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**Summary of decisions taken at a meeting of the SELEP Accountability Board, held in High House Production Park Vellacott Close, Purfleet, Essex, RM19 1RJ on Friday, 12 April 2019**

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Please note that this is a summary of decisions taken at the meeting only. A full account of proceedings will appear in the minutes of the meeting which will be published on the Council's website by Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April 2019.

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**Present:**

Geoff Miles	Chair
Cllr Kevin Bentley	Essex County Council
Cllr Paul Carter	Kent County Council
Cllr Rodney Chambers	Medway Council
Cllr Keith Glazier	East Sussex County Council
Cllr Rob Gledhill	Thurrock Council
Cllr John Lamb	Southend Borough Council
Paul Sayers	Further Education/Skills representative
Lucy Druesne	Higher Education representative.

**1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Board welcomed back Lucy Druesne, as Higher Education representative, following a year of parental leave.

The Board were informed that Graham Razey will now be the Further Education representative, Paul Sayers, from East Kent College Group, attending this meeting as his substitute.

**2 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> February 2019 were agreed as an accurate record and were signed by the Chair.

**3 Declarations of Interest**

As a private Businessman, Geoff Miles declared an interest in respect of agenda item 13.

He advised of his intention to step out of the room whilst Agenda Item 13 (Growing Places Fund Update) is discussed. It was confirmed that Lucy Druesne would chair this agenda item.

#### 4 Questions from the Public

There were none.

#### 5 Thanet Parkway LGF funding decision

The Accountability Board (the Board) received a report from Helen Dyer, Capital Programme Officer which was presented by Rhiannon Mort SELEP Capital Programme Manager, and a presentation from Steer, the purpose of which was for the Board to consider the award of £14m Local Growth Fund (LGF) to the Thanet Parkway Project, as detailed in the Project Business Case.

##### **Resolved:**

1. **To Approve** the award of £14m LGF to support the delivery of the Project identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as presenting high value for money with medium certainty of achieving this, subject to written confirmation from Kent County Council S151 officer, following completion of GRIP Stage 4, to confirm:

1.1 That the total cost estimate for the Project does not exceed those set out in section 8 of the report; and

1.2. That all funding has been secured to enable the delivery of the Project.

2. **To Note** that no LGF can be drawn down or spent on the Project until the funding conditions have been satisfied.

#### 6 Kent Sustainable Interventions Programme Update

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort, the purpose of which to make the Board aware of the latest progress in the delivery of the annual programme of works covered under the Kent Sustainable Interventions Programme (the Programme).

##### **Resolved:**

1.**To Note** the progress in delivering the Programme and the individual schemes that have been delivered each year.

2.**To Agree** that the Sloe Lane, Thanet scheme will not be taken forward as part of the Programme, which will result in a total of £200,000 LGF being available for alternative investment:

3.**To Note** that the following two schemes will not be taken forward as part of the LGF programme as they have been delivered through alternative funding, which will result in £250,000 LGF being available for alternative investment:

- (1) A2070 Barrey Road - £150,000;
- (2) Highfield Lane, Mersham - £100,000

4 **To Note** the following schemes which have been delivered under budget, and therefore the availability of £174,000 LGF underspend from the following:

- (1) Cinque Ports phase 2/3/4 (£36,000);
- (2) Morants Court (£3,000);
- (3) Kent Spa and Castle Ride (£9,000);
- (4) Forward design of future Programme schemes (£126,000)

5. **To Note** the reallocation of £25,500 LGF from the LGF schemes identified in 2.1.2 and 2.1.3 of the report to the following schemes which have been approved within the scope of the Programme:

- (1) Morehall to Folkestone (£20,000);
- (2) A228 Holborough (£5,500)

As the changes to the LGF allocations to specific interventions sit below the 10% threshold, the Board is only asked to note this change.

6. **To Agree** the proposal for the net £599,000 underspend from the Programme to be combined with the remaining £432,000 allocation to the Programme to deliver the following schemes in 2019/20 and 2020/21, considered for approval under agenda item 7.

- (1) Maidstone East redevelopment expansion (£650,000)
- (2) Week Street/County Road raised table (£381,000)

This is subject to the approval of Maidstone East redevelopment expansion and Week Street/County Road raised table under agenda item 7.

## **7 Kent Sustainable Interventions Programme LGF funding decision**

The Board received a report from Helen Dyer, SELEP Capital Programme Officer, which was presented by Rhiannon Mort and presentation from Steer, the purpose of which was for the Board to support the delivery of the 2019/20 and 2020/21 Kent Sustainable Interventions Programme (the Project) as part of the wider Kent Sustainable Interventions Programme. . The Project has been considered by through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) review process, to enable £1.031m Local Growth Fund (LGF) to be devolved to Kent County Council for Project delivery.

### **Resolved:**

1. **To Note** that a Project has been brought forward for the award of £1.031m LGF, of which £432,000 LGF has been provisionally allocated to the Programme but has not be drawn down to date and a further £599,000 LGF has been identified as underspend from previous phases of the Programme.

