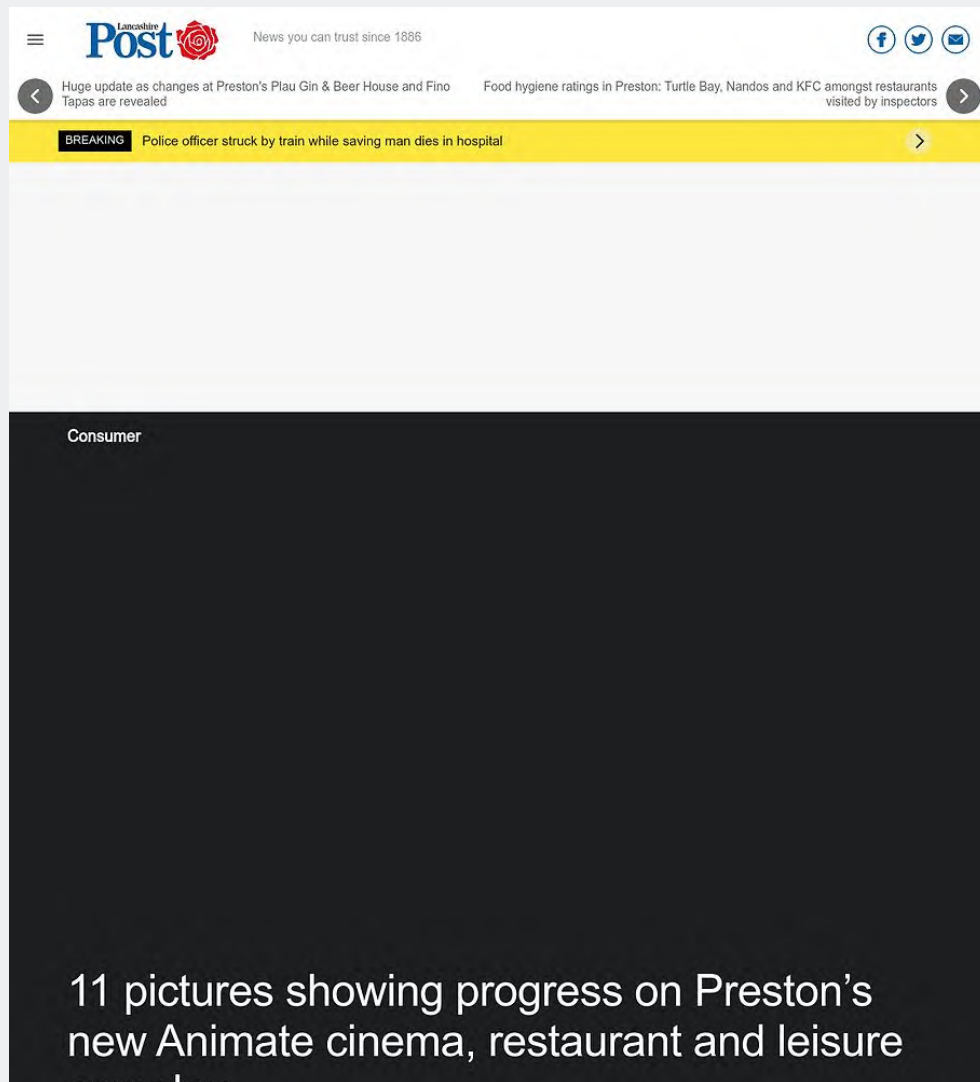
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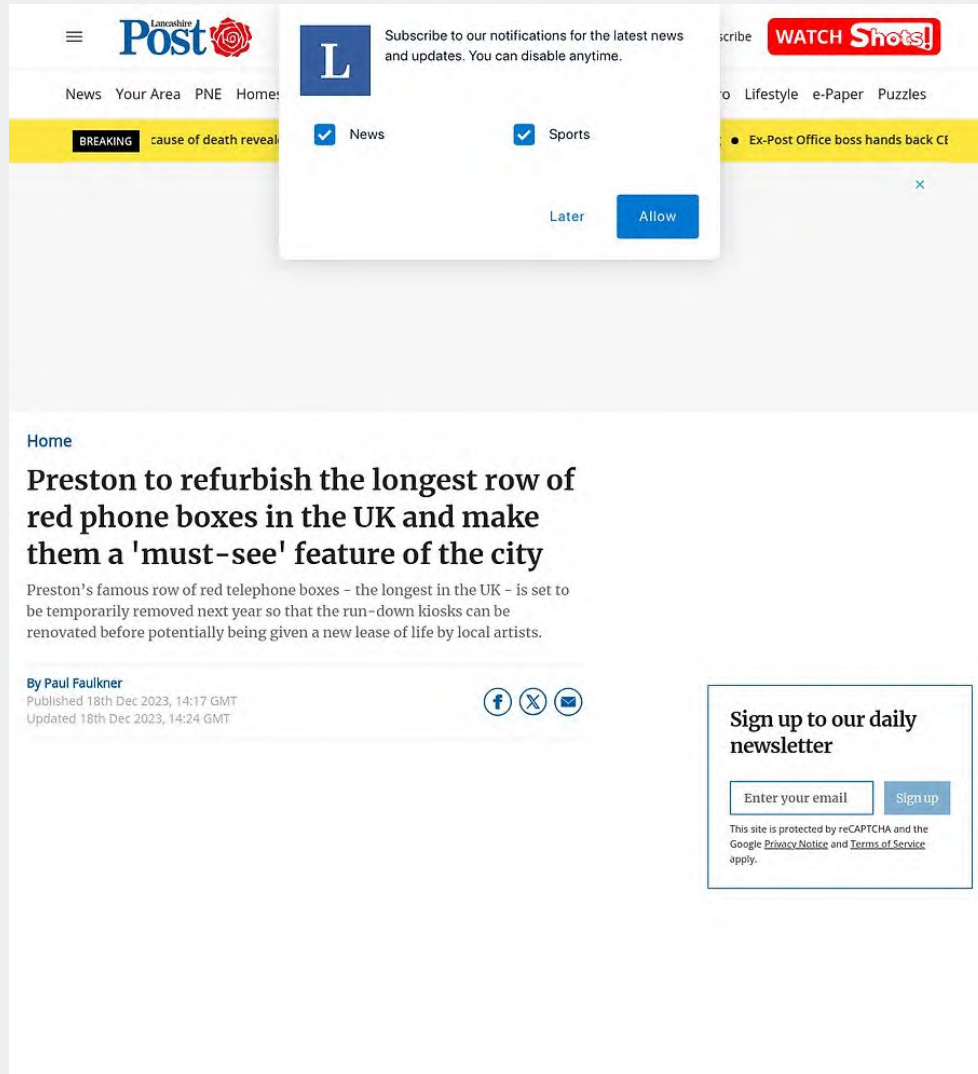
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5 October 2023



Preston's Animate leisure complex, one of six major projects planned under the Harris Quarter Towns Fund Investment Programme, is to pay homage to the City's history and culture of the Harris Quarter.

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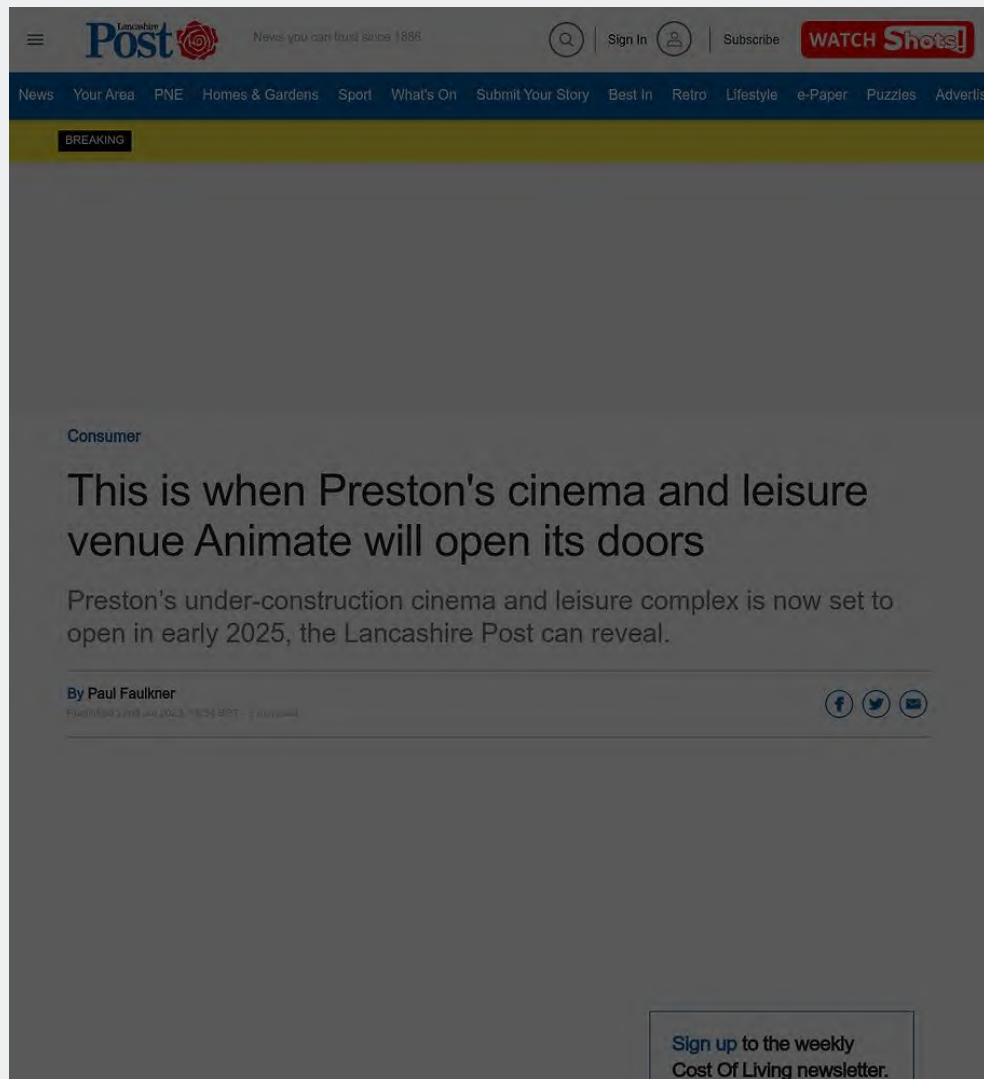
