

GREATER BIRMINGHAM & SOLIHULL SUPERVISORY BOARD

Thursday 19th April 2018 at 14:00
Committee Room 2, Council House
Victoria Square, Birmingham B1 1BB

AGENDA

	<u>PART I – OPEN ITEMS</u>	
	(Open to the Press and Public)	
1.	Welcome and Apologies for Absence	Verbal
2.	Declarations of interest	Verbal
3.	Notes of the last meeting on 22nd February 2018 and matters arising	Attached
4.	Growth Programme	Attached
5.	SEP Enabling Fund	Attached
6.	GBSLEP Review of Governance and Accountable Body Arrangements	Attached
7.	Dates of future meetings	Verbal
8.	Any other business	Verbal
	PART II – EXEMPT ITEMS	
	NIL	

REGISTERING & DISCLOSING INTERESTS

You must declare any relevant interest(s) at the start of the meeting. Unless dispensation has been granted, you may not participate in any discussion of, vote on, or discharge any function related to any matter in which you have a **pecuniary interest** (declaration of non-pecuniary interests will not normally bar you from taking part in proceedings). A description of pecuniary and non-pecuniary interests is set out below.

For further details or if you have any queries, please contact Nick Glover, Executive Manager – nick.glover@birmingham.gov.uk or 07730 281 420.

Disclosable Interest	Description
PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
Employment, office, trade, profession or vocation	Any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner.
Sponsorship	Any financial benefit obtained (other than from the LEP) which is paid as a result of carrying out duties as a Director. This includes any payment or financial benefit from a Trade Union within the meaning of the Trade Union and Labour Relations (Consolidation) Act 1992 (a).
Contracts	Any contract for goods, works or services with the LEP which has not been fully discharged by any organisation named in the course of any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner; or any contract for goods, works or services entered into in the course of any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner where either party is likely to have a commercial interest in the outcome of business being decided by the LEP.
Land or property	Any interest you or any organisation named in the course of any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner may have in land or property which is likely to be affected by a decision made by the LEP. This would include, within the area of the LEP: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Any interest in any land in the LEP areas, including your place(s) of residency ○ Any tenancy where the landlord is the LEP and the tenant is a body in which the relevant person has an interest Any licence for a month or longer to occupy land owned by the LEP.

Disclosable Interest	Description
Securities	<p>Any interest in securities of any organisation named in the course of any employment, office, trade, profession or vocation carried on for profit or gain by you or your partner, where:</p> <p>(a) that body (to my knowledge) has a place of business or land in the area of the LEP; and</p> <p>(b) either –</p> <p>(i) the total nominal value of the securities exceeds £25,000 or one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that body; or</p> <p>(ii) if the share capital of that body is of more than one class, the total nominal value of the shares of any one class in which has an interest exceeds one hundredth of the total issued share capital of that class.</p>
Gifts & Hospitality	Any gifts and/or hospitality received as a result of membership of the LEP (above the value of £50).
NON-PECUNIARY INTERESTS	
Membership of organisations	Any bodies to which you have been appointed or nominated by the LEP; which exercise functions of a public nature; directed to charitable purposes; whose principal purposes include the influence of public opinion or policy (including any political party or trade union); any Local Authority (including any interests you hold as Local Authority leaders or cabinet members for local authority land, resources and the authority's commercial interests); and any other interest you hold that might reasonably be likely to be perceived as affecting my conduct or influencing your actions in relation to your role.

Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

22nd February 2018 at 14:00 hrs

Committee Room 2, Council House, Birmingham

PRESENT

Cllr Mike Wilcox – Lichfield
 Cllr Robert Hulland – Solihull
 Cllr Bill Hartnett – Redditch
 Cllr Brigid Jones – Birmingham
 Cllr Steve Claymore – Tamworth
 Cllr Marcus Hart – Wyre Forest

APOLOGIES

Cllr George Adamson – Cannock Chase
 Cllr Geoff Denaro – Bromsgrove
 Cllr Ian Ward – Birmingham
 Cllr Bob Sleigh OBE – Solihull

IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Tilley – Chief Executive, Lichfield
 Kevin Dicks – Chief Executive, Redditch and Bromsgrove
 Stella Manzie – Chief Executive, Birmingham
 Andrew Barratt – Corporate Director, Tamworth
 Ian Miller – Chief Executive, Wyre Forest
 Roger Mendonça – Director, GBSLEP
 Nick Glover – Executive Manager, GBSLEP
 Peter Jenion – Policy Officer, GBSLEP

1.	Welcome and apologies for absence
	The Chair, Cllr Mike Wilcox, welcomed the Supervisory Board and noted apologies for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr George Adamson – Cannock Chase

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Cllr Geoff Denaro – Bromsgrove • Cllr Ian Ward – Birmingham • Cllr Bob Sleigh OBE – Solihull
2.	Declarations of interest
	No Declarations of interests were announced.
3.	Agree notes of the Last Meeting on 7th December 2017 and Matters Arising
	<p>The minutes of the meeting on 7th December were approved as an accurate record.</p> <p>Nick Glover noted the need for the LEP Executive to consider the quorum issue and consult with Leaders; and noted that progress with the Strategic Employment Sites Study has been slower than anticipated, although a working group has been formally constituted and is aiming to produce a study brief shortly.</p>
84	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Supervisory Board:</p> <p>i Approved the minutes as an accurate record.</p>
4.	Growth Programme update
	<p>Roger Mendonça presented this item, the purpose of which was to note and discuss the progress made in delivering the Growth Deal programme.</p> <p>In the discussion, Roger complimented and congratulated Wyre Forest District Council for their contribution to the Churchfields Urban Village project bid. The potential to utilise any in-year underspend on projects currently in delivery was also discussed.</p>
85	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Supervisory Board:</p> <p>i</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Noted the project investment decisions made – including: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean Air Hydrogen Bus Project (Birmingham City Council (BCC)) – FBC approval for £2.156m grant over 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years • Youth Skills and Enterprise Hub and Flagship Centre (Prince’s Trust) – Full Business Case (FBC) approval for £627,203 grant in 2017/18 • Lichfield Southern Bypass (Staffordshire County Council) – Outline Business Case (OBC) conditional approval for £2.3m over 2019/20 and 2020/21 financial years • Aspirations for All (Sense) – FBC approval for £1.206m grant over 2017/18 and 2018/19 financial years • Dance Hub (Birmingham Hippodrome) – FBC approval for £1.476m grant over 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years <p>ii</p> <p>Noted the withdrawal of funding allocations from the One Station and Making the Connections projects</p>

iii	Noted progress made with the Programme Delivery Board 'Star Chambers'.
5.	LEP Governance & Transparency Best Practice Guidance
	<p>Nick Glover presented this item, the purpose of which was note the progress with implementing the LEP Governance & Transparency Best Practice Guidance.</p> <p>In the discussion, Ian Miller recognised that the Executive had used the examples provided in the guidance but suggested some amendments to the Complaints and Whistleblowing policies; in particular, that the Public Disclosure Act gained Royal Assent in 1998 (not 1999); and that the paragraph of the whistleblowing policy relating to confidentiality and disclosure to external bodies was not in keeping with the Civil Service Commission's own guidance and should be removed.</p>
86	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Supervisory Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="248 831 1414 898">i Noted the publication of the LEP Governance & Transparency Best Practice Guidance; <li data-bbox="248 931 1414 999">ii Noted that the Nominations & Governance Committee met on 13 February and noted the Terms of Reference; <li data-bbox="248 1032 1414 1133">iii Agreed to nominate Cllr Bob Sleigh from the Metropolitan authorities and Cllr Mike Wilcox from the District authorities to attend the Nominations & Governance Committee; <li data-bbox="248 1167 1414 1234">iv Noted and discussed the challenges associated with the publication of papers for key meetings; <li data-bbox="248 1267 1414 1335">v Noted that the Nominations Committee agreed to adopt the Code of Conduct for Board Directors; <li data-bbox="248 1368 1414 1469">vi Noted that the Nominations & Governance Committee agreed to adopt the Complaints and Confidential Complaints procedure, and agreed to amend the reference to the Public Disclosure Act; and <li data-bbox="248 1503 1414 1603">vii Noted that the Nominations & Governance Committee agreed to adopt the Whistleblowing procedure, and agreed to remove the paragraph related to confidentiality and disclosure to external bodies.
6.	Dates of future meetings
87	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Supervisory Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li data-bbox="248 1805 1414 1906">i Agreed that there will be Supervisory Board meeting a fortnight after each LEP Board meeting at the same location. Nick Glover will circulate the dates.