2. **To Agree** the award of £1.031m LGF to support the delivery of the Project identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as presenting high value for money with low/medium certainty of achieving this, with the Board agreeing, under agenda item 6, that the £599,000 LGF underspend from previous phases of the programme should remain allocated to the Programme.

**8 Kent Strategic Congestion Management Programme 2019/20**

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort, and a presentation from Steer, the purpose of which was to ask the Board to consider the award of £1.127m Local Growth Fund (LGF) the Kent Strategic Congestion Management Programme 2019/20 (the Project) which has been through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process, to be devolved to Kent County Council for scheme delivery.

**Resolved:**

**To Approve** the allocation of £1.127m LGF to support the delivery of the Project identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as achieving high value for money with a low to medium certainty of achieving this.

**9 Maidstone Integrated Transport Package LGF funding decision**

The Board received a report by Rhiannon Mort, the purpose of which was for the Board consider the project change which has been brought in relation to Phase 1 of the Maidstone Integrated Transport Project (the Project). This involves a revised project scope and an additional LGF ask of £700,000.

In addition, the Board were asked to consider the award of a further £4.2m to Phase 3 of the Project.

**Resolved:**

1. **To Approve** the change of scope for Phase 1 of the Project, as set out in section 5 of the report;
2. **To Approve** the award of an additional £700,000 to the Phase 1 Project, as set out in section 6 of the report. This funding is being reallocated from Phase 3;
3. **To Approve** the award of £4.2m LGF to Phase 3 of the Project.

**10 Capital Programme Management of the Local Growth Fund**

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort, the purpose of which was for the Board to consider the latest position of the Local Growth Fund (LGF) Capital Programme, as part of SELEP's Growth Deal with Government.

**Resolved:**

1. **To Note** the updated LGF spend forecast for 2019/20, as set out in section 2 of the report.
2. **To Note** deliverability and risk assessment, as set out in section 5 of the report.
3. **To Note** the inclusion of nine new LGF3b projects within the LGF capital programme, as set out in Section 4 of the report.
4. **To Note** the changes to 2018/19 LGF spend forecast, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report. The financial end of year position will be reported to the Board in September 2019.
5. **To Agree** the changes to 2019/20 LGF spend forecast, as set out in Appendix 2 of the report.
6. **To Agree** the removal of the A2 Wincheap Off-Slip project from the Growth Deal programme and the reallocation of the £4.4m LGF provisional allocation to the project through the LGF3b process, as detailed in section 7 of the report.
7. **To agree** the removal of the Chelmsford Flood Alleviation project from the Growth Deal programme and the reallocation of the £800,000 LGF provisional allocation to the project through the LGF3b process, as detailed in section 8 of the report.

#### 11 **Innovation Park Medway - LGF3b update**

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort, and a presentation from Steer, the purpose of which was to make the Board aware of the updated Independent Technical Evaluation in relation to the deliverability of the proposed LGF3b Innovation Park Medway (northern site) – Extended Enabling Infrastructure project (the Project).

##### **Resolved:**

**To Agree** that Medway Council have satisfactorily addressed the deliverability concerns raised by the ITE in their initial assessment of the Project, which was presented to Investment Panel on 8th March 2019; having done so, Medway Council will be required to bring forward an updated Business case to satisfy the ITE process prior to a Board decision to award the funding to the Project.

#### 12 **A13 widening update**

The Board received a report from Paul Rogers Programme Manager Major Schemes, Thurrock Council, the purpose of which was to provide the Board with an update on the A13 widening project (the Project).

##### **Resolved:**

**To Note** the update set out within the report on the A13 widening Project.

**13 Growing Places Fund Update**

Geoff Miles left the room due to his previously made declaration of interest. This item was chaired by Lucy Druesne as the Vice Chair.

The Board received a report from Helen Dyer, SELEP Capital Programme Officer, the purpose of which was to update the Board on the latest position of the Growing Places Fund (GPF) Capital Programme

**Resolved:**

1. **To Note** the updated position on the GPF programme;
2. **To Note** the accelerated repayment schedule for the Bexhill Business Mall Project;
3. **To Note** the amended draw down schedule for the Colchester Northern Gateway Project;
4. **To Note** the amended draw down schedule for the Eastbourne Fisherman's Quayside and infrastructure development Project.

**14 SELEP Operations Update**

The Board received a report from Suzanne Bennett Chief Operating Officer the purpose of which was for the Board to note the operational planning within the Secretariat to support both this Board and the Strategic Board.

**Resolved:**

1. **To Note** the operational plan for 2019/20 at Appendix A of the report;
2. **To Note** the risk register at Appendix B of the report;
3. **To Note** the financial update; and
4. **To Note** the Assurance Framework Implementation Plan at Appendix D of the report

**15 Date of Next Meeting**

The Board noted that the next meeting will take place on Friday 7th June 2019 at High House Production Park.

There being no urgent business the meeting closed at 12:00 noon.

**Chairman**