

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE****Wednesday 25 January 2017, 12.00pm****Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council,  
The Council House, Committee Room 1 & 2****DRAFT MINUTES****VOTING MEMBERS**

Councillor Peter Lowe, Dudley MBC (Chair)  
Councillor Steve Eling, Sandwell MBC  
Councillor Sean Coughlan, Walsall MBC  
Councillor Roger Lawrence, Wolverhampton CC

**NON VOTING MEMBERS**

Stewart Towe, Black Country LEP Board

**IN ATTENDANCE**

Sarah Norman, Dudley MBC  
Darren Carter, Sandwell MBC (sub)  
Paul Sheehan, Walsall MBC (Secretary)  
Keith Ireland, Wolverhampton CC  
Sarah Middleton, The Black Country Consortium Ltd

**INVITED GUESTS**

Jim Cunningham, Dudley MBC  
Paul Mountford, Sandwell MBC (sub)  
Simon Neilson, Walsall MBC  
Stuart Everton, BC Director for Transport

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1. **Apologies**  
Jan Britton, Sandwell

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2. **Notes of Previous Meeting held on 23 November 2016**

17/0001 **It was resolved that:**

the notes of the meeting held on 7 September 2016 were agreed as a true record.

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3. **Matters Arising from the notes of the previous meeting.**  
None.

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4. **Declarations of Interest**  
None.

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5. **Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):**  
To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda.

There are no items to be considered in private session.

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**6. Black Country Local Growth Deal - Growing Priority Sectors Individual Project Decision - Total Construction Solutions – Approval to move to Contracting**

Paul Mountford presented the report to the Committee. Paul advised that the request is for £750,000 for a £3.75m project to fund the purchase of new premises and the installation of new machinery. In summary, Total Construction Solutions Ltd are requesting:

- Maximum grant of £750,000 to help implement a £3,751,482 project at an intervention rate of 20%.
- Leverage £3,001,186 of Private Sector Funding
- Create 75 new jobs by March 2022 at £10,004 per job and an average salary of £27.2k per annum.

17/0002

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

approves Sandwell MBC to move to contracting with Total Construction Solutions to the value of £750,000, from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works £6.5m allocation, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Growing Priority Sectors, Total Construction Solutions project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.

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**7. Black Country Local Growth Deal - Growing Priority Sectors Individual Project Decision - Quality Metal Products – Approval to move to Contracting**

Paul Mountford presented the report to the Committee. Paul advised that the request is for £300,000 for a £1.5m project to fund the purchase of new premises and the installation of new machinery :

- Maximum grant of £300,000 to help implement a £1,500,000 project at an intervention rate of 20%.
- Leverage £1,200,000 of Private Sector Funding
- Create 30 new jobs by March 2022 at £10k per job and an average salary of £21.5k per annum.

17/0003

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

approves Sandwell MBC to move to contracting with Quality Metal Products to the value of £300,000, from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works £6.5m allocation, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Growing Priority Sectors - Quality Metal Products project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.

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**8. Black Country Local Growth Deal - Parkrose Industrial Estate Site Investigation – Change Request – Approval to Amend the Existing Grant Agreement**

Paul Mountford presented the report to the Committee. Paul advised that The Parkrose Industrial Estate Site Investigation is now complete. Due to the absence of appropriate evidence of contractual commitments in place at 31st March 2016 the Accountable Body were unable to pay the total value of the grant against 2015/16. As a result the applicant has requested to transfer a proportion of their total LGF allocation (£80,000) into 2016/17.

17/0004

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

That the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the existing Grant Agreement with Mint Property Developments Limited to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Parkrose Industrial Estate (Site Investigation) project. The change for which approval is requested is the transfer of a proportion of grant funding allocated in 2015/16 of £19,170 into 2016/17.

9.

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - Dudley Brownfield Land Improvement Programme Phase 1 – Change Request – Approval to Amend the Existing Grant Agreement**

Alan Lunt presented the report to the Committee. Alan advised that Dudley Council's Housing Department will bring forward the Brownfield Land and Housing projects previously approved by the LEP Board, which are currently programmed to commence in 2017/18. These projects will now start in 2016/17 and this will allow site clearance and ground works to proceed on the 3.75 hectares of land to be remediated. The result will be accelerated delivery of the projects outputs of 63 Housing Units, arising from the remediation, which will be delivered up to 3 months earlier in 2017/18 than originally programmed. The financial profiles are detailed in the report.

17/0005

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the existing Grant Agreement with Dudley MBC to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Dudley Brownfield Land Improvement Programme Phase 1. The change for which approval is requested is the transfer of a proportion of grant funding allocated in 2017/18 of £100,000 into 2016/17.

10.

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - Very Light Rail – Test Track and Innovation Centre, Dudley - 'SEED Funding' – Grant Agreement Approval**

Alan Lunt presented the report to the Committee. Alan advised that the VLR scheme encompassing delivery of an Innovation Centre and Test Track is proving a complex high profile scheme with multiple Stakeholder interests across Central & Local Government, within the Rail Industry and amongst its leading Supply Chain companies. The scheme contains site assembly ambitions along with a determination to engage heavily with leading Rail Industry stakeholders. The Full Business Case development commenced with the LGF support of £300k, in January 2016. Development is now approaching completion of RIBA stage 3, which will provide a confirmed Design which can then be fully costed. Currently the scheme as envisaged, is still seeking to secure adequate funding, from a variety of sources.

Discussions with Dudley to find ways of accelerating delivery of the scheme, have identified a range of activities that could be accelerated to enable the Full Business Case to be completed for LEP Board consideration and any subsequently Approved scheme to be delivered in a more timely way.

A paper setting out what could be accelerated and what would then be achieved

has been developed by Dudley and its Project team and this has been scrutinised by the LEB Funding Sub Group and the LEP Board have now endorsed the additional SEED funding request.

It is recommended that if this Scheme bid is Approved, the sum of £836,778 be treated as an initial drawdown against the £4.5m “earmarked” funding provided in LGF 2 (expansion profile) allocation to the Black Country LEP to support the VLR Scheme.

Particular reference was drawn to point 3.11 of the report detailing the conditions to be attached to any offer of funding.

17/0006

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

2.1 approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Dudley Council for a maximum of £836,778 from within the Local Growth Fund to deliver the ‘SEED Funding’ elements of the Very Light Rail Test Track and Innovation Centre project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. This funding is to enable the Very Light Rail project to undertake specific identified steps which will enable it to resolve outstanding issues enabling a detailed and de-risked Full Business Case to be submitted and for the project to remain within its competitive lead position.

2.2 That the Joint Committee approves that this funding is to be underwritten by Dudley Council.

11.

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - Dudley College - Construction Apprenticeship Training Centre – Grant Agreement Approval**

Alan Lunt presented the report to the Committee. Alan advised that the application relates to a funding request of £600,000 LGF grant support towards delivery of the Training Equipment for a £1.18m scheme to deliver a Construction Apprenticeship Training Centre. This project will unlock growth objectives in Building Technologies and have an impact locally on SEP growth targets in the Black Country because of the 66 strategically important construction businesses in the region.

The proposal is to relocate the college’s existing provision to the ATC centre in Brierley Hill. This building will be rented on an initial 10-year Lease. Given the nature of the building being a rented property the bid is purely for the new additional equipment required for the facility to enable the new and increased provision to be delivered.

The College aims to provide state of the art construction equipment, which will not only meet the new standards and legislation within the construction industry but also allows learners to experience different ways of working with new technologies and techniques.

The college would seek to use its available capital in refurbishing and altering the building together with the ongoing lease cost of the facility as its match funding to the proposal, and therefore is applying for 100% of the equipment costs.

17/0007

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Dudley College for £600,000 to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Dudley College - Construction Apprenticeship Training Centre project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.

12.

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - Music Institute and Student Accommodation, Brierley Hill - Site Investigation – Grant Agreement Approval**

Alan Lunt presented the report to the Committee. Alan advised that the This bid seeks support for a set of Site Investigations to inform the wider Full Business Case bid expected in early 2017/18. The aim of the BICMP Ltd Music Institute scheme is to fill a significant gap in provision of the range of qualifications, courses and skills training that is generally available within the education sector.

The applicant does not yet own the building, although terms have been almost been finalised with INTU for the freehold acquisition of the site. The building and site surveys proposed will enable the scheme to conclude the detailed design process and enable the planning application to be prepared, along with estimation of detailed costings for undertaking the refurbishment and conversion works for educational use.

Details of the Site Investigations composition are contained in the report at 3.6

Particular reference was drawn to point 3.7 of the report detailing the conditions to be attached to any Grant Offer.

17/0008

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

2.1 approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with **BICMP Limited for £32,600** to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Music Institute and Student Accommodation Site Investigation project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.

2.2 note that the Grant Agreement is subject to conditions at 3.7 of this report.

2.3 note that the project will be underwritten by a clawback arrangement with the applicant, if for any reason the clawback fails and the Grant cannot be recovered by the applicant, the provisions in the Collaboration Agreement, relating to underwriting by geographical area will be applied.

13.

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - Former Reedswood Golf Course, Walsall - Site Investigation – Funding Agreement Approval**

Simon Neilson presented the report to the Committee. Simon advised that the applicant and Site owner is Walsall Council who has submitted an Initial Proposal for LGF funding to obtain funds for site investigations on the Site. The 5ha site potentially forms part of a wider comprehensive development opportunity to include the adjoining former Caparo Works site (6.4ha). The Caparo Works site forms part of a separate funding application.

The Site is currently allocated open space, but Walsall Council is seeking to review the potential and viability for the Site to be brought forward for residential

development, particularly as part of a comprehensive scheme with the adjoining former Caparo site. The potential cumulative output of delivering both sites together is approximately 500+ residential units. The proposed development scheme therefore scores well on a value for money basis and provides strategic fit with LEP housing priorities.

Details of the Site Investigations composition are contained in the report at 3.4 and 3.5.

17/0009

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

- 2.1 approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to an appropriate form of Internal Agreement for £10,514 to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the former Reedswood Golf Course Site Investigation – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 2.2 note that the Internal Agreement is subject to conditions at 3.5 of this report.
- 2.3 approve that the project will be underwritten by Walsall Council.

14.