7.	Any other business
	None

The meeting closed at 14:26hrs.

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CHAIRMAN

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Report to the Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

Thursday 19th April 2018

GROWTH PROGRAMME UPDATE

Purpose of the report

To note and discuss the progress made in delivering the Growth Deal programme.

Recommendations

The Supervisory Board is requested to note the:

- the current programme and pipeline status;
- project investment approvals made;
- indicative 2017/18 financial year outturn position for the programme, following financial slippage across projects;
- continuation of projects reviews by the Programme Delivery Board (PDB); and
- the governance arrangements of the Growing Places Fund are being reviewed with a view to it falling within the remit of the PDB.

Programme Status

Pipeline Overview

1. One Local Growth Fund (LGF) project completed between the last Supervisory Board meeting and late March, bringing the total number of completed LGF projects to 21. Thirty-four projects are in delivery, with 10 nearing practical and financial completion. Eight projects are in the contracting stage, with 4 new projects approved for programme entry since the last Board meeting. Six further projects have submitted a business case for funding. A summary of the LGF programme status from the last quarterly update is provided in Appendix B and a full list of projects on the LGF programme is provided as Appendix A.
2. Full case studies on two practically completed projects – Food Technology Hub for Skills Excellence, and the National College for High Speed Rail – have been added to the [GBSLEP website](#) and have been featured in recent GBSLEP newsletters.
3. Nine projects have submitted Expressions of Interest that have been assessed for Strategic Fit, since the last review of the strategic pipeline was conducted in the autumn. Details are provided in Appendix C. Projects will be assessed for deliverability, value for money and suitability for LEP funding at Outline Business Case stage.

Project Investment Approvals

4. The following LGF project investment decisions have been made since the last meeting by the Programme Delivery Board (PDB) or LEP Director under delegated authority:

- The Birmingham Dance Hub project (Hippodrome) received approval for £1,476,000 grant following the independent appraisal of a Full Business Case. Further background information is included in Appendix D.
- New Manufacturing Engineering Centre project (South and City College Birmingham) received approval for £250,000 grant following the independent appraisal of a Full Business Case. Further background information is included in Appendix E.
- Hybrid Vehicle Technology Training Centre project (Solihull College and University Centre) received approval for £271,836 grant following the independent appraisal of a Full Business Case. Further background information is included in Appendix F.

Financial Profile

5. Following the formal notification to projects of the risk of funding re-allocation for financial slippage and the commencement of the PDB 'Star Chamber' meetings in January, the LEP Executive was confirming grant claim forecasts before the year-end with projects. The indicative year-end position for 2017/18 reported to the PDB in February was c.£26m against a £25.7m allocation from Government.
6. This was a substantial decrease from the last Supervisory Board meeting, with the level of overprogramming falling from 130% to 100%. The figure remained in line with the LEP Executive's expectation, and concern, that the grant claims would amount to between £20m (75%) and £25m (100%).
7. Whilst further work is still ongoing around the final 2017/18 outturn position, the indicative LGF grant claim figure is c.£22.5m or approximately 85% to programme; falling in the middle of the LE Executive estimates. The remaining c.£3m of LGF funding that was slipped by projects has been utilised by the Revolving Investment Fund in the short term, until it is required by the projects in Q1 2018/19. Further details of the outturn position will be provided in the next reporting period.
8. The PDB continues to review higher-risk projects through 'Star Chambers' where projects are invited to discuss the challenges being faced. The consensus from the PDB and the LEP Executive is that it is an effective means of seeking reassurance from projects and making corrective actions to manage the level of risk on the programme.
9. Looking to the financial year ahead, the programme is indicatively overprogrammed to 160% in 2018/19, though this is expected to increase as more strategic pipeline projects have business cases approved and commence delivery. This level of overprogramming will be supported by the Revolving Investment Fund and continued exploration of other funding streams for strategic pipeline projects.

Additional funding secured

10. The LEP Executive has been supporting Wyre Forest District Council since March 2017 to access potential funding opportunities with Government for the Churchfields Urban Village project in Kidderminster. The strategic pipeline project was awarded £2.7m of funding through the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF) on 1st February. This reduces the estimated GBSLEP funding request by £2.7m to c.£2m at present.

Growing Places Fund

11. The LEP Board will recall that the GBSLEP was allocated £22.49m Growing Places Funding (GPF) in 2012 to support local economic growth. This programme follows similar arrangements to the Growth Deal and has been managed by the Growing Places Committee. The fund is fully committed and the programme is at a mature stage of delivery, with the majority of projects completed. The GPF programme will be within the scope of the overall Growth Deal evaluation.
12. It was agreed in the SEP Business Plan that the integration of assorted funding streams within the LEP's control will be explored. As such the governance arrangements of the GPF will be reviewed by the LEP Executive with a view to it falling within the remit of the PDB, as the Revolving Investment Fund does at present. The LEP Executive will return to the PDB with the proposed arrangements and any recommended amendments to the Terms of Reference.

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Appendix B - Programme Level Key Issues and Strategic Risks – Q3 2017/2018

Overall Programme Status (Current Key Issues)

Budget	Time	Benefits
<p style="text-align: center;">↔</p> <p>Growth Deal funding insufficient to deliver all projects we would ideally take forward, but measures being taken should ensure we achieve greatest impact for the resources available.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">↔</p> <p>Reliance on effective profiling by project sponsors. Now being properly tested by additional Programme Team resource and through PDB 'Star Chambers'.</p> <p>Expected financial slippage across the LGF programme in 2017/18 of c.25%.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">↔</p> <p>With the exception of skills, and to lesser extent commercial floorspace, forecast outputs exceed original forecast. However, the level of programme slippage raises questions about deliverability of outputs in practice.</p>
<p>Actions in hand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Arrangements for Programme Management Levy still not agreed with Accountable Body. Escalated to LEP Board. 2. Pipeline projects being developed to Outline Business Case allowing other potential sources of funding to be identified and pursued. 3. Additional LEP resources secured to support access to alternative funding streams. £7.7m successful bids supported so far. 4. BCC identified £13.5m reallocation from existing LGF projects to support the Commonwealth Games proposal. Following Making the Connections withdrawal, c.£20m has potentially now been identified. 	<p>Actions in hand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Additional LEP resources secured for more proactive management of the programme. 2. GD3 projects entering the programme will reduce the risk of financial slippage in future years. 3. Projects at higher risk of slippage in 2017/18 formally notified that funding slipped between years is at risk. 4. PDB 'Star Chambers' reviewing projects higher risk projects. 5. Improvement and formalisation of PMO. First phase due Apr 2018. 	<p>Actions in hand:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Emerging SEP Delivery Plans to clearly identify priority interventions required to support the SEP ambition and targets. 2. Confirmed with Cities and Local Growth (CLOG) in Dec 2017 that historical outputs forecast are being reviewed and tested to distinguish between outputs and outcomes. 3. Revised outputs forecast to be provided to CLOG and updated as pipeline projects enter the programme.

