
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, 24 February 2017

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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 14 March 2017.

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Present:

Members

Geoff Miles	Chairman
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 John Lamb	Southend Borough Council
Angela O'Donoghue	FE & Skills (FEDEC)
Myroulla West	Higher Education representative

1 Welcome and Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Councillor Rob Gledhill.

2 Declarations of Interest

None were made.

3 Minutes

The Minutes of the meeting held on 20 January were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

4 A20 Junction Improvements, as part of Dover Western Docks Revival - LGF Funding Decision

The Accountability Board (the Board) received a report from Rhiannon Mort and a presentation from Steer Davies Gleave. The purpose of which was to make the Board aware of the value for money assessment for A20 Junction Improvements (the Project) Business Case which has been through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process to enable funding to be devolved for the Project.

Resolved:

1. The Board **Considered** the additionality gained by the early delivery of the

Marina Pier from stage 2 of the Dover Western Docks Revival Programme;
and

2. **To approve** the allocation of £5m Local Growth Fund (LGF) to A20 Junction Improvements to support the delivery of the project as identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as achieving high value for money with medium to high certainty of achieving this.

5 **LGF Funding Approval M20 Junction 10a**

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort the purpose of which was to seek Board approval for the award of Local Growth Fund (LGF) to the M20 Junction 10a project (the Project) in Ashford, Kent.

Resolved

1. **To Approve** the award of £8.3m LGF funding to the Project to support the Development Phase, based on the Highways England assurances
2. **To Approve** the remaining £11.4m LGF allocation to the Project to support the Construction Phase of the Project subject to:
 - i. Highways England providing evidence, as set out in paragraph 12.4, that a robust Value for Money assurance process has been followed and a funding decision has been made by Highways England's Investment Decision Committee (IDC) to approve the project in full; and
 - ii. Sufficient funds being made available to the South East Local Enterprise Partnership (SELEP) by Government for the future year LGF allocation to the Project.
3. **To Note** that the signing of the fund agreement to transfer £11.4m LGF from SELEP to Highways England to support the Construction Phase of the Project is subject to evidence being provided to the Board that the condition 2.1.2 (i) has been satisfied.

6 **Coastal Communities Housing Intervention Project - LGF Allocation**

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort and a presentation from Steer Davies Gleave. The purpose of which was to make the Accountability Board (the Board) aware of the value for money assessment for the Coastal Communities Housing Intervention Business Case which has been through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process to enable £2m Local Growth Fund (LGF) to be devolved for scheme delivery.

Resolved

To Approve the allocation of £2million LGF to the Coastal Communities Housing Intervention Project to support the delivery of the project identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as achieving borderline high value for money, but with a low to medium certainty of achieving this.

7 **Stanford le Hope LGF Funding Decision**

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort and a presentation from Steer

Davies Gleave. The purpose of which was to make the Board aware of the value for money assessment of the Stanford le Hope Business Case which has been through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process to enable funding to Thurrock Council to enable project delivery.

Resolved

To Approve the allocation of £7.5m Local Growth Fund (LGF) to Stanford le Hope Transport Package to support the delivery of the project as identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as presenting high value for money, with a medium certainty of achieving this.

8 A131 Chelmsford to Braintree Route Based Strategy - LGF Funding Decision

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort and a presentation from Steer Davies Gleave. The purpose of which was to make the Board aware of the value for money assessment for the A131 Chelmsford to Braintree Route Based Strategy Business Cases which has been through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process to enable funding to be devolved to Essex County Council to enable project delivery.

Resolved

To Approve the allocation of £3.66m Local Growth Fund (LGF) to A131 Chelmsford to Braintree to support the delivery of the project as identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as achieving high value for money with high certainty of achieving this.

9 Kent Strategic Congestion Management Programme - LGF Funding Decision

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort and a presentation from Steer Davies Gleave. The purpose of which was to make the Board aware of the value for money assessment for the Kent Strategic Congestion Management Programme Business Case which has been through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process to enable funding to be devolved to Kent County Council for scheme delivery.

Resolved

To Approve the allocation of £800,000 Local Growth Fund (LGF) to the Kent Strategic Congestion Management Programme 2017/18 to support the delivery of the project identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as presenting achieving borderline high value for money, but with a low to medium certainty of achieving this.

10 Hailsham, Polegate & Eastbourne Movement and Access Transport Scheme - LGF Funding Decision

The Board received a report from Rhiannon Mort and a presentation from Steer Davies Gleave. The purpose of which was to make the Board aware of the value

for money assessment for the Hailsham, Polegate and Eastbourne Movements and Access Corridor Project (the Project) Business Case which has been through the Independent Technical Evaluator (ITE) process to enable £2.1m Local Growth Fund (LGF) to be devolved to East Sussex County Council for scheme delivery.

Resolved

To Approve the allocation of £2.1million LGF to the Hailsham, Polegate and Eastbourne Movement and Access Corridor Project to support the delivery of the project identified in the Business Case and which has been assessed as achieving borderline high value for money, but with a low to medium certainty of achieving this.

11 Capital Programme Management of the Local Growth Fund

The Board received a report and presentation from Rhiannon Mort updating the Board on 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 2016/17
2. **To Note** the project deliverability and risk assessment;
3. **To Note** the re-profiling of £14.801m LGF spend from 2016/17 to 2017/18 for those projects identified in Tables 3 to 7 of the report;
4. **To Note** the increased LGF allocation to Tonbridge Town Centre Regeneration (£0.103m);
5. **To Approve** the accelerated LGF spend in 2016/17 for:
 - a. East Sussex Strategic Growth Project (£0.3m) ,
 - b. A226 London Road/ B255 St Clements Way (£0.934m),
 - c. Strood Town Centre Journey Time and Accessibility Enhancements (£0.081m),
 - d. Chatham Town Centre Place-making and Public Realm Package (£0.120m),
 - e. Medway Cycling Action Plan (£0.100m) and
 - f. Medway City Estate Connectivity Improvement Measures (£0.157m).

12 Skills Capital Programme Update

The Board received a report from Louise Aitken providing an update on the latest position of the Skills Capital Programme.

Resolved

1. **To Note** the updated spend forecast for 2016/17
2. **To Note** the project delivery and risk assessment
3. **To Note** potential slippage of funds to next financial year.

13 Date of Next Meeting

The Board noted that the next meeting will take place on Friday 31 March 2017.

There being no urgent business the meeting closed at 11am

Chairman