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - Former Caparo Site, Walsall – Site Investigation - Grant Agreement Approval**

Simon Neilson presented the report to the Committee. Simon advised that the Site is a residential development opportunity of approximately 6.4ha and has the potential to provide circa 310 new homes. Caparo has identified the Site as having development potential as part of a proposed comprehensive scheme with the adjoining former Reedswood Golf Course site (subject to a separate report). Caparo has full ownership and control of the Site. The opportunity therefore exists to bring forward the combined 11.4ha site – former Caparo site and former Reedswood Golf Course - which could provide circa 510 new homes in total. A reappraisal report of the historic ground investigations recently completed for Caparo identifies further investigation requirements which form the basis of this application.

Details of the Site Investigations composition are contained in the report at 3.3.

Particular reference was drawn to point 3.5 of the report detailing the conditions to be attached to any Grant Offer.

17/0010

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

- 2.1 approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to award a Grant Agreement to Caparo 1988 Pension Scheme for the value of £24,000 to deliver the Local Growth Fund funded elements of Former Caparo Site, Walsall, Site Investigation – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 2.2 note that the Grant Agreement is subject to conditions at 3.5 of this report.
- 2.3 note that the project will be underwritten by a clawback arrangement with the applicant, if for any reason the clawback fails and the Grant cannot be recovered by the applicant, the provisions in the Collaboration Agreement,

relating to underwriting by geographical area will be applied.

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15. **Black Country Local Growth Deal - Middlemore Lane, Walsall – Grant Agreement Approval**

Simon Neilson presented the report to the Committee. Simon advised that the Middlemore Lane bid is a gap funding application submitted by St Francis Group Ltd, to facilitate the delivery of a speculative industrial development scheme comprising 5 industrial units, totalling 22,703 sqm, on a brownfield site of approximately 5.77 hectares.

St Francis Group Ltd require gap funding of £4,033,395 in order to render the scheme viable for delivery on a speculative basis. The identified viability gap arises as a result of market failure, despite generally improving market conditions, whereby the costs of delivering the scheme currently exceed the value of the completed scheme. The funding viability gap of £4,033,395 has been agreed with the applicant as the minimum element of grant required in order that this scheme can progress on the proposed basis.

Such a funding agreement would enable St Francis Group Ltd to proceed with the demolition, remediation and speculative development of the site, subsequently drawing down funding through the construction period within an overall projected total scheme cost of circa £24m.

The proposed scheme should deliver 22,703 sqm of good quality industrial accommodation, create or safeguard up to 503 jobs and remediate approximately 5.77ha of brownfield contaminated industrial land.

17/0011

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with St Francis Group Limited for £4,033,395 to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Middlemore Lane project - with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year.

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16. **Black Country Local Growth Deal - University of Wolverhampton Apprenticeship Hub – Change Request – Approval to Amend the Existing Grant Agreement**

Tim Johnson presented the report to the Committee. Tim advised that the LEP Board and, subsequently, the Joint Committee approved £200,000 for the University of Wolverhampton Apprenticeship Hub project in November 2015 and January 2016 respectively for expenditure in 2015/16. However, during the contracting and stage 2 due diligence process with Walsall Accountable Body it was identified that University of Wolverhampton, was unable to provide appropriate security/underwriting for the full grant award. As a result the Accountable Body were only permitted to pay out up to £150,000 in claims in line with the lower limit securitisation applied to the Growth Deal.

Underwriting for the balance of the grant has now been concluded between the applicant and the Accountable Body resulting in the applicant's request to draw down the remaining grant award, £50,000, in the 2016/17 financial year.

17/0012

**It was resolved that the BCJC:**

approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the existing Grant Agreement with University of Wolverhampton to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Apprenticeship Hub project. The change for which approval is requested is the transfer of a proportion of grant funding allocated in 2015/16 of £50,000 into 2016/17.

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Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

**REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal**  
**GROWING PRIORITY SECTORS INDIVIDUAL PROJECT DECISION –**  
**KEYTRACKER LTD PROJECT**

**Approval to move to contracting**

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**Key Decision: Yes**

**Forward Plan: Yes**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee approve the contracting and subsequent award of Grant Agreement for Keytracker Ltd Company project, part of Growing Priority Sectors, from within the Local Growth Fund (LGF) Programme - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.2 This project was endorsed by the LEP Funding Sub Group via teleconference on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017. LEP Board approval was achieved via email on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017. It was endorsed by the Working Group via email on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and at the Advisory Board meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves **Sandwell MBC to move to contracting with Keytracker Limited for £50,000**, from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Keytracker Limited project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 A summary of the request for approval to move to contracting is below.

#### **Keytracker Ltd, £50,000 in 2017/18**

- 3.2 A request for £50,000 for a £170,000 project to extend existing premises with a new production area. A profile of the application with the appraiser's comments, scores and recommendations can be found in Appendix 2 of the Growing Priority Sectors LEP Funding Sub-Group paper (January 2017 – available on request). In summary, Keytracker Ltd are requesting:

- Maximum grant of £50,000 to help implement a £170,000 project at an intervention rate of 29.4%;
- Leverage £120,000 of Private Sector Funding; and
- To create 6 new jobs by March 2022 at £8,300 per job and an average salary of £21,000 per annum.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29th October 2014.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None at the time of drafting.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

8.1 Colleagues from Sandwell Council's Finance and legal Services were consulted as part of the report to review any financial and state aid implications.

### **Background papers**

- Growing Priority Sectors LEP Funding Sub-Group paper, January 2017 (can be provided upon request).

### **Attachments**

None

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**TO**

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**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal**  
**GROWING PRIORITY SECTORS INDIVIDUAL PROJECT DECISION –**  
**HAWTHORN TRADING COMPANY PROJECT**

**Approval to move to contracting**

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**Key Decision: Yes**

**Forward Plan: Yes**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee approve the contracting and subsequent award of Grant Agreement for the Hawthorn Trading Company project, part of Growing Priority Sectors, from within the Local Growth Fund (LGF) Programme - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.2 This project was endorsed by the LEP Funding Sub Group on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, and approved by the LEP Board via email on 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017. It was endorsed by the Working Group on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 via email and Advisory Board at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves **Sandwell Council to move to contracting with Hawthorn Trading Company for £300,000**, from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Hawthorn Trading Company project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 A summary of the request for approval to move to contracting is below.

#### **Hawthorn Trading Company, £300,000 in 2017/18**

- 3.2 A request for £300,000 for a £1,866,000 project to fund the purchase of new premises. A profile of the application with the appraiser's comments, scores and recommendations can be found in Appendix 1 of the Growing Priority Sectors LEP Funding Sub-Group paper (January 2017 – available on request). In summary, the Hawthorn Trading Company are requesting:

- Maximum grant of £300,000 to help implement a £1,866,000 project at an intervention rate of 16%;
- Leverage £1,566,000 of Private Sector Funding; and
- To create 39 new jobs by March 2022 at £7,292 per job and an average salary of £21.9k per annum.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29th October 2014.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None at the time of drafting.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

8.1 Colleagues from Sandwell Council's Finance and Legal Services were consulted as part of the report to review any financial and state aid implications.

### **Background papers**

- Growing Priority Sectors LEP Funding Sub Group paper, January 2017 (can be provided upon request).

### **Attachments**

None

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**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

### **Black Country Local Growth Deal A4101 PENNETT IMPROVEMENT SCHEME – CHANGE REQUEST**

#### **Approval to Amend Existing Grant Agreement**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee approve the recommendation of the Advisory Board for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the existing Grant Agreement with Dudley Metropolitan Borough Council (DMBC) to deliver the LTB (Pre-allocated Local Growth Fund) funded elements of the A4101 Pensnett High Street project.
- 1.2 The original bid for £3,800,000 was approved at the 19<sup>th</sup> October 2015 LEP Board (ref: 118/15 LEP Board minutes). This was endorsed by Working Group on 2<sup>nd</sup> October 2015, Advisory Board on the 9<sup>th</sup> November 2015 and Joint Committee on the 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015.
- 1.3 The Change Request was approved by the LEP Funding Sub Group via teleconference on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, at the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 LEP Board meeting (ref: 9/17b LEP Board minutes), and by the Working Group via email on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017. The Advisory Board endorsed the report at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.
- 1.4 See section 3.5 in Report Detail for full approval history.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to **amending the existing Grant Agreement with Dudley MBC for £3,800,000 to reflect an amended Grant Allocation of £2,059,000 in 2016/17** to deliver

the Pre-allocated Local Growth Fund (LTB) funded elements of A4101 Pensnett Road Improvement Scheme. **This change relates to a transfer of funding of £959,000 into 2016/17 from 2017/18.**

- 2.2 That the Joint Committee note that there will be no change to the overall LGF intervention rate for this project and indeed the overall value of grant (£3,800,000).
- 2.3 That the Joint Committee approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to **amending the existing Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to reflect the removal of outputs relating to the delivery of 5 apprenticeships as part of the scheme.**

### 3. REPORT DETAIL

#### **A4101 Pensnett Road Improvement Scheme – Acceleration of £959,000 from 2017/18 into 2016/17**

- 3.1 The A4101 is a main road and a key link in the West Midlands transportation network with approximately 30,000 vehicles using the High Street every day and subsequently suffers from traffic congestion and vehicle delays. The improvement scheme will tackle the existing pinch point by regulating conflicting vehicle movements through the introduction of new signalised junctions and by providing increased capacity by widening the High Street to two lanes in each direction on the approach to the new traffic lights. These improvements will enhance the efficiency of the transport network on this key link for all users.
- 3.2 This Change Request is to bring forwards £959,000 of the 2017/18 allocation of grant into 2016/17 with the aim of ensuring full utilisation of the BC LEP's allocation of grant in 2016/17.

The original financial profile was:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
<b>Original</b>	£1,100,000	£1,800,000	£700,000	£200,000	£3,800,000

The revised financial profile is as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
<b>Revised</b>	£2,059,000	£841,000	£700,000	£200,000	£3,800,000

#### **Removal of Indirect Output targets for A4101 Pensnett Road Improvement Scheme**

- 3.3 The Q4 review with the Dudley Team managing the delivery of A4101 Pensnett Road Improvement Scheme has identified the inclusion of output targets in their Contract Award. This related to the delivery of 5 Apprenticeships resulting from the scheme.
- 3.4 As the road scheme, will not deliver any Apprenticeships directly, removal of this Output target from the Project's Grant Agreement is recommended.