Financials

Financial Year	Previous Years	2017 /18	2018 /19	2019 /20	2020 /21	Total
Growth Deal allocation	£63.20m	£25.70m	£19.30m	£12.72m	£31.85m	£152.77m
Forecast Expenditure*	£63.20m	£26.53m	£30.69m	£12.74m	£7.49m	£140.65m
Variation	-	+0.83	+11.39	+0.02	-24.36	-
Level of overprogramming	-	103%	159%	100%	24%	-
Revolving Investment Fund**	£33.29m					
Growth Deal Funding available for Strategic Pipeline						£45.41m
Indicative 2017/18 outturn						£22.5m

* Forecast expenditure does not include priority pipeline projects until a conditional allocation is made.

**RIF can be converted back to grant to cover any annual over allocation, if required.

Stage Gateway Progress

	Number of Projects	Proportion	Variation from Last Quarter
Total Funded Projects	55	100%	+3
Live Projects	34	62%	+2
Completed Projects	21	38%	+1
Projects by Stage Gateways			
Completed Projects (Stage Gate 6+)	21	38%	+1
Delivery (Stage Gate 5)	20	36%	-
Contracting (Stage Gate 4)	8	15%	+3
FBC (Stage Gate 3)	6	11%	-
Pipeline Projects			
FBCs received	1		1
OBC received	6		+1

Benefits

	Total Outcomes and Outputs					
	Public / Private contributions (£m)	Leverage (£m)	Jobs created / safeguarded	Homes built	Commercial Floorspace (m2)	Learners Assisted (p.a.)
Total Forecast	127.2	263.0	38,119	10,251	603,680	1,565
Growth Deal Target	119.0	0.0	20,300	4,900	641,703	12,500
Variation	+8.2	+263.0	+17,819	+5,351	-38,023	-10,935

Key Strategic Programme Risks

Risk	Status	Management response
Project development and delivery stalls due to lack of resources or internal support within project sponsors	<p style="text-align: center;">↔</p> <p>Significant slippage evident in 2016/17 and anticipating c.25% financial slippage in 2017/18</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional resource recruited into the LEP to support project sponsors to develop and deliver projects • Test forecast financial profiles with project sponsors and notify them that slipped funding will at risk • LEP resource identified to support capacity building in Council partners • More rigorous assessment of deliverability has been adopted as part of GD3 appraisal processes • Increased use of overprogramming enables easier switching of resources from stalled projects in future years
Poor programme management decisions are made due to a lack of accurate data on projects	<p style="text-align: center;">↔</p> <p>Manually operated data management systems are time consuming and create the potential for errors in the processing of information from highlight report to management system to report</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Additional resource recruited into the LEP to more proactively assess project information • Review of accuracy of all project-level data that informs programme management information is ongoing • PDB 'Star Chambers' review projects that are assessed to be a higher risk of not proceeding to plan • New project monitoring, change request, completion and evaluation forms are providing more relevant data • Improved and formalised Programme Management Office (PMO) arrangements to be embedded to support the Assurance Framework now additional Programme Team resource is in place • New Programme Management System (PMS) to enable improved data management and reporting to be explored following project-data review and PMO formalisation

Appendix C – Additions to the Strategic Pipeline

Project Name	Project Sponsor	Brief description of programme / project (<i>from Expression of Interest</i>)	Strategic Fit Priority Category (A-D)	Indicative LEP funding amount requested	Indicative total project cost	Programme Theme	Date added (Quarter-Year)
The Big Store	Birmingham Museums Trust	An enhancement of a previous EoI. To enable redevelopment of Birmingham Museum & Art Gallery (BMAG), the project will create phase 1 of an off-site collection store, combining excellent environmental conditions and security with public access to the city's internationally important collection of 1 million objects. The project will invite partners to create a cultural hub.	A	tbc	tbc	Creative, Cultural and Digital	Q4-2017
National Memorial Arboretum: Phase II Events Building Development	National Memorial Arboretum (NMA)	Following on from the opening of the award winning new Remembrance Centre (Phase I), a new permanent events building would replace the current temporary marquee and provide a purpose built flexible home for over 200 remembrance events each year. High quality facilities will enable NMA to sell event space for corporate events and conferencing, to help sustainably fund core charity activities and 'subsidise' remembrance events	A	£500,000	£8,100,000	Creative, Cultural and Digital	Q4-2017
Burton Town Centre Regeneration and Flood Defence	East Staffs BC / Environment Agency	An enhancement of a previous EoI. This project looks to invest in the public realm within and adjacent to Burton town centre through improving the visual appearance and introducing new features. It looks to enhance the environmental offer of the town through improving the Washlands area to create a greater attraction and public offering. This combines with forthcoming flood defence improvement works in order to regenerate the riverside of the town centre.	B	£3,000,000	£18,000,000	Town and Local Centres	Q4-2017
New Manufacturing Engineering	South & City College Birmingham	The project supports a new manufacturing engineering education and training facility at the Bournville college; in partnership with National Express to be expanded into the 'NE Engineering Academy'. Targeting primarily Longbridge, the project aims to offer training and apprenticeships, initially at levels 2&3, and in 5 years - levels 4&5. The 610 sqm refurbishment will include IT and training equipment.	B	£250,000	£665,000	Skills	Q1-2018
Hybrid Vehicle Technology Training Centre	Solihull College & University Centre	This project seeks to ensure that the automotive training facilities at Solihull College & University Centre are upgraded to meet the transition of the industry to manufacture and supply hybrid, electric and autonomous vehicles. New skills will be required both within the manufacturing and the motor mechanic sectors. The project will invest in the purchase of new vehicles and appropriate tooling, and the installation of a lab which will create a virtual and augmented reality training facility for training with high voltage power in a safe environment prior to working in a mechanic or manufacturing setting.	A	£277,836	£594,192	Skills	Q1-2018
Redditch Eastern Gateway	Bromsgrove DC	Redditch Gateway is a 25ha commercial development site located on the Eastern side of Redditch. The site will provide important commercial space to support the local and regional economy and, subject to securing planning consent and funding for enabling infrastructure works, would be available for new businesses to operate from in the first quarter of 2019. Funding request is indicatively split into: Loan- £3,975,026; Grant - £3,279,299.	A	£7,254,325	£97,055,903	Major Regeneration and Development	Q4-2017

Silverwoods Industrial Site	Wyre Forest District Council	The project will enable the purchase of 1,579 sqm of completed small industrial units. The site is located along the southern end of the Silverwoods (Former British Sugar) Site in Kidderminster. The units will provide industrial space which is currently not being provided by the private sector. WFDC are the proposed end purchaser of the completed units, Suma are the proposed developers, and St Francis are the landowners. The project funding request is loan only.	B	£2,040,000	£2,040,000	Town and Local Centres	Q1-2018
Kajans Muhammad Ali Site Development	Kajans Women's Enterprise Ltd	An innovative and financially sustainable project that aims to tackle several aspects of deprivation for hard-to-reach groups. The proposal includes affordable housing, educational and training facilities, conference facilities, and business incubation facilities, all on one brownfield site in Hockley, a deprived area of Birmingham. It will transform a derelict site into a high-quality multi-use complex that will provide a range of services, primarily for local young people, whilst also providing employment and apprenticeships opportunities.	B	£1,944,639	£3,817,411	Town and Local Centres	Q4-2017
The Old Print Works	Make It Sustainable Ltd	The Old Print Works is a creative engine in the heart of Balsall Heath; one of the most deprived parts of the LEP area. The Old Print Works provides an affordable platform for digital and non-digital creative businesses to start up and grow, close to home in a cooperative shared space. The project is seeking to purchase and make enhancements to the listed building to support the realisation of a sustainable business model, including increasing the amount of lettable units, co-working space, venue space and digital connectivity.	B	£600,000	£1,195,000	Creative, Cultural and Digital	Q1-2018

Appendix D

Project Approval Report

Birmingham Dance Hub

16 February 2018

Recommendation

The Supervisory Board is recommended to note the:

- Approval of the capital grant of £1,476,000 (one million and four hundred and seventy-six thousand pounds) allocation of Local Growth Funding (LGF) to Birmingham Hippodrome for the delivery of the Birmingham Dance Hub project, made by the LEP Director under delegated authority and in accordance with the GBSLEP Assurance Framework.