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The screenshot shows the Lancashire Evening Post website. At the top, there is a navigation bar with the site logo, a search icon, and links for 'Sign In', 'Subscribe', and 'WATCH Shots!'. Below the navigation bar is a yellow 'BREAKING' banner with the text 'Why there is a crime scene, detectives and CSI at Fylde Coast house'. The main content area features an advertisement for 'Basement Waterproofing Experts' by Atlanta Basement Systems, which includes 'Before' and 'After' photos of a basement and a 'FREE ESTIMATES' button. Below the advertisement is a news article titled 'Old Preston magistrates' court building Amounderness House to be turned into offices and shops'. The article is by Paul Faulkner and was published on 4th Nov 2023. At the bottom of the page, there is a 'Sign up to our daily newsletter' button.

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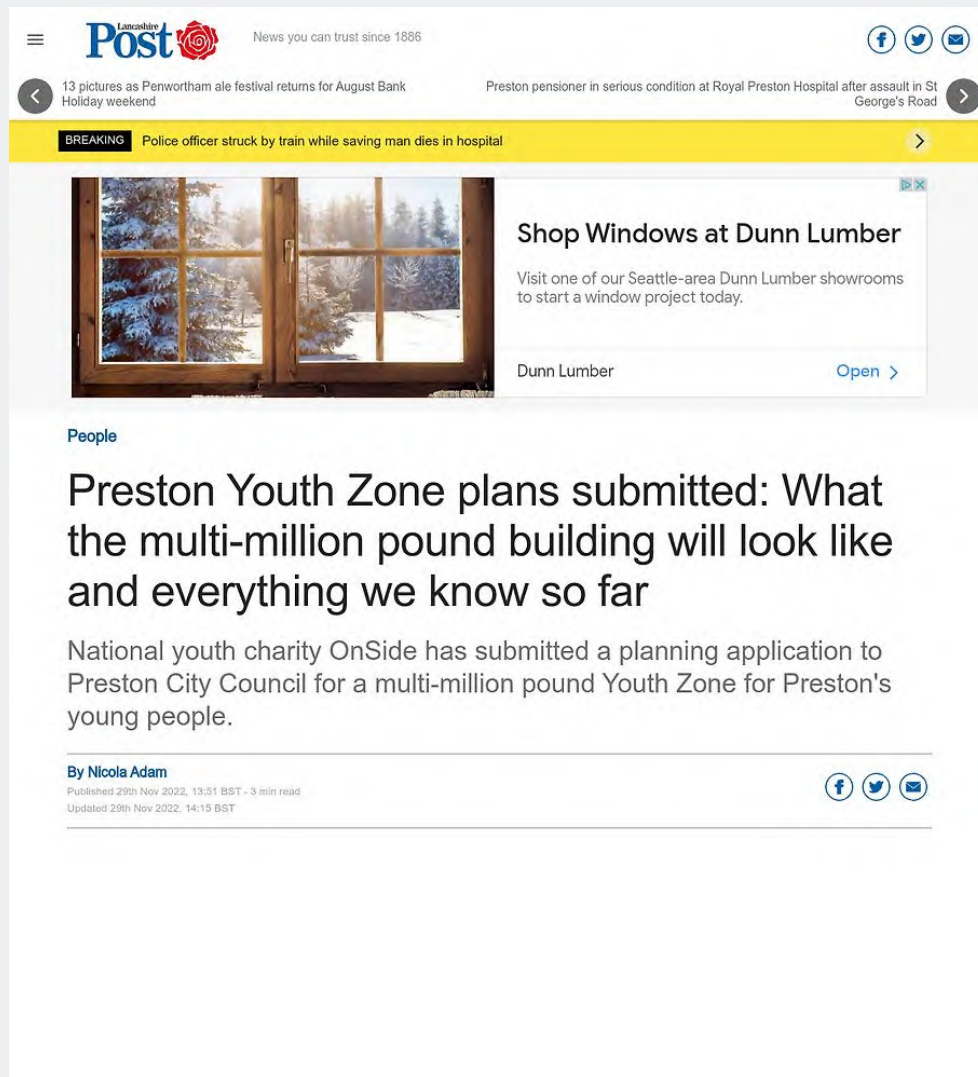
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