- 3.5 The table below details the breakdown approval history for both the original scheme as well as for this latest Change Request.

	<b>Original</b>	<b>Change Request</b>
<b>Group / Board / Committee</b>	<b>Date of Approval</b>	<b>Date of Approval</b>
<b>Funding Sub Group</b>	N/A	19/01/2017
<b>LEP Board</b>	19/10/2015	23/01/2017
<b>Working Group</b>	11/08/2016 (via email)	14/02/2017
<b>Advisory Board</b>	22/08/2016	23/02/2017
<b>Joint Committee</b>	07/09/2016	

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The financial implications are detailed in Section 3 of this report. There are no further financial impacts of this change.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

#### **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 Full public and wider stakeholder consultation has been carried out previously as part of the scheme development process. This nature of this change request is such that no further scheme consultation is required. Consultation regarding the report content has been carried out with legal and finance officers of Dudley Council.

### **Background papers**

- Joint Committee Report – A4101 Pensnett High Street – 25<sup>th</sup> November 2015
- Joint Committee Report – A4101 High Street, Pensnett Strategic Access Improvement Scheme – 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016

### **Attachments**

None

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## **REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

### **Black Country Local Growth Deal DUDLEY BROWNFIELD LAND PHASE 1 - CHANGE REQUEST**

#### **Approval to Amend Existing Grant Agreement**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee approves the request to bring forward £213,000 of the 2017/18 grant allocation for the Dudley Brownfield Land project into 2016/17. The amended grant allocation for 2016/17 will be £750,000.
- 1.2 This project change request was approved by the LEP Funding Sub Group via teleconference on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the LEP Board at the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 Board meeting (ref: 9/17b LEP Board minutes), the Working Group endorsed the report on the 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 via email and the Advisory Board endorsed at the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017 meeting.
- 1.3 See section 3.5 Report Detail for approval history

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to **amending the existing Grant Agreement with Dudley MBC for £2,846,204 to reflect an amended Grant allocation of £750,000 in 2016/17. This is a transfer of funding of £213,000 from 2017/18 into 2016/17.**
- 2.2 That the Joint Committee notes that there will be no change to the overall LGF intervention rate for this project and indeed the overall value of grant (£2,846,204).

### 3. REPORT DETAIL

- 3.1 A summary of the request for change to the existing Grant Agreement for the Dudley Brownfield Land project is below.

#### **Dudley Brownfield Land Change Request – Acceleration of £213,000 from 2017/18 into 2016/17**

- 3.2 Dudley Borough has a large number of vacant brownfield sites that are suitable for housing redevelopment but not economically viable due to previous use and subsequent land remediation costs.

Processes required to render the land viable for development include the treatment of contamination and mined ground; site preparation costs including service diversions and re-grading of levels; and the removal of redundant structures and buildings.

This project supports the remediation of 6.88 hectares of land across nine sites within the ownership of Dudley MBC. The sites will then be developed throughout the period from 2016/17 to 2020/21 to deliver residential units.

- 3.3 The original financial profile was:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
<b>Original</b>	£537,204	£721,000	£964,000	£456,000	£168,000	<b>£2,846,204</b>

The revised financial profile is as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
<b>Revised</b>	£750,000	£508,204	£964,000	£456,000	£168,000	<b>£2,846,204</b>

- 3.4 There will be no change to the overall outputs delivered.
- 3.5 The table below details the breakdown approval history for both the original scheme as well as for this latest Change Request.

	Original	Change Request
Group / Board / Committee	Date of Approval	Date of Approval
<b>Funding Sub Group</b>	13/06/2016	19/01/2017
<b>LEP Board</b>	18/07/2016	23/01/2017
<b>Working Group</b>	11/08/2016 (Via Email)	14/02/2017 (via email)
<b>Advisory Board</b>	22/08/2016	23/02/2017
<b>Joint Committee</b>	07/09/2016	

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29th October 2014.
- 4.2 The above recommendation for change is to mitigate the risk of potential under spend of the 2016/17 Growth Deal allocation and is subject to further changes as we move closer to the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee. The existing Grant Agreement will be amended to reflect this change of funding allocation between years.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

**7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting.

**8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 Consultation regarding the report content has been carried out with the legal and finance officers of DMBC.

**Background papers**

- Black Country Local Growth Deal - Dudley Brownfield Land Phase 1 Change Request – *Joint Committee report 25<sup>th</sup> January 2017*

**Attachments**

None

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## **REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

### **Black Country Local Growth Deal GROWING THE CITY CENTRE CULTURAL AND BUSINESS EVENTS OFFER - CHANGE REQUEST**

#### **Approval to Amend the Existing Grant Agreement**

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**Key Decision:** Yes

**Forward Plan:** Yes

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee approve the request to bring forward £534,561 of the 2017/18 allocation for the Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer (Civic Halls) project into 2016/17. The amended grant allocation for 2016/17 will be £3,134,561.
- 1.2 To request an amended overall Grant allocation of £5,011,260 - a reduction in overall funding of £1,988,740.
- 1.3 This project change request was endorsed by the LEP Funding Sub Group at a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, the LEP Board via email on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017, the Working Group via email on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and the Advisory Board via email on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to **amend the existing Grant Agreement with City Of Wolverhampton Council** for the Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer (Civic Halls) project to reflect an **amended Grant Award of £5,011,260 and an amended allocation of £3,134,561 in 2016/17 - this is a transfer of funding of £534,561 from 2017/18, and a reduction in overall funding of £1,988,740.**

- 2.2 That the Joint Committee note the change in approach from project to programme management by the City of Wolverhampton Council and the BC LEP in relation to the Council's Growth Deal projects (Regeneration of Bilston, Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer and Wolverhampton Interchange).
- 2.3 That the Joint Committee note that there will be no change to the amount of LGF funding awarded or to the overall LGF intervention rate to Wolverhampton City Council's programme of projects (which includes the Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer and Regeneration of Bilston projects).
- 2.4 That the Joint Committee note that the Business Cases and Outputs for each project have not changed.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 A summary of the request for change to the existing Grant Agreement for the Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer project is below.

**Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer Change Request – Acceleration of £534,561 from 2017/18 into 2016/17 and reduction in the overall grant allocation by £1,988,740**

- 3.2 The original financial profile was:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
<b>Original</b>	£1,900,00	£2,600,000	£2,500,000	<b>£7,000,000</b>

- 3.3 The revised financial profile for which approval is now requested is as follows:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	Total
<b>Revised</b>	£1,876,699	£3,134,561	£0	<b>£5,011,260</b>

- 3.4 There will be no change to the Outline Business Case or overall outputs delivered. The LGF intervention rate for the project will change from 33% to 21%.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29th October 2014.

- 4.2 The above recommendation for change is to mitigate the risk of potential under spend of the 16/17 Growth Deal allocation and is subject to further changes as we move closer to the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee. The existing Grant Agreement will be amended to reflect this change of funding allocation between years.

## **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 Legal and finance colleagues at City of Wolverhampton Council have been consulted as part of the development of this report as reflected in the completed consultation sheet.

### **Background papers**

- BC Local Growth Deal – Project Approval Recommendation Growing the Wolverhampton City Centre Cultural and Events Offer – *Joint Committee report 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014*
- Wolverhampton Civic Hall and Grand Theatre (Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer) – *Joint Committee report 7<sup>th</sup> September 2016*

### **Attachments**

None

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**REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal**  
**REGENERATION OF BILSTON - CHANGE REQUEST**

**Approval to Amend the Existing Grant Agreement**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee approves the request to amend the existing Grant allocation to the Regeneration of Bilston - Bilston Urban Village project to £5,238,740, an increase to the overall funding allocation of £1,988,740.
- 1.2 This project Change Request was endorsed by the LEP Funding Sub Group at a meeting on 8<sup>th</sup> February 2017, the LEP Board via email on 13<sup>th</sup> February 2017, the Working Group via email on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and by the Advisory Board via email on 27<sup>th</sup> February 2017.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That Joint Committee approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to **amending the existing Grant Agreement with City of Wolverhampton Council for the Regeneration of Bilston – Bilston Urban Village project to reflect an amended Grant award of £5,238,740 - an increase in the overall funding of £1,988,740.**
- 2.2 That the Joint Committee note the change in approach from project to programme management by the City of Wolverhampton Council and the BC LEP in relation to the Council's Growth Deal projects (Regeneration of Bilston, Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer and Wolverhampton Interchange).

- 2.3 That the Joint Committee note that there will be no change to the amount of LGF funding awarded or to the overall LGF intervention rate to Wolverhampton City Council's programme of projects (which includes the Growing the City Centre Cultural and Business Events Offer and Regeneration of Bilston projects).
- 2.4 That the Joint Committee note that the Business Cases and Outputs for each project have not changed.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 A summary of the request for change to the existing Grant Agreement for the Regeneration of Bilston - Bilston Urban Village project is below.

#### **Regeneration of Bilston – Bilston Urban Village Change Request – Increase in the overall grant allocation of £1,988,740**

- 3.2 The original financial profile for the project was:

	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Original</b>	£2,750,000	£500,000	<b>£3,250,000</b>

- 3.3 The revised financial profile for which approval is now requested is as follows:

	<b>2015/16</b>	<b>2016/17</b>	<b>Total</b>
<b>Revised</b>	£2,750,000	£2,488,740	<b>£5,238,740</b>

- 3.4 There will be no change to the Outline Business Case or the overall outputs delivered. The LGF intervention rate for the project will change from 30% to 53%.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29th October 2014.
- 4.2 The above recommendation for change is to mitigate the risk of potential under spend of the 16/17 Growth Deal allocation and is subject to further changes as we move closer to the end of the 2016/17 financial year.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee. The existing Grant Agreement will be amended to reflect this change of funding allocation between years.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

**7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting.

**8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 Legal and finance colleagues at City of Wolverhampton Council have been consulted as part of the development of this report as reflected in the completed consultation sheet.