Background

1. GBSLEP's Executive team has been directly engaging with Dance Hub on this project for over a year. The project aims to extend the fourth floor above the existing Birmingham Royal Ballet building on Thorp Street to provide the One Dance UK cluster with a space to expand and enhance its dance services.
2. In September 2016, Birmingham Hippodrome as lead for One Dance UK cluster submitted an Expression of Interest (EoI) to the Growth Deal 3 programme. The EoI was assessed as an 'A' strategic fit against our Strategic Economic Plan in December 2016 and proceeded straight into the development of a Full Business Case (FBC).
3. The FBC was submitted on 22 December 2017, requesting an LGF grant allocation of £1.476m in the FY2018/19 and 2019/2020, against a total project cost of £4.476m. Dance Hub had already secured £5m funding from Arts Council England, including a £3m match for the capital project.
4. While the initial discussions with GBSLEP were around a £0.75m application, having completed further work on project costs the FBC requested £0.951m towards the capital costs, and a further £0.525m contingency towards potential risks associated with the ground works stage of construction. The applicant ascertained that these were not feasible to fully calculate in advance of the works until intrusive work is undertaken, while the building in question is currently in full use.
5. The FBC was reviewed by the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE); the report submitted on 22 January 2018 identified no 'red' issues and four 'amber' ones, which were subsequently clarified by the GBSLEP Programme team. Following the meeting on 8 February 2018, Birmingham Hippodrome revised its risk register, cash flow and milestones plan. It also committed to consider further potential funding sources with the view to reduce the contingency amount currently covered by the LGF.

Case for change

6. The five principal dance organisations involved in the project (DanceHub, Birmingham Hippodrome, DanceXchange, One Dance UK and Birmingham Royal Ballet) are a cluster of key

actors in dance and performance in the UK, all with levels of international, national, regional and city-wide responsibilities and outreach.

7. The new space will provide one large studio for dance, changing rooms, an office area, a reception area and two meeting rooms. It will offer substantially improved accessibility from the public entrance area and improved routes both vertically and laterally through to the rehearsal and production facilities. These will create spaces for international and national dance services that are already based in Birmingham, and those organisations attracted from London into Birmingham's Dance Cluster.
8. The outputs of the project will be as follows:

	Direct	Indirect
Quantitative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 675m² floorspace (including a new 239m² rehearsal room). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create 17 new direct jobs • Create 5 new apprenticeships • Enable 6 more productions a year and 100 more performances, increasing audience numbers to 15,000 • Provide (through partner members) 9950 learners across all programmes • Create 3 classes per week (9 per year), community programmes and high-level learning opportunities • Create 1 new dance piece a year with involvement of disabled people, providing employment opportunities for at least 6 dancers
Qualitative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create a physical entity for the Birmingham Dance Hub • Encourage work as a cluster 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Make Birmingham a locus for dance jobs and skills development

State Aid

9. Birmingham Hippodrome ascertains that the project does not qualify as State Aid because the operation of the space does not constitute economic activity as it is not making profit and is only made possible through public subsidy.

Funding Profile

10. The amount requested is £1,476,000, representing a third of the total £4,476,000 project cost; the remaining £3m has been committed by Arts Council England the commitment is time limited requiring the full funding to be in place by the end of March 2018.
11. The capital grant is allocated to the 2018/19 and 2019/20 financial years and the project is ready to start the works immediately, with an anticipated practical completion and handover date of May 2019.

Conclusions

12. The Birmingham Dance Hub directly addresses GBSLEP SEP commitment to enhance and harness the potential of the cultural and creative assets in the area. The GBSLEP Director approved the allocation of £1.476 LGF capital grant funding for the project on 16 February 2018.

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Date: 16 February 2018

Appendix E

Project Approval Report

New Manufacturing Engineering Centre

18 March 2018

Recommendation

The Supervisory Board is recommended to note the:

- Approval of the capital grant of £250,000 (two hundred and fifty thousand pounds) allocation of Local Growth Funding (LGF) to South and City College Birmingham (SCCB) for the delivery of the New Manufacturing Engineering Centre project, made by the LEP Director under delegated authority and in accordance with the GBSLEP Assurance Framework.

Background

1. GBSLEP's skills team has been working with the SCCB on a number of projects over the last few years. The present project aims to support the establishment of the New Manufacturing Engineering Centre within the existing Bournville College Campus based in Longbridge. The overall project budget is £665,000 (capital costs), whereby the College contributes £415,000 (62%).
2. In February 2018, the SCCB submitted an Expression of Interest (EoI) to Growth Deal 3 programme. The EoI was assessed as a 'B' strategic fit against our Strategic Economic Plan and invited to submit a Full Business Case (FBC).
3. The initial FBC was submitted on 02.03.2018. The FBC was independently evaluated by the GBSLEP programme team; while no critical issues were flagged up, a number of points of clarification were sought. The revised FBC was submitted on 12.03.2018.

Case for change

4. The project aims to support the establishment of a dedicated training facility for manufacturing engineering SMEs in the supply chains of major national and local companies, enabling them to obtain a supply of suitably qualified and skilled labour.
5. The project directly responds to shortages of skilled labour and provides opportunities for both young people and adults (unemployed and employed) to enhance their engineering skills and safeguard and/or lead to sustainable employment. The new facility will also promote and support new apprenticeship opportunities in manufacturing engineering.
6. The project is located in an area where there is substantial demand for the proposed courses. The project will start with lower-level qualifications, aiming to move on to higher-level qualifications.
7. The benefits of the project will be as follows:

Output Description	Output quantity
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Floorspace refurbished and fitted out	610sqm
Jobs created	2

Outcome Description
Create 120 SME jobs
Safeguard and reskill / upskill 120 existing SME jobs
Support and train 360 additional young people
Recruit and train 120 new apprentices

State Aid

1. SCCB ascertains that the project does not qualify as State Aid because it falls under the GBER - Employment and Training Aid.

Funding Profile

2. The amount requested is £250,000, representing 38% of the total £665,000 capital cost; the remaining £415,000 is contributed by the College itself.
3. The capital grant is allocated to the 2017/18 financial year and the project is ready to start the works immediately, with an anticipated practical completion and handover date of August 2018.

Conclusions

4. The New Manufacturing Engineering Centre directly addresses GBSLEP SEP commitment to support skill development in the area. The GBSLEP Director approved the allocation of £250,000 LGF capital grant funding for the project on 16 March 2018.

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Appendix F

Project Approval Report

Hybrid Vehicle Technology Training Centre

18 March 2018

Recommendation

The Supervisory Board is recommended to note the:

- Approval of the capital grant of £271,836 (two hundred and seventy-one thousand, eight hundred and thirty-six pounds) allocation of Local Growth Funding (LGF) to Solihull College and University Centre for the delivery of the Hybrid Vehicle Technology Training Centre project, made by the LEP Director under delegated authority and in accordance with the GBSLEP Assurance Framework.

Background

1. GBSLEP's skills team has been working with the Solihull College on a number of projects over the last few years. The present project aims to support the establishment of the Hybrid Vehicle Technology Training Centre within the existing Woodlands site based in Chelmsley Wood. The overall project budget is £582,000, whereby the College contributes £310,000.
2. In February 2018, the Solihull College submitted an Expression of Interest (Eoi) to the Growth Deal 3 programme. The Eoi was assessed as an 'A' strategic fit against our Strategic Economic Plan and invited to submit a Full Business Case (FBC).
3. The initial FBC was submitted on 07.03.2018. The FBC was independently evaluated by GBSLEP programme team; while no critical issues were flagged up, a number of points of clarification were sent to the College, following which the revised FBC was submitted on 12.03.2018.

