

AGENDA ITEM 6

Report to Accountability Board	Forward Plan reference number: N/A
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Title of report: Business Case Approvals, including Independent Technical Evaluation	
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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 The purpose of this paper is to agree the business cases for schemes brought forward through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process to enable funding to be devolved to scheme sponsors (county and unitary councils) as part of our capital programme management.

2. Recommendations

2.1 The Board is asked to:

2.1.1 Approve the following schemes for funding which have been assessed as expecting to achieve high value for money with a medium to high certainty of achieving this:

- Folkestone Seafront (£5.0m)
- Southend and Rochford Joint Area Action Plan (JAAP) (Airport) (£3.2m)
- A28 Chart Road (10.2m)
- Maidstone Integrated Transport Package (£8.9m)
- Rathmore Road Link (£4.2m)
- Swallow Business Park (£1.4m)
- Middle Deal Transport Improvements (£0.8)
- Sovereign Harbour (£1.7m)

- 2.1.2 Note that the business case for Colchester Broadband Infrastructure has been reassessed through the full Independent Technical Evaluation process due to the significant change in the project's scope. The assessment concludes that this scheme still presents high value for money.

3 Supporting Papers

- 3.1 In support of this paper, appendices contain:

- Report of the Independent Technical Evaluator
- Maidstone Integrated Transport Package: change to project scope
- Colchester ITP Town Centre Package: change to project scope
- Southend JAAP Growth Point: Phase 1: For information

4 Background

- 4.1 This report brings forward, for release of funding, projects that have successfully completed the Independent Technical Evaluation process, a condition of our Assurance Framework agreed with Government.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 Approval can be provided to schemes in principle as they meet the requirements of the agreed SELEP Assurance Framework. However, funding is subject to confirmation from Government of future years' Local Growth Fund allocations.
- 5.2 It should be noted that some schemes are subject to re-profiling requested as part of the Capital Programme Monitoring report presented to the board alongside this paper.

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 None at present

7 Staffing and other resource implications

- 7.1 None

8 Equality and Diversity implications

- 8.1 None

9 List of Appendices

- 9.1 Appendix 1: Report of Independent Technical Evaluator
- 9.2 Appendix 2: Maidstone Integrated Transport Project: change to project scope
- 9.3 Appendix 3: Colchester ITP Town Centre Package: change to project scope
- 9.4 Appendix 4: Southend JAAP Growth Point: Phase 1: For information

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10 List of Background Papers

10.1 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 Lorna Norris On behalf of Margaret Leigh	 3 February 2016