**Background papers**

- Regeneration of Bilston Centre – Project Approval – *Joint Committee Report 18<sup>th</sup> February 2015*
- Local Growth Deal Changes to the Growth Fund Programme – *Joint Committee Report 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016*

**Attachments**

None

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## REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD

TO

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

ON

**8 MARCH 2017**

### **Black Country Local Growth Deal** **A4123 DEVELOPMENT WORKS - DEVELOPMENT FUNDING - CHANGE REQUEST**

#### **Approval to Amend Existing Grant Agreement**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee approves proceeding to amend the existing Grant Agreement for the A4123 Development Works scheme from within the Pre-Allocated Local Growth Fund (LTB) Programme.
- 1.2 The original bid for £150,000 in 2016/17 was approved at the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 LEP Board (ref: 98/16 LEP Board minutes).
- 1.3 This change forms part of £850k of Transport Development funding being transferred from 2016/17 into 2017/18 as a direct result of many known difficulties affecting the progress of certain Transport schemes throughout 2016/17.
- 1.4 The change was approved by the LEP Funding Sub Group on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the LEP Board at the 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016 Board meeting (ref: 9/17b LEP Board minutes). The project change was endorsed by Working Group via email on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and by Advisory Board at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.
- 1.5 See section 3.5 in Report Detail for full approval history

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to **amend the existing Grant Agreement with City of Wolverhampton Council** to deliver the Pre-allocated Local Growth Fund (LTB) funded

elements of the A4123 Development Works – Development Funding scheme. **The change for which approval is requested is the transfer of grant funding allocated in 2016/17 of £120,000 into 2017/18.**

- 2.2 This development funding is underwritten by City of Wolverhampton Council.

### 3. REPORT DETAIL

- 3.1 A summary of the request for amending the existing Grant Agreement with City of Wolverhampton Council by the Accountable Body for the Pre-Allocated Local Growth Fund (LTB) Programme (Walsall Council) is below.

#### **A4123 Development Works – Development Funding, £120,000 transfer from 2016/17 into 2017/18**

- 3.2 The A4123 is a key corridor of movement through the Black Country from M5 J2 into Wolverhampton City Centre. The corridor links a number of key housing and employment sites that will come forward over the next 5-10 years. The route is currently at capacity in a number of locations and not fit for the future purpose. The aim of this development funding is to begin development work of a major scheme business case for the A4123 with the aim of bidding at a wider Combined Authority or national level for funding to eventually construct the scheme. Similar work is currently underway on the A454 and A449.

- 3.3 The original financial profile was:

	2016/17	2017/18	Total
<b>Original</b>	£150,000		£150,000

- 3.4 The revised financial profile which includes the transfer of £120,000 from 2016/17 into 2017/18 is as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18	Total
<b>Revised</b>	£30,000	£120,000	£150,000

- 3.5 The table below details the breakdown approval history for both the original scheme as well as for this latest Change Request.

	Original	Change Request
Group / Board / Committee	Date of Approval	Date of Approval
<b>Funding Sub Group</b>	13/06/2016	19/01/2017
<b>LEP Board</b>	18/07/2016	23/11/2017
<b>Working Group</b>	07/10/2016	14/02/2017
<b>Advisory Board</b>	11/11/2016 (via email)	23/02/2017
<b>Joint Committee</b>	25/01/2017	

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- 4.2 See Recommendations 2.2 regarding underwriting.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council). The Agreement will include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

**7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of writing.

**8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 Transport leads at each of the three Local Authorities involved with the Development work have been consulted; Wolverhampton, Dudley and Sandwell. Aecom have been engaged to discuss scope and timescales for the delivery of the work and profiling of spend. The Black Country Director of Transport and Director for Place at Wolverhampton have also been consulted on the proposal.
- 8.2 As this is a request for development funding no specific engagement with Local Councillors has been undertaken.
- 8.3 Legal and Finance colleagues at City of Wolverhampton Council were consulted as part of the development of this report.

## **Background papers**

- Joint Committee Report – A4123 Development Works – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

## **Attachments**

None

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## **REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**TO**

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**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

### **Black Country Local Growth Deal WOLVERHAMPTON TO WILLENHALL METRO EXTENSION – DEVELOPMENT FUNDING PROJECT, WOLVERHAMPTON**

#### **Grant Agreement Approval**

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**Key Decision:** Yes

**Forward Plan:** Yes

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#### **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee endorse for contracting and subsequent award of Grant Agreement the Wolverhampton to Willenhall Metro Extension, Development Project, Wolverhampton, from within the pre-allocated Local Growth Fund (LTB) Programme – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.2 This project was approved by the LEP Board at the 18 July Board meeting (ref: 98/16 LEP Board minutes). Since then a change request to transfer the funding from 2016/17 into 2017/18 was endorsed by LEP Funding Sub Group via teleconference on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, approved by the LEP Board at the 23<sup>rd</sup> January meeting (ref: 9/17b LEP Board minutes). The project was endorsed by Working Group via email on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and Advisory Board at the meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

#### **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with **City of Wolverhampton Council for £150,000** of pre-allocated Local Growth Fund (LTB) funding (originally allocated to the Aldridge Station Scheme) to deliver the Wolverhampton to Willenhall Metro Extension transport project (Development Funding) – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 2.2 This development funding to be underwritten by City of Wolverhampton Council.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 A summary of the request for endorsement, contracting and subsequent award of Grant Agreement by the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) is below.

#### **Wolverhampton to Willenhall Metro Extension project – Development funding of £150,000 in 2017/18**

- 3.2 This work seeks to undertake a development study to look at extending the metro system from Wolverhampton Train station out towards New Cross Hospital and then Willenhall. The study will also explore options to extend the metro system further into Wolverhampton City Centre to connect the South and Westside developments.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29th October 2014.
- 4.2 See Recommendations 2.2 regarding underwriting.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

### **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of writing.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 Consultation has been undertaken with the Midland Metro Alliance to detail the scope, cost and resource requirement for the proposed development work. Internal consultation with the Black Country Director of Transport and Strategic Director for Place at City of Wolverhampton Council has been undertaken.
- 8.2 As this is approval for development funding, no specific consultation with Local Councillors has been undertaken in relation to the scheme.
- 8.3 Legal and Finance colleagues at City of Wolverhampton Council have been consulted on the content of the report.

### **Background papers**

None.

### **Attachments**

None.

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**Black Country Executive Joint Committee**  
Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

**REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal**  
**WOLVERHAMPTON TO WILLENHALL METRO EXTENSION - DEVELOPMENT FUNDING**  
**PROJECT, WALSALL**

**Grant Agreement Approval**

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**Key Decision:**       **Yes**

**Forward Plan:**       **Yes**

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee endorse the contracting and subsequent award of Grant Agreement for the Wolverhampton to Willenhall Metro Extension, Development Project, Walsall, from within the Pre-allocated Local Growth Fund (LTB) Programme - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 1.2 This project was endorsed by the LEP Funding Sub Group during a teleconference on 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the LEP Board at the 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2017 meeting (ref: 9/17b LEP Board minutes), Working Group via email on 14<sup>th</sup> February and the Advisory Board at the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to move to an **appropriate form of internal Agreement for £50,000** of Pre-allocated Local Growth Fund (LTB) funding (originally allocated to the Aldridge Station scheme) to deliver the Wolverhampton to Willenhall Metro Extension transport project (Development Funding) – with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 2.2 This development funding is to be underwritten by Walsall Council.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

#### **Wolverhampton to Willenhall Metro Extension project – Development funding, £50,000 in 2017/18**

- 3.1 This work seeks to undertake design and business case development work for the extension of the Metro system from Wolverhampton Station out towards New Cross Hospital and then Willenhall. The work will also identify options to extend the Metro system further into Wolverhampton City Centre to connect the South and Westside developments.
- 3.2 This report only deals with the Walsall element of the funding towards the technical work.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29th October 2014.
- 4.2 There is a risk that the development work is completed, but the project is not implemented. This would mean that the development work would be an abortive cost, and would need to be funded from a revenue source instead. In this event, Walsall Council would repay the grant from its own revenue resources.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are in place and will be utilised by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.
- 5.2 There are no direct planning or policy implications arising from this report.

### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

7.1 None at the time of drafting.

## **8. CONSULTATION**

8.1 The technical work proposed builds on the outcome of the review of Black Country Rapid Transit Routes in 2015. The proposals have been developed in conjunction with Transport for the West Midlands (TfWM); Wolverhampton City Council senior officers; and Walsall Council senior officers.

8.2 Legal and financial services at Walsall Council were consulted as part of the development of this report.

### **Background Papers**

None

### **Attachments**

None.

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## REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD

TO

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

ON

**8 MARCH 2017**

### **Black Country Local Growth Deal AIRFIELD DRIVE, ALDRIDGE – CHANGE REQUEST**

#### **Approval to Amend the Existing Grant Agreement**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>Yes</b>

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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amend the existing Grant Agreement with Kay Properties Limited to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Airfield Drive project.
- 1.2 The original bid for £370,993 (£66,823 in 2016/17 and £304,170 in 2017/18) was approved at the 19 September 2016 LEP Board (ref: 116/16 LEP Board minutes) and at the Joint Committee on 23 November 2016 (Delegated Authority report for Noting).
- 1.3 The Change Request was approved by LEP Funding Sub Group via teleconference on the 19 January 2017, at the 23 January 2017 LEP Board meeting (ref: 9/17b LEP Board minutes) and was subsequently approved by Working Group via email on 14 February 2017 and by the Advisory Board at the meeting on the 23 February 2017.
- 1.4 See section 3 in Report Detail for full approval history.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to **amend the existing Grant Agreement with Kay Properties Limited** to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the **Airfield Drive, Aldridge project**. **The change for which approval is requested is the transfer of grant funding allocated in 2016/17 of £66,823 into 2017/18.**

### 3. REPORT DETAIL

#### Airfield Drive, transfer of £66,823 of 2016/17 LGF Grant Award into 2017/18

- 3.1 This investment will deliver industrial employment space to address the local shortage of new, speculative, industrial accommodation developments. The provision of good quality industrial accommodation will improve the Black Country's business competitiveness by providing accommodation that is available for businesses to lease and facilities for new businesses to occupy either through relocation or inward investment.
- 3.2 The Quarter 4 review meeting undertaken by the Programme Management Office with Trebor Developments, leading on the Airfield Drive Project, has confirmed that qualifying spend on the project will not begin until June 2017. Originally the project requested £66,823 be available to claim in 2016/17 from the overall Grant award of £370,993. This is no longer feasible for the applicant to achieve and they have requested the funding be transferred into 2017/18.
- 3.3 The original financial profile was:

	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Original	£66,823	£304,170	£370,993

The revised financial profile is as follows:

	2016/17	2017/18	Total
Revised	£0	£370,993	£370,993

- 3.4 The table below details the breakdown approval history for both the original scheme as well as for this latest Change Request.