Case for change

4. The project will help to equip the Hybrid Vehicle Technology Training Centre with new vehicles and appropriate tooling, as well as a new lab which will create opportunities for the students to investigate and apply techniques relevant to autonomous vehicle operation and control.
5. The project aims to ensure that the College's automotive and motor vehicle training facilities are updated to enable training which responds to the emerging technologies and related skills gaps. This would reflect both national and regional priorities within this sector, enabling the development and take up of low carbon technologies.
6. Finally, the project supports several key areas with regards to GBSLEP's skills agenda, including high level skills; priority sectors such as advanced manufacturing / automotive and emerging sectors; being solution focussed and employer led, including the role of apprenticeships; and focusing on the future needs.

7. The benefits of the project will be as follows:

Output Description	Output quantity
Floorspace refurbished	385sqm
Workshop, laboratory and IT equipment procured	To a total cost of £179,000

Outcome Description
Safeguard or create 25 jobs
Support additional 132 people participating in education & training
Support an additional 25 apprentices

State Aid

8. Solihull College ascertains that the project does not qualify as State Aid because it falls under the GBER - Employment and Training Aid.

Funding Profile

9. The amount requested is £271,836, representing 47% of the total £582,000 capital cost; the remaining £310,000 is contributed by the College itself.
10. The capital grant is allocated to the 2017/18 financial year and the project is ready to start the works immediately, with an anticipated practical completion and handover date of August 2018.

Conclusions

11. The Hybrid Vehicle Technology Training Centre directly addresses GBSLEP SEP commitment to support skill development in the area. The GBSLEP Director approved the allocation of £271,836 LGF capital grant funding for the project on 16 March 2018.

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Greater Birmingham & Solihull Local Enterprise Partnership

Growth Deal Programme Summary

Date of last update: 22/02/2018

All figures in Emillions

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Project Title	Grant Recipient	Project Status	Project Total		Description of Project	Grant Allocation by Financial Year (Apr-Mar)					
			Est. Total Project Cost	LGF Contribution		2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21
Lode Lane Phase 1	Solihull MBC	Completed	5.240	1.790	Package of public transport, cycling and walking improvements on a major route which provides access to significant development sites including UK Central, Birmingham Airport, and JLR Lode Lane Plant.	1.790	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
East Staffordshire Growth and Regeneration Programme	East Staffs BC	Completed	5.700	1.500	This project brings forward the development of three brownfield land sites currently in ownership of the council for new homes and commercial floorspace. Project case study available: https://gbslep.co.uk/projects-and-case-studies/case-studies/east-staffordshire-regeneration-programme	1.500	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Food Technology Hub	University College Birmingham (UCB)	Completed	1.031	0.342	This project will see the creation of a ground-breaking food technology and food science hub. Driven by industry, the hub will provide access to specialist facilities that will enable skills development for a growing sector with an already identified chronic skills shortage. Project case study available: https://gbslep.co.uk/projects-and-case-studies/case-studies/university-college-birmingham-food-technology-hub-skills-excellence	0.342	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Universities@IBC	Innovation Birmingham	Completed	10.294	2.494	Extension to the existing Faraday Wharf incubator building at the Innovation Birmingham Campus to provide an additional 445m2 of state of the art enterprise space which enables local universities to collaborate with business start-ups. creating 1800 jobs part of the Enterprise Zone.	0.205	2.196	0.097	0.000	0.000	0.000
Centre for Advanced Aeronautical Provision (formerly Aviation Engineering Training Centre)	Solihull College	Completed	3.720	1.062	This project will see the creation of an aerospace and aviation centre/academy close to Birmingham Airport, providing a link to companies in this sector. This facility will provide the required skills in aerospace engineering in particular relating to maintenance and repair.	0.623	0.424	0.015	0.000	0.000	0.000
Kingswood Lakeside Access Phase 1	Staffordshire CC	Completed	10.149	0.800	Gap funding to support remediation works, access, lighting, and drainage works for a prime employment location adjacent to the M6 Toll, creating 1300 jobs	0.800	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Meeting the Skills Needs of Local Businesses	South & City College	Completed	0.300	0.133	Creation of walk in facilities, across the college's three main campuses, that replica the environment of a commercial recruitment agency.	0.000	0.010	0.123	0.000	0.000	0.000
Metro Extension - Eastside (Project Development)	Transport for West Midlands	Completed	5.500	5.500	Development fees to support the design and development of the full business case. The route will link Midland Metro with the proposed HS2 station at Curzon Street and then via New Canal Street through Digbeth to Adderley Street	5.500	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
South Kidderminster Enterprise Park – Hoobrook Link Road	Worcs CC	Completed	16.254	4.800	This project will enable the completion of phase two of Hoobrook Link Road which connects the A451 Stourport Road to the A449 Worcester Road. The road unlocks the 24 hectare former British Sugar Site (known as Silverwoods) and will transform the accessibility to and within South Kidderminster Enterprise Park.	4.800	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Metro Extension - Centenary Square (includes Complementary Highway Works)	Transport for West Midlands	Completed	42.400	7.970	This project will deliver an extension of Midland Metro from Stephenson Street via Victoria Square and Paradise Circus to Centenary Square, together with a package of complementary highway measures and the creation of a world-class public square.	7.970	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Wholesale Markets	Birmingham City Council	Completed	25.000	3.000	Gap funding to for the relocation of the Wholesale Markets in Birmingham to its new purpose-built site in Witton. This will facilitate major redevelopment of a prime site in the city centre Enterprise Zone, as outlined in the Smithfield Masterplan.	3.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Journey Time Reliability Improvements to Growth Areas Phase 1 and 2	Solihull MBC	Completed	1.415	1.305	This project will see a package of relatively small highway measures which are aimed at improving journey reliability. In total there are seven projects in Birmingham and a further 11 in Solihull. These improvements will help to unlock economic growth by linking to Birmingham City Centre Enterprise Zone and UK Central.	0.405	0.900	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
North Worcestershire Centre of Engineering Excellence	MGTS	Completed	1.580	0.350	The relocation of MGTS to larger premises, with the refurbishment and equipping of the new facility to support demand driven growth for engineering apprentices. This is a cross LEP project that will increase the number of MGTS apprenticeships by 132 and an additional 35 level 2 to 4+ qualifications (NVQ) in team leader and management skills.	0.000	0.350	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Lode Lane Phase 2	Solihull MBC	Completed	1.691	1.686	Complementary works for Phase 1 of Lode Lane Route Enhancement scheme to provide further corridor improvement works, including delivering additional bus priority, walking and cycling.	0.400	1.286	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Chester Road	Birmingham City Council	Completed	14.603	1.000	Contribution to the completion of the A452 Chester Road.. The scheme is on-site and involves highway improvements including capacity enhancements to the main junctions and links on Chester Road.	1.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Advanced Life Science Facilities	Solihull College	Completed	1.020	0.445	This project allows for the redevelopment of the existing laboratories to provide highly flexible practical spaces for use in subjects across the life sciences.	0.000	0.436	0.009	0.000	0.000	0.000
Midland Metro Catenary	Transport for West Midlands	Completed	15.090	3.150	The project covers the proposed installation of Battery Equipment on 30 existing and new trams on TfWM routes radiating from Birmingham City Centre to Wolverhampton. No direct outputs but potential savings on running costs and visual impact of catenary-free Metro sections and the 'demonstrator impact' of catenary free sections of Metro. Expected Start / End Dates - April 2016 - September 2018	3.150	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
A457 Dudley Road (Project Development)	Birmingham City Council	Completed	0.450	0.302	Development funding support for the project. The A457 Dudley Road corridor from Ladywood Middleway / Spring Hill junction on the Ring Road to City Road forms part of Birmingham's Strategic Highway Network. This project will deliver improvements in capacity, accessibility, safety and reduce congestion through a comprehensive package of junction improvement, road widening to a dual carriageway and making enhancements to pedestrian and cycling facilities.	0.000	0.302	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.000
Virtual Reality and Robotics Development Centre	Solihull College	Completed	0.393	0.189	The project will link computing and engineering students at Solihull College and University Centre in order to develop the skills required to create and work within virtual reality environments as well as the programming languages used in robotics.	0.000	0.044	0.145	0.000	0.000	0.000

