

AGENDA ITEM 4

Report to Accountability Board	Forward Plan reference number: N/A
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Title of report: Business Case Sign Off and Payment Profile	
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1. Purpose of report

1.1 The purpose of this paper is:

- 1.1.1 To agree business cases for any schemes brought forward through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process for funding to be devolved to federal areas; and
- 1.1.2 To receive an updated payment profile.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is asked:

- 2.1.1 To note if the Sittingbourne Town Centre Regeneration scheme had met the conditions set by the SE LEP Board for release of funding through the ITE process – an update will be provided
- 2.1.2 To note the final 2015/16 schemes to be agreed for funding to be devolved to federal areas
- 2.1.3 To receive an updated Growth Deal payment profile for 2015/16

3 Background

3.1 Following recent approval by written procedure and by previous SE LEP Board agreement, Growth Deal funding for all local schemes commencing in 2015/16 going through the ITE process has been devolved in accordance with the agreed federal model of SE LEP with the exception of:

- Sittingbourne Town Centre Regeneration: revised business case expected to meet conditions set by SE LEP Strategic Board

- North Deal Transport Improvements: Gate 1 review to commence on receipt of Outline Business Case
- Development of Growth Hubs (Kent and Medway): Gate 1 review to commence on receipt of Outline Business Case
- Eastbourne & South Wealden LSTF Walking and Cycling Package: Revised business case for 2016/17 now being assessed following local funding switch
- Beaulieu Park Station: One of the original LTB funded schemes, it will not draw down LGF in 2015/16 due to modifications to the funding profile following updated advice from Network Rail and the renegotiation of the S106 agreement linked to Network Rail's project delivery process.
- Southend SCAAP - (£0.1m funding to spend on Growth Hub in 2015/16 of a total £6.7m funding for the project): Work currently being progressed locally to establish if £0.7m of the £6.7m (inclusive of the £0.1m) could be re-profiled for spend in 2015/16. The £0.7m was initially a revenue request to Government, though recent progress on the Growth Hub (in the SCAAP area) has brought forward a capital requirement which aligns with the allocation. Business case in development; consideration to be brought to the September Accountability Board.

3.2 The SE LEP Secretariat working with federal areas, including private /public sectors, is in discussion to extend the Independent Technical Evaluation contract with Steer Davies Gleave (to March 2016) to ensure schemes commencing in 2016/17 can begin the ITE process to give federal areas maximum flexibility in management of local capital programmes.

3.3 The payment profile for 2015/16 details the payments made to federal areas through their county/unitary authorities for local delivery and management.

4 Financial Implications

4.1 This report is for information purposes only and there are no decisions required of the Board, therefore there are no financial implications to be considered.

5 Legal Implications

5.1 This report is for information purposes only and there are no decisions required of the Board, therefore there are no legal implications to be considered.

6 Staffing and other resource implications

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7 Equality and Diversity implications

- 7.1. Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 creates the public sector equality duty which requires that when a public sector body makes decisions it must have regard to the need to:
- (a) Eliminate unlawful discrimination, harassment and victimisation and other behaviour prohibited by the Act
 - (b) Advance equality of opportunity between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not.
 - (c) Foster good relations between people who share a protected characteristic and those who do not including tackling prejudice and promoting understanding.
- 7.2. The protected characteristics are age, disability, gender reassignment, pregnancy and maternity, race, religion or belief, gender and sexual orientation.
- 7.3. The equality impact assessment indicates that the proposals in this report will not have a disproportionately adverse impact on any people with a particular characteristic. The report contains no decisions and therefore has no impact.

8 List of Appendices

- 8.1 Appendix 1: SE LEP Strategic Board paper and decision – Approval by Written Procedure
- 8.2 Appendix 2: Local Growth Fund 2015/16 – Status as at July, 2016

(available at www.essex.gov.uk if not circulated with this report)

9 List of Background Papers

- 9.1 None

(Any request for any background papers listed here should be made to the person named at the front of the report who will be able to help with any enquiries)

Role	Date
Accountable Body sign off	
Suzanne Bennett	10/07/15
On behalf of Margaret Lee	