	Original	Change Request
Group / Board / Committee	Date of Approval	Date of Approval
Funding Sub Group	Action taken between meetings (ratified at 19/09/2016 LEP Board)	19/01/2017
LEP Board	19/09/2016	23/01/2017
Working Group	11/8/2016 (Via email)	14/02/2017
Advisory Board	22/08/2016	23/02/2017
Joint Committee	Delegated Authority (report for noting on 23/11/2016)	

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This change request is to carry forward the 2016/17 allocation into 2017/18 financial year, with no overall changes to the total project grant allocation. The effect of moving spend between financial years will be managed at a programme-wide level by the Programme Management Office by bringing forward spend on other projects in 2016/17 to compensate.
- 4.2 All costs associated with the project will now form part of the Growth Deal 2017/18 programme.
- 4.3 Grant conditions are already in place to provide a claw-back arrangement linked to an overage provision (a means of sharing in the land value uplift created by the intervention made by the grant up to the maximum level of the original grant) and the necessary security for that clawback arrangement in the form of a legal charge over the property limited appropriately following disposal or practical completion of the development.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreement is in place with the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee. The Grant Agreement with Kay Properties Limited will be varied in writing to record the change recommended by this report.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

**7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting this report

**8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 All relevant consultees including the Executive Director for Economy & Environment, and legal and finance colleagues at Walsall Council have been consulted as part of the development of this report as reflected in the completed consultation sheet.
- 8.2 Prior to this paper being prepared, the proposed changes have been endorsed by both the LEP and City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group and Advisory Board.

### **Background papers**

- Black Country Joint Committee Report – Delegated Authority Decision for Noting – Black Country Local Growth Deal - Airfield Drive Project – 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2016

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Airfield Drive Change Request

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# Request for Change



Document Details			
<b>Change Title</b>	Approval to passport 16/17 funding allocation into 17/18		
<b>Project Name</b>	Airfield Drive	<b>Change Number</b>	CR001
<b>Project Number</b>	PR000053	<b>Date</b>	31/01/2017
<b>Project Manager</b>	Bob Tattrie	<b>Version</b>	1.0
<b>Sponsor</b>	Simon Neilson		

1. Description of proposed change, including reason for change				
<p>The Q4 review meeting with Trebor Developments, leading on the Airfield Drive Project, has confirmed that qualifying spend on the project will not begin until June 2017.</p> <p>Originally the project requested £66,823 be available to claim in 2016/17 from the overall grant award of £370,993.</p> <p>This is no longer a feasible achievement and they have requested that the funding (£66,823) be transferred into 2017/18.</p>				
2. Impact of Change				
<b>2.1 Scope</b>  No Impact				
<b>2.2 Delivery Timeline - specify Milestones affected</b>  No impact to scheme delivery.				
<b>2.3 Costs and cashflow – specify changes to grant funding requested / projected cashflow; in year and whole project</b>				
		<b>16/17 Approved</b>	<b>17/18 Approved</b>	<b>Total Approved</b>
Airfield Drive	Approved	£66,823	£304,170	£370,993
	Revised / Proposed		£370,993	£370,993
	Variance	-£66,823	£66,823	£0

<p><b>2.4 Outputs/Outcomes/Benefits (as identified in Business Case)</b></p> <p>No change</p>
<p><b>3. Implications of not making Change</b></p>
<p>£66,823 of project funding will not be claimed.</p>
<p><b>4. Steps required to Deploy Change</b></p>
<p>Approval by BC LEP and BC Joint Committee.</p>

<p><b>5. Comments and Recommendations from Programme Office</b></p>	
<p>Change endorsed at Q4 Review session.</p>	
<p><b>6. Project Sponsor endorsement of Change</b></p>	
<b>Signed:</b>	
<b>Name / Position:</b>	
<b>Date:</b>	31/07/2016



**Black Country Executive Joint Committee**  
Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

**REPORT OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL ADVISORY BOARD**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal**  
**GOSCOTE LANE CORRIDOR- CHANGE REQUEST**

**Approval to Amend the Existing Grant Agreement**

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**Key Decision:** Yes

**Forward Plan:** Yes

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To request that the Black Country Joint Committee approves the request to bring forward the grant allocation for the Goscote Lane Corridor project for 2017/18 into 2016/17. The amended grant allocation for 2016/17 will be £2,808,000.
- 1.2 This project change request was approved by the LEP Funding Sub Group via a teleconference on the 19<sup>th</sup> January 2017, the LEP Board at the 23<sup>rd</sup> January Board meeting (ref 9/17b LEP Board minutes) and subsequently endorsed by Working Group via email on 14<sup>th</sup> February 2017 and Advisory Board at the meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2017.
- 1.3 See section 3.5 Report Detail for approval history.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amend the existing Grant Agreement with **WHG for £8,820,000 to reflect an amended grant allocation of £2,808,000 in 2016/17. This is a transfer of funding of £426,000 from 2017/18 to 2016/17.**
- 2.2 That the Joint Committee note that there will be no change to the overall LGF intervention rate for this project and indeed the overall value of grant.

### 3. REPORT DETAIL

- 3.1 A summary of the request for change to the existing Grant Agreement for the Goscote Lane Corridor Scheme is below.

**Goscote Lane Corridor Change Request – Acceleration of additional £426,000 from 2017/18 into 2016/17**

- 3.2 This scheme is comprised of three related vacant brownfield sites, totalling 21 hectares, within the Goscote Lane Corridor regeneration area in Blakenall, Walsall. The sites were previously developed for residential uses, predominantly semi-detached social housing, but were subject to a large-scale demolition programme pre-2008 by WHG. This occurred as a result of the 'Decent Homes' assessment and identification of the area 'failing' in the Black Country and Telford Housing Market Renewal Area.

This investment will deliver new housing and supporting environmental and infrastructure improvements that are essential to transforming the long-standing reputation issues associated with the area, and changing the market perceptions.

- 3.3 The financial profile (following the Change request approved in November 2016) was:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
Original	£1,700,000	£2,382,000	£1,424,000	£2,848,000	£466,000	£8,820,000

The revised financial profile is as follows:

	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	Total
Original	£1,700,000	£2,808,000	£998,000	£2,848,000	£466,000	£8,820,000

- 3.4 There will be no change to the overall outputs delivered.
- 3.5 The table below details the breakdown approval history for the Change Request approved in November 2016 and for this latest Change Request.

	Change Request 1	Change Request 2
Group / Board / Committee	Date of Approval	Date of Approval
Funding Sub Group	14/09/2016	19/01/2017
LEP Board	19/09/2016	23/01/2017
Working Group	07/10/2016	14/02/2017 (via email)
Advisory Board	11/11/2016 (Via email)	23/02/2017
Joint Committee	23/11/2016	

**4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 This change request is to bring forward part of the 2017/18 allocation into 2016/17 financial year, with no overall changes to the total project grant allocation. The effect of moving spend between financial years will be managed at a programme-wide level by the Programme Management Office, due to slippage on other projects into 2017/18 which will compensate for this movement.
- 4.2 All the costs associated with this proposal form part of the LGF programme and will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme.
- 4.3 Grant conditions are already in place to provide necessary security in the event of clawback in the form of a legal charge over a bank account specifically set up for this purpose.

**5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreement is signed and in place with the Accountable Body (Walsall Council), and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee. The Grant Agreement with whg will be varied in writing to record the change recommended by this report.

**6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going monitoring of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board and the Joint Committee.

**7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting.

**8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 All relevant consultees including the Executive Director for Economy & Environment, and legal and finance colleagues at Walsall Council have been consulted as part of the development of this report as reflected in the completed consultation sheet.
- 8.2 Prior to this paper being prepared, the proposed changes have been endorsed by both the LEP and City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group and Advisory Board.

**Background papers**

- BC Local Growth Deal Project Approval Recommendation – Goscote Lane Corridor (Housing) Programme - *Joint Committee report 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2014*

**Attachments**

None

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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL WORKING GROUP**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY DECISION FOR NOTING**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal – Bourne Street, Coseley - Site Investigation**

**Grant Agreement Approval for Noting**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>No</b>

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Executive Director for Economy and Environment (Walsall Council) has been awarded Delegated Authority under the Local Growth Deal Programme in order to approve, contract and subsequently award grant agreements by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) for a series of smaller schemes where the total LGF investment (per scheme) does not exceed £371k, and whereby delivery is to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. This will enable an agile response to exploiting Investment in Regeneration opportunities for a series of smaller, low risk schemes that have been identified and recommended to proceed by the Programme Management Office.
- 1.2 The delegation is subject to consultation with the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium, the Accountable Body's Section 151 Officer, the Chair of the Joint Committee and the appropriate Working Group Member. This report sets out a project which has been approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee notes that the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role of Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group has used his Delegated Authority to approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to **Grant Agreement to the value of £63,600 with Real Homes One Limited** to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) elements of the Bourne Street

Coseley Site Investigation project, with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. Approval of this project was achieved at the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 LEP Board meeting.

- 2.2 The need to use delegated authority was identified as the project was time critical and waiting for approval by the Black Country Joint Committee in January would have impacted on deliverability and was not suitable for approval using existing Special Urgency or General Exemption mechanisms.
- 2.3 That the Joint Committee note that the Bourne Street Coseley Site Investigation project will be underwritten by a clawback arrangement with the applicant.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Joint Committee approved on the 17th June 2015 the delegation of authority to the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role as Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group. It was agreed that the delegation would be in consultation with the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium, the Section 151 officer from the Accountable Body, the Head of Regeneration for the appropriate geographical area/s and the Chair of the Joint Committee. The delegations approved were:

- 3.1.1 to deploy a Change Control process and

- 3.1.2 bring forward new smaller projects up to 10% total value of in year grant (i.e. £3.71m).