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West Midlands Safari Park Skills Academy	WM Safari Park	Completed	0.750	0.066	The project will support the new build installation of a dedicated Training Academy at the West Midlands Safari Park, Bewdley in the Wyre Forest, which will be operated by Birmingham Metropolitan College.	0.000	0.000	0.066	0.000	0.000	0.000
Food and Drinks Advanced Manufacturing Facility	Birmingham Metropolitan College	Completed	0.050	0.024	The project will support the installation of a high-quality, industry-approved/supported, dedicated, specialist Food and Drink Advanced Manufacturing Facility, BMet.	0.000	0.000	0.024	0.000	0.000	0.000
Journey Time Reliability Improvements to Growth Areas Phases 1 and 2	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	1.568	1.111	This project will see a package of relatively small highway measures which are aimed at improving journey reliability. In total there are seven projects in Birmingham and a further 11 in Solihull. These improvements will help to unlock economic growth by linking to Birmingham City Centre Enterprise Zone and UK Central.	0.000	0.211	0.420	0.300	0.180	0.000
Battery Way Extension, Tyseley	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	6.453	3.710	This project will see the creation of a new 700m long, 7.3m wide single carriageway road between the existing Battery Way and Reddings Lane with the ultimate effect of unlock a redundant industrial estate. The project will also act as an important catalyst for the regeneration of the wider Tyseley and Greet areas, which are key employment areas for the south-east of the city with more than 15,000 people employed on sites based around the A41 Warwick Road.	0.130	0.311	0.500	2.769	0.000	0.000
Mid-Cannock Freight Interchange	Pentalver	Delivery	14.638	1.300	This project will create a new road-rail interchange facility with rail sidings and container handling cranes on the Chase Line. The aim is to significantly decrease the number of HGV using the adjacent strategic road network and increase the inward investment offer for export-based industries.	0.601	0.000	0.000	0.699	0.000	0.000
Motor Vehicle Training Centre	South & City College	Delivery	0.677	0.258	The project will establish a dedicated training facility for engineering SMEs in the supply chain of major companies.	0.237	0.000	0.021	0.000	0.000	0.000
Engineering Centre for Manufacturing Support	South & City College	Delivery	0.501	0.207	Refurbishment and upgrade of facilities to provide training in latest techniques for electrical and mechanical fault finding and diagnostics.	0.182	0.000	0.025	0.000	0.000	0.000
AMH Phase A - (JB Foods & Rylands Garage)	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	10.706	4.450	This project will see the delivery of an Advanced Manufacturing Hub on a 20 hectare regional investment site next to Junction 6 of the M6.	3.208	0.934	0.308	0.000	0.000	0.000
Longbridge Connectivity Scheme Phase 1	BCC	Delivery	8.990	4.860	A package of connectivity improvements in and around Longbridge and the former Rover site. These include an upgrade of the railway station and a transformation of the existing bus interchange. Furthermore, the Park & Ride facility will be extended and there will be a programme of highway improvements alongside some wayfinding and cycling improvements.	0.400	1.935	1.847	0.678	0.000	0.000
Unlocking Stalled Housing Sites Programme - Phases 1 and 2	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	8.998	8.998	Programme to support the acceleration of small housing sites across the LEP working with land owners and small developers to bring forward at least 500 new homes in the area.	0.000	0.049	2.703	4.543	1.679	0.000
Birmingham Cycle Revolution Phase 2	BCC	Delivery	8.000	6.000	Part of the 20-year Birmingham Cycle Revolution strategy. Developed to complement and add value to existing cycling projects, and coupled with supporting revenue measures, Phase 2 will support cycle access to major employment sites and Enterprise Zones, better integrate cycling as part of a longer journey by public transport, improve and provide access to opportunity, reduce congestion at key pinchpoints and support improved health and wellbeing.	1.157	1.548	0.294	1.534	1.466	0.000
Iron Lane, Birmingham	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	12.984	5.000	This major junction is on a key section of the A4040 Outer Ring Road, effectively connecting east Birmingham with the M6 and major employment sites. This project will see the implementation of two new gyratory arrangements to increase junction capacity and reduce congestion. Dedicated pedestrian/cycle-crossing facilities will be provided to enhance 'active travel' and new street lighting.	0.380	0.060	0.000	2.960	1.600	0.000
Sustainable Urban Extension - Minworth	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	2.348	2.280	The Unlocking Birmingham Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) package includes works at two locations adjacent to the proposed Green Belt SUE. These involve improvements to an existing five-arm roundabout and a new access junction for the developments. In effect, these two schemes will unlock and support accelerated economic growth at two major development sites east of Sutton Coldfield.	0.140	1.470	0.670	0.000	0.000	0.000
Selly Oak New Road Phase 1b	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	9.223	3.633	Highway improvements to the 'Selly Oak triangle', a key junction between the A38 and A4040, providing access to the Life Sciences campus, UoB, and QE Hospital.	0.200	0.000	0.150	1.736	1.547	0.000
A34 corridor-Perry Barr Phase 1	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	6.080	3.500	This project is a package of five measures relating to land acquisitions, highway works at Birchfield Roundabout, public realm enhancements, gap funding for new development and bus interchange improvements at One Stop Shopping Centre.	0.100	1.420	0.140	0.760	0.760	0.080
Life Sciences Campus	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	15.360	5.180	This project will begin the delivery of a four hectare Life Science Campus on a site which is currently contaminated and derelict next to the University of Birmingham and Queen Elizabeth Hospital. This project would provide a science park specifically for life science businesses, capable of supporting over 400,000sq ft of office space, including laboratories	5.012	0.107	0.061	0.000	0.000	0.000
WMG Academy for Young Engineers (Future Skills Fund)	WMG University Technical College	Delivery	2.216	1.108	Support for employer led projects that form the core of the WMG Academy's curriculum in Solihull.	0.000	0.599	0.509	0.000	0.000	0.000
Kingswood Lakeside Access Phase 2	Staffordshire CC	Delivery	2.160	2.160	Phase 2 of this project will continue the remediation of the site to create 24,749sqm Floor space and 469 new jobs. This will allow the development can progress at a faster rate.	0.000	0.289	1.696	0.175	0.000	0.000
National College for High Speed Rail	Birmingham City Council	Delivery	25.232	7.465	This project will see the construction of the Birmingham campus for the new National College for High Speed Rail to bring forward a 5,703m2 new build training facility for delivery of Level 4+ skills in engineering to support delivery of HS2 and other infrastructure projects.	0.000	2.373	5.092	0.000	0.000	0.000
Longbridge Connectivity - MSCP Phase 2	Transport for West Midlands	Delivery	5.738	1.800	The scheme aims to expand the Park and Ride as part of the second phase of the Longbridge Connectivity Scheme by increasing parking provision at Longbridge station from 102 spaces to 223 spaces.	0.000	0.000	1.800	0.000	0.000	0.000
Changan UK Research and Development Facility	Changan Automotive UK	Delivery	16.113	1.610	The project will see the development of a new state of the art research and development centre on Birmingham Business Park as Changan Automotive centralise part of the R&D functions.	0.000	0.000	1.443	0.167	0.000	0.000
Birmingham Institute of Haematology	Queen Elizabeth Hospital	Delivery	3.177	2.402	The scheme seeks to expand the Birmingham Centre for Clinical Haematology (BCCH) at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital Birmingham by converting 2,100 m2 of floorspace in the BCCH building into premises for clinical innovation and research.	0.000	0.000	2.402	0.000	0.000	0.000
Hagley Road SPRINT	Transport for West Midlands	Development	14.650	8.100	Bus Rapid Transit scheme along the Hagley Road to Quinton, a major upgrade to public transport in this corridor linking key areas of Birmingham City Centre such as Broad Street, Paradise Circus, New Street and Moor Street stations and in the longer term Curzon St HS2.	0.810	0.000	1.630	2.260	0.000	3.340

