

Appendix F – GPF Project Background Information

Name of Project	<p>Eastbourne Fisherman's Quayside and Infrastructure Development Project</p> <p>Sovereign Harbour, Eastbourne</p> <p>East Sussex County Council</p>
Growing Places Fund allocation	£1,150,000
Description of what Project delivers	<p>The Eastbourne Fisherman's Quayside and infrastructure development project sought GPF funding for the build of a Fisherman's Quay in Sovereign Harbour, to develop local seafood processing infrastructure to support long term sustainable fisheries and the economic viability of Eastbourne's inshore fishing fleet.</p> <p>The GPF project represents the first phase of the redevelopment of the site and will deliver:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • site works, drainage and servicing for the whole site; • a three storey, 270sqm space to house equipment for ice production, cold storage and the processing of fish; and • an on-site retail unit for wet fish sales. <p>Phases 2 and 3 of the project will deliver a further three buildings, providing space for storage of fishing and landing equipment, a repair workshop and a Visitor Centre. A £1.08m LGF allocation has been approved to support delivery of phases 2 and 3.</p>
Project benefits	<p>The project aims to protect the fishing fleet in Sovereign Harbour, safeguarding up to 72 fishing jobs and over £2m revenue per year, as well as the resulting impacts on the local economy.</p>
Project history	<p>Delivery of the project has been impacted by a number of factors including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Land acquisition - the intention was for the scheme promoter to purchase the land at Sovereign Harbour where the Fisherman's Quay is to be constructed. However, the required land was owned by Carillion, and before the land purchase could be completed Carillion went into liquidation in January 2018. During the liquidation process, the land was sold to Premier Marinas Ltd.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Securing long leasehold on the site – whilst agreement was reached in relation to the leasehold for the site, significant delays were encountered in relation to formalising and signing the lease. These delays meant that the lease wasn't signed until March 2020. • Procurement of a contractor – in order to avoid further delays, the scheme promoter sought to appoint a contractor whilst work was ongoing to formalise the lease. A preferred contractor was identified, but unfortunately the contractor entered administration in early 2019 and the scheme promoter had to appoint an alternative contractor to deliver the project. <p>Following resolution of these issues, delivery of the first phase of the wider project commenced onsite on 27th July 2020 and is expected to be complete by the end of April 2021.</p>
<p>Link to Project page on the website and links to any previous decisions by Accountability Board</p>	<p>Project page: https://www.southeastlep.com/project/eastbourne-fisherman/</p> <p>Funding decision:</p> <p>Agenda Pack (December 2017): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2017/12/Accountability-Board-Agenda-Pack-15.12.2017-excluding-confidential-appendices.pdf</p> <p>Summary of decisions (December 2017): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2017/12/Accountability-Board-Summary-of-Decisions-15th-December-2017.pdf</p> <p><u>Previous project changes considered by the Board</u></p> <p>Change of land acquisition to long-term leasehold:</p> <p>Agenda Pack (September 2018): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/09/Accountability-Board-Agenda-Pack-14th-September-2018.pdf</p> <p>Summary of decisions (September 2018): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2018/09/Summary-of-Decisions-14.09.18-final.pdf</p> <p>Changes to GPF drawdown schedule:</p>

	<p>Agenda Pack (February 2019): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/02/SELEP-Accountability-Board-Agenda-Pack-15.02.2019-excluding-confidential-appendices-.pdf</p> <p>Summary of decisions (February 2019): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/01/Summary-of-decisions-Accountability-Board-15.02.19.pdf</p> <p>Agenda Pack (April 2019): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/01/SELEP-Accountability-Board-Agenda-Pack-12th-April-2019.pdf</p> <p>Summary of decisions (April 2019): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/01/Accountability-Board-12th-April-2019-Summary-of-Decisions.pdf</p> <p>Agenda Pack (February 2020): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/09/Accountability-Board-Agenda-Pack-14.02.2020.pdf</p> <p>Summary of decisions (February 2020): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/09/Accountability-Board-Summary-of-Decisions-14.02.20.pdf</p> <p>Change to GPF repayment schedule:</p> <p>Agenda Pack (February 2020): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/09/Accountability-Board-Agenda-Pack-14.02.2020.pdf</p> <p>Summary of decisions (February 2020): https://www.southeastlep.com/app/uploads/2019/09/Accountability-Board-Summary-of-Decisions-14.02.20.pdf</p>
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