- 3.2 Provided below is a summary of the Bourne Street Coseley Site Investigation project, following approval under delegated authority:

#### **Bourne Street Coseley - £63,600 in 2016/17**

The initial proposal to develop Bourne Street was made by Ideal Estates Ltd and approved by the LEP Board in July 2016. The applicant later changed to Real Homes One Limited who are now keen to progress a Planning Application with a view to completing the remediation of currently toxic land and delivering c.100 homes on the site.

This project stalled due to failure to secure planning consent. The original application was not secured due to uncertainty as to site conditions. The Site Investigation (SI) proposed will go some way to addressing the issues raised which are not considered to be insurmountable. The works to be undertaken as part of the SI will enable the completion of an intensive ground investigation and the development of a land remediation strategy, enabling a successful planning application for c.100 properties.

Around £750,000 of additional funding may be required to subsequently remediate the site by way of loan or grant, dependent on the results obtained.

LEP Board approval was achieved 19/09/2016. The applicant has agreed to a clawback arrangement with the Council for this funding, and will repay the funding if no asset is delivered on the Site by March 2021.

#### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The costs associated with this development work and the delivery of projects that form part of the LGF will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- 4.2 The use of Delegated Authority by the Chair of the Working Group is designed to reduce potential underspend of LGF grant and provide an agile response to under-utilisation of grant.
- 4.3 The project will be underwritten by a clawback agreement with the applicant. The applicant will repay the Grant in full if no asset is delivered on the site by March 2021.

#### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements have been prepared by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) following the exercising of Delegated Authority and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

#### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going assessment of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

#### **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting

#### **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The LEP Board have approved this project for LGF allocation.

8.2 The Chair of the BCJC, Chief Executive at the Consortium, the appropriate Working Group member and the Section 151 Officer at the Accountable Body have all been consulted in line with the agreed process for use of delegated authority.

8.3 This delegated decision for noting has been reported to the Advisory Board.

### **Background Papers**

- Delegation of Authority to the Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group – *Joint Committee Paper 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015*
- The Black Country Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

### **Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Bourne Street Coseley Site Investigation - Request for Use of Delegated Authority

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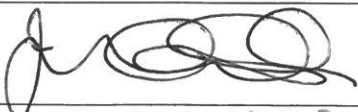
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**Request for Use of Delegated Authority from the  
Black Country Executive Joint Committee  
By the Chair of the Working Group**

**Section A – Project Details**

<b>Project Name</b>	Bourne Street - Site Investigation
<b>Organisation</b>	Real Homes One Ltd
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Amy Leathard / Rachel Goodwin
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	<b>Simon Neilson</b> , Executive Director, Regeneration, Walsall Council
<b>Why is Delegated Authority being requested (delete as applicable)?</b>	B. Project to commence prior to the next BCJC meeting
<b>If A is selected, please explain why this project cannot follow standard the BCJC approval process</b>	N/A
<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPPL68
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£63,600
<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	19 September 2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	ASAP
<b>Outcomes</b>	Site Investigation Report
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

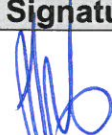
**Section B - Consultation**

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Consulted - Who</b>	<b>Date(s) consulted</b>	<b>Consultee Signature</b>
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(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer		
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair	19.12.16	See over page for signature

			
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member			See DA request attached for Alan Lunt signature

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### Approvals

	Comments	Signature	Date
Simon Neilson, Chair of Working Group			23.12.16

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**Request for Use of Delegated Authority from the  
Black Country Executive Joint Committee  
By the Chair of the Working Group**

**Section A – Project Details**

<b>Project Name</b>	Bourne Street - Site Investigation
<b>Organisation</b>	Real Homes One Ltd
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Amy Leathard / Rachel Goodwin
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	<b>Simon Neilson</b> , Executive Director, Regeneration, Walsall Council
<b>Why is Delegated Authority being requested (delete as applicable)?</b>	B. Project to commence prior to the next BCJC meeting
<b>If A is selected, please explain why this project cannot follow standard the BCJC approval process</b>	N/A
<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPPL68
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£63,600
<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	19 September 2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	ASAP
<b>Outcomes</b>	Site Investigation Report
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

**Section B - Consultation**

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Consulted - Who</b>	<b>Date(s) consulted</b>	<b>Consultee Signature</b>
(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	December 2016	
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer		
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair		

(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member	Alan Lunt		
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## Approvals

	Comments	Signature	Date
Simon Neilson, Chair of Working Group			

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**Request for Use of Delegated Authority from the  
Black Country Executive Joint Committee  
By the Chair of the Working Group**

**Section A – Project Details**

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<b>Organisation</b>	Real Homes One Ltd
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Amy Leathard / Rachel Goodwin
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	<b>Simon Neilson</b> , Executive Director, Regeneration, Walsall Council
<b>Why is Delegated Authority being requested (delete as applicable)?</b>	B. Project to commence prior to the next BCJC meeting
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<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPPL68
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**Section B - Consultation**

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Consulted - Who</b>	<b>Date(s) consulted</b>	<b>Consultee Signature</b>
(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	December 2016	
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer		
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair	19.12.16	

			
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member			

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### Approvals

	Comments	Signature	Date
Simon Neilson, Chair of Working Group			

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**Black Country Executive Joint Committee**  
Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

## **REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL WORKING GROUP**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

### **DELEGATED AUTHORITY DECISION FOR NOTING**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - Dudley Town Centre Sites and Buildings Improvement  
Programme - Change Request**

**Amendment to the Existing Grant Agreement for Noting**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
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<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>No</b>
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## **1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Executive Director for Economy and Environment (Walsall Council) has been awarded Delegated Authority under the Local Growth Deal Programme in order to approve, contract and subsequently award grant agreements by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) for a series of smaller schemes where the total LGF investment (per scheme) does not exceed £371k, and whereby delivery is to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. This will enable an agile response to exploiting Investment in Regeneration opportunities for a series of smaller, low risk schemes that have been identified and recommended to proceed by the Programme Management Office. The delegation also allows changes of up to 10% of the value of total in-year value of the grant.
- 1.2 The delegation is subject to consultation with the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium, the Accountable Body's Section 151 Officer, the Chair of the Joint Committee and the appropriate Working Group Member. This report sets out changes to a scheme which has been approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority.

## **2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee note that the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role of Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group has used his Delegated Authority to approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal

(Walsall Council) to proceed to **amending the existing Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to reflect an increased grant value of £30,000** to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) elements of the Dudley Town Centre Sites and Building Improvement Programme, with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. Approval of this change was achieved at the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 LEP Board meeting.

- 2.2 The need to use delegated authority was identified as the project was time critical and waiting for approval by the Black Country Joint Committee in January would have impacted on deliverability and was not suitable for approval using existing Special Urgency or General Exemption mechanisms.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Joint Committee approved on the 17th June 2015 the delegation of authority to the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role as Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group. It was agreed that the delegation would be in consultation with the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium, the Section 151 officer from the Accountable Body, the Head of Regeneration for the appropriate geographical area/s and the Chair of the Joint Committee. The delegations approved were:

3.1.1 to deploy a Change Control process and

3.1.2 bring forward new smaller projects up to 10% total value of in year grant (i.e. £3.71m).

- 3.2 Provided below is a summary of the change request for the Dudley Town Centre Sites and Buildings Improvement Programme, following approval under delegated authority:

#### **Dudley Town Centre Change Request - Additional Funding of £30,000 in 2016/17**

The Dudley Building and Sites Improvement Programme Phase 1 is proceeding to time and budget and will complete in March 2017. The opportunity has arisen to fund additional project works within the programme. Dudley Council therefore wishes to request an additional £30,000 of funds to support the improvement of 172 High Street in Dudley which is a conference and banqueting suite.

The owners wish to enhance the building and have obtained planning approval for the reinstatement of the shopfront and windows, which will open up the blank elevation and bring new floorspace into use. The project will be completed by March 2017 and a Business Assist output will be secured along with Private Sector leverage of £15,000.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The costs associated with this development work and the delivery of projects that form part of the LGF will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme.

This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

- 4.2 The use of Delegated Authority by the Chair of the Working Group is designed to reduce potential underspend of LGF grant and provide an agile response to under-utilisation of grant.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements have been prepared by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) following the exercising of Delegated Authority and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

## **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going assessment of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting

## **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The LEP Board have approved this project for LGF allocation.
- 8.2 The Chair of the BCJC, Chief Executive at the Consortium, the appropriate Working Group member and the Section 151 Officer at the Accountable Body have all been consulted in line with the agreed process for use of delegated authority.
- 8.3 This delegated decision for noting has been reported to the Advisory Board.

## **Background Papers**

- Delegation of Authority to the Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group – *Joint Committee Paper 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015*

- The Black Country Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Dudley Town Centre - Request for Use of Delegated Authority

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**Request for Use of Delegated Authority from the  
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**Section A – Project Details**

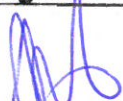
<b>Project Name</b>	Dudley Town Centre - Sites & Buildings Improvement Programme
<b>Organisation</b>	Dudley MBC
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Amy Leathard / Rachel Goodwin
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	Alan Lunt, Strategic Director, Place
<b>Why is Delegated Authority being requested (delete as applicable)?</b>	B. Project to commence prior to the next BCJC meeting
<b>If A is selected, please explain why this project cannot follow standard the BCJC approval process</b>	N/A
<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPPL50
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£30,000
<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	December 2016
<b>Outcomes</b>	BUSINESS ASSIST: x1 PRIVATE SECTOR LEVERAGE: £15,000
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	23 <sup>rd</sup> November 2016

## Section B - Consultation

Officers	Consulted - Who	Date(s) consulted	Consultee Signature
(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer		
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair	4/11/2016	
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member			

Consultee Comments:

## Approvals

	Comments	Signature	Date
Simon Neilson, Chair of Working Group			19.12.16


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**Request for Use of Delegated Authority from the  
Black Country Executive Joint Committee  
By the Chair of the Working Group**

**Section A – Project Details**

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## Section B - Consultation

Officers	Consulted - Who	Date(s) consulted	Consultee Signature
(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	27 <sup>th</sup> October 2016	
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer		
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair		
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member	Alan Lunt	7 <sup>th</sup> November 2016	

### Consultee Comments:

## Approvals

	Comments	Signature	Date
Simon Neilson, Chair of Working Group			

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**Black Country Executive Joint Committee**  
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**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL WORKING GROUP**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY DECISION FOR NOTING**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal - Growing Priority Sectors Individual Project Decisions**

**Approval to move to contracting for Noting**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>No</b>

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Executive Director for Economy and Environment (Walsall Council) has been awarded Delegated Authority under the Local Growth Deal Programme in order to approve, contract and subsequently award grant agreements by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) for a series of smaller schemes where the total LGF investment (per scheme) does not exceed £371k, and whereby delivery is to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. This will enable an agile response to exploiting Investment in Regeneration opportunities for a series of smaller, low risk schemes that have been identified and recommended to proceed by the Programme Management Office.
- 1.2 The delegation is subject to consultation with the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium, the Accountable Body's Section 151 Officer, the Chair of the Joint Committee and the appropriate Working Group Member. This report sets out a number of projects as part of a wider scheme which have been approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee notes that the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role of Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group has used his Delegated Authority to approve **Sandwell Council to move to contracting with Chiriquí Adhesives and Sealant Limited (Walsall) to the value of £80,000** - from

the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m - to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Chiriquí Adhesives and Sealant project, with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. Approval of this project was achieved at the 19<sup>th</sup> September 2016 LEP Board meeting.