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Ashted Circus, Birmingham Ring Road	Birmingham City Council	Development	8.100	5.545	This project will create left-turn slip lanes on both Dartmouth Middleway approaches at Ashted Circus – a key junction for Aston University, Eastside and the Curzon regeneration area. The benefits of this will see future capacity constraints alleviated by providing an additional approach lane on these arms and also offering the benefit of removing left-turning vehicles from the roundabout, which are predicted to significantly increase in future years.	0.223	0.000	1.613	3.208	0.501	0.000
Snow Hill Station (Public Realm)	Birmingham City Council	Development	9.900	4.660	The development will enhance the public realm at and around one of the city's key railway stations. The project will also deliver economic benefits to the wider Snow Hill district.	0.326	0.000	0.000	1.890	2.444	0.000
Kidderminster Railway Station	Worcs CC	Development	4.300	1.800	The scheme will replace Kidderminster's inadequate railway interchange with a new facility. It improve accessibility to the Wyre Forest for employment, health, education, leisure, retail and tourism including the Severn Valley Railway which is an important regional tourist destination.	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.800	0.000	0.000
Friarsgate	Lichfield DC	Development	54.572	2.400	The redevelopment of a 3.3 hectare site which is located on the fringe of Lichfield's city centre. Friarsgate is a retail and leisure led mixed use development combining 16,369 sqm of commercial floorspace, 95 dwellings, a new car park, a new bus station and new areas of public realm.	0.000	0.000	0.500	0.189	1.900	0.000
Sustainable Urban Extension - Peddimore	Birmingham City Council	Development	8.760	2.720	The Unlocking Birmingham Sustainable Urban Extension (SUE) package includes works at two locations adjacent to the proposed Green Belt SUE. These involve improvements to an existing five-arm roundabout and a new access junction for the developments. In effect, these two schemes will unlock and support accelerated economic growth at two major development sites east of Sutton Coldfield.	0.310	0.000	0.000	1.250	1.160	0.000
Symphony Hall Extension	Performances Birmingham Ltd	Development	12.532	4.500	A Growth Deal 3 project - Symphony Hall is one of the finest concert halls in the world. Presenting a world-class programme of music and education, it is a major cultural draw for Birmingham. The project will extend and re-model the Symphony Hall's public spaces to create a building that is economically sustainable, vibrant, and connected to the public realm.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.433	0.000	4.067
STEAMhouse	Birmingham City University	Development	42.191	1.000	A Growth Deal 3 project - The project will create a new purpose built facility for STEAMhouse - a new centre aimed at encouraging the collaboration of the arts, science, technology, engineering and maths (STEAM) sectors.	0.000	0.000	0.000	1.000	0.000	0.000
Tyseley Energy Park Access Road	Webster & Horsfall	Development	3.894	1.763	A Growth Deal 3 project - The project involves the construction of an Access Road and surface infrastructure route off the A45 through to the Tyseley Energy Park (TEP) enabling off road access – particularly for HGVs, buses, taxis and vans – to support the low/zero emission refuelling hub, which is being promoted by Birmingham City Council (BCC) and led by Webster & Horsfall Ltd.	0.000	0.000	0.300	1.463	0.000	0.000
Aspirations for All	Sense	Development	1.206	1.206	A Growth Deal 3 project - Based at TouchBase Pears in Selly Oak, Sense will bring forward employment related training and development activities for over 200 sensory impaired and otherwise disabled people (Sense service users) and a further 200 Sense Volunteers.	0.000	0.000	0.650	0.556	0.000	0.000
Princes Trust Youth Skills & Enterprise Hub	Prince's Trust	Development	2.455	0.627	A Growth Deal 3 project - The Prince's Trust plan to create a ground-breaking Young People's Skills & Enterprise Hub in the centre of Birmingham by refurbishing the Cold Store building in the Beorma Quarter into a state of the art building with the aim of up-skilling and supporting unemployed young people into jobs directly or through start-up businesses.	0.000	0.000	0.627	0.000	0.000	0.000
Clean Air Hydrogen Bus Project	Birmingham City Council	Development	11.000	2.156	This pilot project will introduce 22 zero-emission, hydrogen fuelled buses onto established routes across Birmingham City.	0.000	0.000	0.431	1.725	0.000	0.000
Lichfield Southern Bypass	Staffordshire CC	Development	17.347	2.300	A Growth Deal 3 project - The Lichfield Southern Bypass construction includes the final 0.67km of a 2.3km bypass. The final phase links two A-roads via a rail underbridge and housing site distributor road.	0.000	0.000	0.000	2.000	0.300	0.000
Birmingham Dance Hub	Birmingham Hippodrome	Development	4.476	1.476	The project aims to extend the fourth floor above the existing Birmingham Royal Ballet building on Thorp Street to provide the One Dance UK cluster with a space to expand and enhance its dance services. The new facilities will create spaces for international and national dance services that are already based in Birmingham, and those organisations attracted from London into Birmingham's Dance Cluster.	0.000	0.000	0.000	0.975	0.501	0.000

Key:

Development
Delivery
Complete

A full business case or grant agreement is currently being prepared for this project.

The full business case has been approved for the project and it is now in contract, either entering or in its delivery phase.

The project has reached financial completion with regards to Local Growth Funding and may have concluded works.

Report to the Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

Thursday 19th April 2018

STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN (SEP) ENABLING FUND

Purpose

To provide the Supervisory Board with an update on the investments made through the SEP Enabling Fund.

Recommendations

The Board is invited to:

1. Receive an overview of funding allocations made by the SEP Enabling Fund and review progress to date.

Background

2. In August 2017, the Board agreed to the creation of a SEP Enabling Fund to enable the delivery against specific SEP objectives.
3. The Board agreed to allocate £1.5 million from the retained element of the Business Rates Pool allocated to GBSLEP for economic development to the SEP Enabling Fund.
4. As part of this allocation, the Board requested that the Head of Strategy manage the portfolio of projects funded through the SEP Enabling Fund and provide a six monthly report back to Board.
5. This paper provides the first update on allocation, spend and deliverables through the Fund.

Key Issues

6. Since August Board a number of allocations have been made against the SEP Enabling Fund, an overview of which is provided in the appendix to this paper.

Conclusions

7. GBSLEP Board is invited to note overview of allocations made and progress of specific allocations.

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STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN ENABLING FUND

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Update for Supervisory Board – April 2018

Project	Delivery Agent	Amount (£)	Status	Comments
Employment & Skills resources	GBSLEP Executive	300,000	In Delivery	<p>Funding to resource contribution of skills to economic growth with a focus on the team within the GBSLEP Executive and the development and delivery of a Skills Delivery Plan.</p> <p>To date, £101,000 of this funding has been committed to provide for staff salaries within the LEP Executive.</p> <p>£80,000 has been committed to local authority partners to enable the delivery of specific projects through the LEP's local Employment and Skills Boards.</p>
Cultural Economy Toolkit	Culture Central	50,000	In Delivery	<p>The Cultural Economy Action Toolkit will provide guidance on how best GBSLEP should leverage the power of culture right across its geography from Birmingham as a 'Global City' through to our towns and local centres. As part of this, it will recommend specific interventions that will feed into the place-making delivery plan.</p> <p>The commissioned project is due to be delivered by in July 2018.</p>
Innovation Enabler	Intellectual Property Office	50,000	Committed	<p>This jointly-funded pilot with the Intellectual Property Office (IPO), reflects the Industrial Strategy commitment to 'build local capability to commercialise IP' within the region's innovation ecosystem.</p> <p>We are one of only two LEP areas focused on maximising the value of intellectual property in our companies, working with the IPO.</p> <p>Outcomes of the project will be to increase the awareness and valuation of intellectual property amongst companies in the LEP area to enable them to realise their full growth potential. Project commences on 30 April 2018.</p>



STRATEGIC ECONOMIC PLAN ENABLING FUND

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Towns & Local Centres Framework	To be confirmed	500,000	Allocated	<p>This funding has been allocated to enable delivery of the Towns and Local Centres Framework.</p> <p>The Executive has issued a call for expressions of interest from local authorities and Business Improvement Districts, and received 28 proposals seeking almost £2m of funding, although much of this was ineligible as it sought capital funding. The Executive estimate that there are c. £400,000 of strong projects to bring forward from these expressions of interest.</p> <p>Allocations to specific projects will be made against the investment criteria proposed in the Towns and Local Centres Framework, once agreed.</p>
Growth Hub Development Fund	GBSLEP Growth Hub	200,000	Allocated	<p>A second wave of Growth Hub Development Fund will enable partners to come forward with proposals to enable more integrated partnership working, as well as pilot new services through the Hub to expand its reach and sustainability.</p> <p>Commitment has been made to the first two projects to receive funding in this second wave of Growth Hub Development Fund with funding of £58,000 committed.</p> <p>Three other projects have been invited to make resubmissions to the Fund.</p> <p>The Fund is overseen by the Growing Businesses Sub-Board.</p>
Strategic Employment Sites Study	Birmingham City Council (on behalf of GBSLEP, BCLEP, C&WLEP and Staffordshire County Council)	50,000	Allocated	<p>The Strategic Employment Sites Study aims to provide an evidence base that will provide local authorities across the West Midlands the opportunity to build a pipeline of strategic sites (to be allocated through the planning process).</p> <p>A working group has been formed of the partners and Birmingham City Council has agreed to act as the procuring authority for this work.</p> <p>A tender brief is in the process of being drafted and will be published in the</p>



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				next two weeks.
Westside Vision	Westside BID	30,000	Allocated	<p>This project supports a visioning piece for the Westside district of the city that will articulate the role that the Westside district will play in the city centre's overall offer, particularly as the developments of HSBC and Arena Central will increasingly move city centre activity towards Westside and Five Ways island.</p> <p>The Executive is currently putting a grant funding agreement in place with Westside BID to deliver the project, which will conclude by September 2018.</p>

Report to the Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

Thursday 19th April 2018

GBSLEP Review of Governance & Accountable Body Arrangements

Purpose

To note and discuss the GBSLEP Review of Governance & Accountable Body arrangements.

Recommendations

The Supervisory Board is recommended to:

1. Note the matters arising from the Annual Conversation, Deep Dive and Best Practice Guidance;
2. Note that the GBSLEP Board has delegated authority to the Nominations & Governance Committee to oversee the Governance Review and the Review of Accountable Body arrangements; and
3. Note that Clive Heaphy, Section 151 Officer of Birmingham City Council, will assume the role of GBSLEP's Company Secretary.

Background

4. The Annual Conversation was held on 11 December 2017. This provides an opportunity for Government and GBSLEP to discuss strategic and operational issues. The meeting was attended by the Chair, Deputy Chair, GBSLEP Director and Programme Manager. The LEP is still awaiting the draft minutes from the meeting.
5. During the week commencing 8 January 2018, GBSLEP volunteered to host the LEP Policy Unit and the Government Internal Audit Agency for the first pilot "Deep Dive" session. The purpose of the session was to review GBSLEP's governance arrangements and readiness for the forthcoming Best Practice Guidance. It is intended that Deep Dives are rolled out across all 38 LEPs. We are currently awaiting the final Deep Dive report, however, we are aware that there will be two key recommendations for GBSLEP:
 - a. To submit an action plan to review its governance arrangements, including the relationship between the LEP Board, Supervisory Board and Joint Scrutiny Committee
 - b. To submit an action plan to review its Accountable Body arrangements, concluding with a Service Level Agreement with the Accountable Body
6. Following the Annual Conversation (and in GBSLEP's case) the Deep Dive, Government wrote to all LEPs on 20 February. The GBSLEP Director has replied, seeking clarification on a number of points. Once these have been

resolved, the correspondence will be shared with the Board, alongside the finalised Annual Conversation minutes and Deep Dive report.

7. Separately, on 24 January 2018, the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government published the LEP Governance & Transparency Best Practice Guidance, which requires that all LEPs put in place:
 - c. A scheme of publication for the LEP Board and all sub-committees involved in making decisions about public funding (for GBSLEP, this means the Pillar Boards and Programme Delivery Board)
 - d. A Code of Conduct for the Board and the LEP Executive
 - e. Complaints and Whistleblowing procedures
 - f. Registers of Interests for Board Directors and senior Executive staff
8. All LEPs were required to adopt the guidance in full by 28 February 2018. GBSLEP has done so and has written to Government confirming the same.

Key issues

9. The scheme of publication requires an amendment to the way of working for the LEP. While the Board already publishes agendas and decision & actions, the requirement to publish papers requires a new approach. The Guidance now requires that all of the LEP Board's agendas, papers and decisions are a matter of public record (save for matters which are, for example, commercially confidential).
10. The Board, Executive and the Accountable Body are agreed that the investment decisions regarding public funding must be made openly, transparently and with clear lines of accountability. This has been the case since the conclusion of the Greater Birmingham Project in March 2013, in which GBSLEP agreed to establish the Supervisory Board.
11. Investment decisions are only one part of the LEPs role and much of the added value brought by the LEP is in strategy and policy formation.
12. Under the LEP's current governance structure, a number of committees whose primary role is in policy and strategy formation are also empowered to make investment decisions. The governance structure has grown over time and, at present, a full scheme of publication would be challenging to manage effectively within the Executive's current resource base. In addition, lines of accountability would benefit from simplification and clarification.
13. Taking into account the future focus of the LEP's activities, and with the added impetus of the Guidance and the expected recommendations from the Deep Dive, it is now an appropriate time to review the governance structure and review Accountable Body arrangements.
14. At its meeting on 21 March 2018, the GBSLEP Board agreed to delegate authority to the Nominations & Governance Committee to oversee the Reviews on behalf of the Board.
15. Given the linkages and dependencies between them, it is proposed that both reviews will be carried out in parallel to the same timescales. Key milestones are set out below:

- g. April – options appraisal and preferred option recommended to the Nominations & Governance Committee
 - h. May– implementation plans recommended to the Nominations & Governance Committee
 - i. June – recommendations arising from the reviews and implementation plans reported to the LEP Board for approval
16. In addition, the Deep Dive is expected to require that the Section 151 Officer should attend the LEP Board meeting. As Stella Manzie – the current Company Secretary – has left her post at Birmingham City Council in April, the Executive has agreed with the Section 151 Officer and colleagues at the Accountable Body that the Section 151 should assume the role of Company Secretary, formally co-opting him onto the Board as opposed to attending as an observer.

Conclusion

17. This paper sets out a course of action to resolve the actions arising from the Annual Conversation, Deep Dive and Best Practice Guidance. The Supervisory Board is recommended to note that the reviews are overseen by the Nominations & Governance Committee and that the Section 151 Officer of Birmingham City Council has agreed to assume the role of GBSLEP Company Secretary.

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