- 2.2 The need to use delegated authority was identified as the project was time critical and waiting for approval by the Black Country Joint Committee in November would have impacted on deliverability and was not suitable for approval using existing Special Urgency or General Exemption mechanisms.
- 2.3 That the Joint Committee notes that the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role of Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group has used his Delegated Authority to approve **Sandwell Council to move to contracting with SEMCO External Framing Solutions to the value of £131,172** - from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m - to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) elements of the Growing Priority Sectors SEMCO External Framing Solutions project, with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. Approval of this project was achieved at the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 LEP Board meeting.
- 2.4 That the Joint Committee notes that the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role of Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group has used his Delegated Authority to approve **Sandwell Council to move to contracting with Midland Tool and Design Limited to the value of £100,000** - from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m - to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Midland Tool and Design Limited project, with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. Approval of this project was achieved at the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 LEP Board meeting.
- 2.5 That the Joint Committee notes that the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role of Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group has used his Delegated Authority to approve **Sandwell Council to move to contracting with Ash and Lacy Building Systems to the value of £55,000** - from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m - to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Ash and Lacy Building Systems project, with delivery to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. Approval of this project was achieved at the 24<sup>th</sup> October 2016 LEP Board meeting.
- 2.6 The need to use delegated authority was identified as these projects were time critical and waiting for approval by the Black Country Joint Committee in January would have impacted on deliverability and was not suitable for approval using existing Special Urgency or General Exemption mechanisms.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Joint Committee approved on the 17th June 2015 the delegation of authority to the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role as Chair

of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group. It was agreed that the delegation would be in consultation with the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium, the Section 151 officer from the Accountable Body, the Head of Regeneration for the appropriate geographical area/s and the Chair of the Joint Committee. The delegations approved were:

- 3.1.1 to deploy a Change Control process and
  - 3.1.2 bring forward new smaller projects up to 10% total value of in year grant (i.e. £3.71m).
- 3.2 Provided below is a summary of the individual Growing Priority Sectors projects, following approval under delegated authority:

**Chiriquí Adhesives and Sealants Limited - £80,000 of Growing Priority sectors in 2016/17**

This project is a request for £80,000 of LGF grant support for a £602,000 project to enable creation of an additional plant on the company's existing site to produce a new sealing system. The project involves the creation of an additional plant on the company's existing site to produce a new sealing system in conjunction with Ceracon, based in Germany. There is no ownership of shares in this joint venture between Ceracon and Chiriquí, but there is a contract in place. Essentially, the project has been developed over the last five years, with two Ceracon employees seconded to Chiriquí to develop the product and its market. As a result there hasn't been any procurement by Ceracon of a partner or licensee – it's been more of a collaborative approach using the expertise and facilities of both parties. There is no capacity to produce the sealing system without the purchase and installation of new machinery and necessary upgrades to the existing building. Once completed, Chiriquí forecast £3m of additional product sales over the next three years mainly to the automotive sector.

**SEMCO External Framing Solutions Ltd £131,172 in 2016/17**

A request for £131,172 for a £661,223 project to fund the expansion of the production capacity of a fabrication business which will allow new products to be brought to the market place.

- To leverage £530,061 of Private Sector Funding
- To create 20 new jobs by March 2022
- Project start date Nov 2016.

**Growing Priority Sectors – Midland Tool & Design Ltd £100,000 in 2016/17**

A request for £100,000 for a £340,000 project to fund the purchase and fit-out of new premises to allow the manufacturer of prototype motor core packs to expand into the manufacture of complete wound motor assemblies in response to customer demand.

- Leverage £240,000 of Private Sector Funding
- Create 10 new jobs by March 2018
- Project start date Nov 2016.

#### **Growing Priority Sectors – Ash & Lacy Building Systems Ltd £55,000 in 2016/17**

A request for £55,000 for a £550,000 project to fund the installation of a new Polyester Powder Coating (PPC) facility.

- Leverage £495,000 of Private Sector Funding
- Create 5 new jobs by March 2022
- Project start date Nov 2016.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The costs associated with this development work and the delivery of projects that form part of the LGF will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.
- 4.2 The use of Delegated Authority by the Chair of the Working Group is designed to reduce potential underspend of LGF grant and provide an agile response to under-utilisation of grant.

### **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements have been prepared by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) following the exercising of Delegated Authority and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

### **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going assessment of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

### **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting

## **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The LEP Board have approved this project for LGF allocation.
- 8.2 The Chair of the BCJC, Chief Executive at the Consortium, the appropriate Working Group member and the Section 151 Officer at the Accountable Body have all been consulted in line with the agreed process for use of delegated authority.
- 8.3 This decision for noting has been reported to the Advisory Board.

### **Background Papers**

- Delegation of Authority to the Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group – *Joint Committee Paper 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015*
- The Black Country Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

### **Attachments**

**Attachment 1** - Growing Priority Sectors Chiriquí Adhesives and Sealants Ltd - Request for Use of Delegated Authority

**Attachment 2** - Growing Priority Sectors SEMCO External Framing Solutions - Request for Use of Delegated Authority

**Attachment 3** - Growing Priority Sectors Midland Tool and Design Limited - Request for Use of Delegated Authority

**Attachment 4** - Growing Priority Sectors Ash and Lacy Building Systems - Request for Use of Delegated Authority

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**Request for Use of Delegated Authority from the  
Black Country Executive Joint Committee  
By the Chair of the Working Group**

**Section A – Project Details**

<b>Project Name</b>	Growing Priority Sectors Project Approval– Chemique Adhesives and Sealants Ltd
<b>Organisation</b>	Chemique Adhesives and Sealants Ltd (Walsall)
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Rachel Goodwin / Conrad Parke
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	Simon Neilson, Executive Director for Economy and Environment
<b>Why is Delegated Authority being requested (delete as applicable)?</b>	B. Projects to commence prior to the next BCJC meeting
<b>If A is selected, please explain why this project cannot follow standard the BCJC approval process</b>	N/A
<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPB1
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£80,000
<b>Date of LEP Board approval</b>	19/09/2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	September 2016
<b>Outcomes</b>	JOBS:8
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	23/11/2016

**Section B - Consultation**

Officers	Consulted - Who	Date(s) consulted	Date approval received by Consultees
(a) BCC	Chief Executive	20/09/2016	Sarah Middleton
(b) Finance	CPD	13.10.16	[Signature]

(c) BCJC	<i>CURLOWE</i>	<i>10/10/2016</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member	<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>13/10/16</i>	

**Comments:**
**Approvals**

	Comments	Signature	Date
Chair of Working Group		<i>[Signature]</i>	<i>13/10/16</i>

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(a) BCC	Chief Executive	20/09/2016	<i>Sarah Middleton</i>
(b) Finance			

(c) BCJC	<i>Chel Love</i>	<i>10/10/2016</i>	<i>[Signature]</i>
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**Comments:**

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**Section A – Project Details**

<b>Project Name</b>	Growing Priority Sectors - Simco External Framing Solutions Ltd
<b>Organisation</b>	Simco External Framing Solutions Ltd
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Rachel Goodwin / Conrad Parke
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	Simon Neilson, Executive Director, Regeneration, Walsall Council
<b>Why is Delegated Authority being requested (delete as applicable)?</b>	B. Project to commence prior to the next BCJC meeting
<b>If A is selected, please explain why this project cannot follow standard the BCJC approval process</b>	N/A
<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPB1
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£ 131,172
<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	November 2016
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage £530,061 of Private Sector Funding</li> <li>• Create 20 new jobs by March 2022</li> </ul>
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Section B - Consultation

Officers	Consulted - Who	Date(s) consulted	Consultee Signature
(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	2nd November 2016	<i>Sarah Middleton</i>
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer		
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair		
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member			

**Consultee Comments:**

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Simon Neilson, Chair of Working Group			

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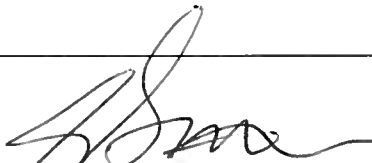
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**Section A – Project Details**

<b>Project Name</b>	Growing Priority Sectors - Simco External Framing Solutions Ltd
<b>Organisation</b>	Simco External Framing Solutions Ltd
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Rachel Goodwin / Conrad Parke
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	<b>Simon Neilson</b> , Executive Director, Regeneration, Walsall Council
<b>Why is Delegated Authority being requested (delete as applicable)?</b>	B. Project to commence prior to the next BCJC meeting
<b>If A is selected, please explain why this project cannot follow standard the BCJC approval process</b>	N/A
<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEP B1
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£ 131,172
<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	November 2016
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage £530,061 of Private Sector Funding</li> <li>• Create 20 new jobs by March 2022</li> </ul>
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Section B - Consultation

Officers	Consulted - Who	Date(s) consulted	Consultee Signature
(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	November 2016	
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer		
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair		
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member	chief Executive Sandwell	15/11/16	

### Consultee Comments:

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## Section B - Consultation

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(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	2nd November 2016	<i>Sarah Middleton</i>
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer	15.11.16	<i>[Signature]</i>
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**Consultee Comments:**

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Simon Neilson, Chair of Working Group		<i>[Signature]</i>	15/11/16

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**Section A – Project Details**

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<b>Organisation</b>	Midland Tool & Design Ltd
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Rachel Goodwin / Conrad Parke
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	<b>Simon Neilson</b> , Executive Director, Regeneration, Walsall Council
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<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPB1
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£100,000
<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	November 2016
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage £240,000 of Private Sector Funding</li> <li>• Create 10 new jobs by March 2018</li> </ul>
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Section B - Consultation

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(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	November 2016	
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Consultee Comments:

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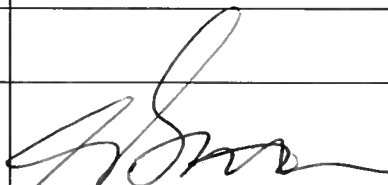
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<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
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<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage £240,000 of Private Sector Funding</li> <li>• Create 10 new jobs by March 2018</li> </ul>
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Section B - Consultation

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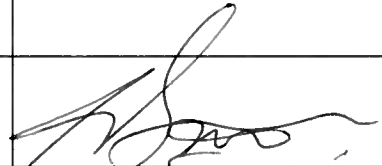
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**Section A – Project Details**

<b>Project Name</b>	Growing Priority Sectors- Ash & Lacy Building Systems Ltd
<b>Organisation</b>	Ash & Lacy Building Systems Ltd
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Rachel Goodwin / Conrad Parke
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	Simon Neilson, Executive Director, Regeneration, Walsall Council
<b>Why is Delegated Authority being requested (delete as applicable)?</b>	B. Project to commence prior to the next BCJC meeting
<b>If A is selected, please explain why this project cannot follow standard the BCJC approval process</b>	N/A
<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPB1
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£55,000
<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	November 2016
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage £495,000 of Private Sector Funding</li> <li>• Create 5 new jobs by March 2022</li> </ul>
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Section B - Consultation

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(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	November 2016	
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(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair		
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member	Chief Executive Sandwell	15/11/16.	

### Consultee Comments:

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**Section A – Project Details**

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<b>If A is selected, please explain why this project cannot follow standard the BCJC approval process</b>	N/A
<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPB1
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£55,000
<b>Date of LEP Board Approval</b>	24 <sup>th</sup> October 2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	November 2016
<b>Outcomes</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Leverage £495,000 of Private Sector Funding</li> <li>• Create 5 new jobs by March 2022</li> </ul>
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25 <sup>th</sup> January 2017

## Section B - Consultation

Officers	Consulted - Who	Date(s) consulted	Consultee Signature
(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	2nd November 2016	<i>Sarah Middleton</i>
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer	15.11.16	<i>[Signature]</i>
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair		
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member			

**Consultee Comments:**

## Approvals

	Comments	Signature	Date
Simon Neilson, Chair of Working Group		<i>[Signature]</i>	15.11.16

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By the Chair of the Working Group**

**Section A – Project Details**

<b>Project Name</b>	Growing Priority Sectors- Ash & Lacy Building Systems Ltd
<b>Organisation</b>	Ash & Lacy Building Systems Ltd
<b>Officer Requesting Use of Delegated Authority</b>	Rachel Goodwin / Conrad Parke
<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	<b>Simon Neilson</b> , Executive Director, Regeneration, Walsall Council
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## Section B - Consultation

Officers	Consulted - Who	Date(s) consulted	Consultee Signature
(a) BCC	Sarah Middleton, Chief Executive	November 2016	
(b) Finance	James Walsh, Section 151 Officer		
(c) BCJC	BCJC Chair		
(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member			

Consultee Comments:

## Approvals

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**Black Country Executive Joint Committee**  
Dudley, Sandwell, Walsall and Wolverhampton

**REPORT OF THE CHAIR OF THE CITY DEAL AND GROWTH DEAL WORKING GROUP**

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE**

**ON**

**8 MARCH 2017**

**DELEGATED AUTHORITY DECISION FOR NOTING**

**Black Country Local Growth Deal – Shidas Lagoon Oldbury - Site Investigation**

**Grant Agreement Approval for Noting**

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<b>Key Decision:</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Forward Plan:</b>	<b>No</b>

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 The Executive Director for Economy and Environment (Walsall Council) has been awarded Delegated Authority under the Local Growth Deal Programme in order to approve, contract and subsequently award grant agreements by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) for a series of smaller schemes where the total LGF investment (per scheme) does not exceed £371k, and whereby delivery is to commence in the 2016/17 financial year. This will enable an agile response to exploiting Investment in Regeneration opportunities for a series of smaller, low risk schemes that have been identified and recommended to proceed by the Programme Management Office.
- 1.2 The delegation is subject to consultation with the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium, the Accountable Body's Section 151 Officer, the Chair of the Joint Committee and the appropriate Working Group Member. This report sets out a project which has been approved by the Executive Director under his delegated authority.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee notes that the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role of Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group has used his Delegated Authority to approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to Grant Agreement **to the value of £81,719 with Stoford Properties Limited** to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) elements of the Shidas Lagoon, Oldbury Site Investigation project, with delivery to commence in the 2016/17

financial year. Approval of this project was achieved at the 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 LEP Board meeting, following endorsement by email in June 2016.

- 2.2 The need to use delegated authority was identified as the project was time critical and waiting for approval by the Black Country Joint Committee in January would have impacted on deliverability and was not suitable for approval using existing Special Urgency or General Exemption mechanisms.
- 2.3 That the Joint Committee notes that the Shidas Lagoon Site Investigation project will be underwritten by a legal charge over the site.

### **3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Joint Committee approved on the 17th June 2015 the delegation of authority to the Executive Director for Economy and Environment within Walsall Council in his role as Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group. It was agreed that the delegation would be in consultation with the Chief Executive of the Black Country Consortium, the Section 151 officer from the Accountable Body, the Head of Regeneration for the appropriate geographical area/s and the Chair of the Joint Committee. The delegations approved were:

- 3.1.1 to deploy a Change Control process and

- 3.1.2 bring forward new smaller projects up to 10% total value of in year grant (i.e. £3.71m).

- 3.2 Provided below is a summary of the Shidas Lagoon, Oldbury Site Investigation project, following approval under delegated authority:

#### **Shidas Lagoon, Oldbury (Site Investigation) - £81,719 in 2016/17**

The opportunity is the speculative development of c10,500m<sup>2</sup> of industrial development in Oldbury that could support over 200 jobs. This grant is required to provide certainty as to site conditions and related costs associated with remediation.

LEP Board approval was achieved on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016 following email endorsement in June 2016. The delay in project approval since LEP Board endorsement in June 2016 is due to the Due Diligence process issues which have now been resolved with the applicant. These were around the security for this Grant – as the applicant was unwilling to enter into a clawback arrangement, a legal charge has now been agreed with the landowner.

### **4. FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 4.1 The costs associated with this development work and the delivery of projects that form part of the LGF will be covered by allocations from government associated with this programme. This includes the use of any interest accrued by the Accountable Body to cover costs associated with the delivery of Accountable Body functions, as approved by its (Walsall Council) Cabinet on the 29<sup>th</sup> October 2014.

- 4.2 The use of Delegated Authority by the Chair of the Working Group is designed to reduce potential underspend of LGF grant and provide an agile response to under-utilisation of grant.
- 4.3 The Shidas Lagoon Site Investigation project will be underwritten through a charge over the site as agreed with the applicant and the landowner.

## **5. LEGAL IMPLICATIONS**

- 5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements have been prepared by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) following the exercising of Delegated Authority and include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together with all terms, conditions, performance measures and sanctions as required by the approvals/conditions received from Government or approved by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

## **6. RISK MANAGEMENT**

- 6.1 Risk is being managed through the on-going assessment of individual projects and their ability to deliver the required spending profiles and outcomes for the programme as required or agreed with Government and set into place by the LEP Board or the Joint Committee.

## **7. EQUALITY IMPLICATIONS**

- 7.1 None at the time of drafting

## **8. CONSULTATION**

- 8.1 The LEP Board have approved this project for LGF allocation.
- 8.2 The Chair of the BCJC, Chief Executive at the Consortium, the appropriate Working Group member and the Section 151 Officer at the Accountable Body have all been consulted in line with the agreed process for use of delegated authority.
- 8.3 This delegated authority decision for noting has been reported to the Advisory Board.

## **Background Papers**

- Delegation of Authority to the Chair of the City Deal and Growth Deal Working Group – *Joint Committee Paper 17<sup>th</sup> June 2015*

- The Black Country Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

## **Attachments**

Attachment 1 - Shidas Lagoon Site Investigation - Request for Use of Delegated Authority

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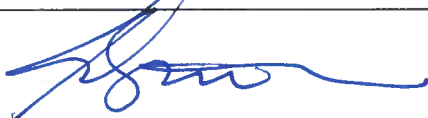
## Request for Use of Delegated Authority from the Black Country Executive Joint Committee By the Chair of the Working Group

### Section A – Project Details

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<b>Responsible Director and Title (inc Local Authority)</b>	Simon Neilson, Executive Director for Economy and Environment
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<b>SEP Priority Number:</b>	SEPPL62
<b>LGF allocated by LEP Board</b>	£81,719
<b>Date of LEP Board approval</b>	13/06/2016
<b>Anticipated start date</b>	ASAP
<b>Outcomes</b>	Site Investigation Report
<b>BCJC meeting date for ratification</b>	25/01/2017

### Section B - Consultation

<b>Officers</b>	<b>Consulted - Who</b>	<b>Date(s) consulted</b>	<b>Date approval received by Consultees</b>
(a) BCC	Chief Executive	December /2016	<i>Sarah Middleton</i>
(b) Finance			
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(d) Sponsoring Working Group Member	chief Executive - Sandwell	22/12/16	
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#### Comments:

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#### Approvals

	Comments	Signature	Date
Chair of Working Group			


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Chair of Working Group			16/12 19/12 16

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