

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

**TO**

**BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE – 3 December 2014**

**BC LOCAL GROWTH DEAL – PROGRAMME INTRODUCTION**

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**Key Decision:** Yes

**Forward Plan:** Yes

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**1. PURPOSE OF REPORT**

- 1.1 To provide an overview and introduction for Joint Committee members prior to their consideration today of the 15 projects that form the content of the Black Country Growth Deal Round 1.

**2. RECOMMENDATIONS**

- 2.1 That the Joint Committee members note this briefing prior to the consideration of the 15 individual projects placed before it for consideration.

**3. REPORT DETAIL**

- 3.1 The Joint Committee received a report on the 17<sup>th</sup> September setting out the background and work so far in the development of the Black Country Growth Deal Round 1, approving a way forward for the 15 projects involved, which will utilise the individual Red Amber Green (RAG) ratings for each project proposal.
- 3.2 To ensure that these RAG ratings are as accurate as possible, each projects business case has been further scrutinised by specialists and officers (October 2014), culminating at the Advisory Board Star Chamber on the 10<sup>th</sup> November 2014, where representatives from 13 of the 15 projects were further questioned by members of the Advisory Board and the Working Group of the Joint Committee. The remaining two projects were scrutinised at the Advisory Board on 19<sup>th</sup> November.
- 3.3 The recommendation of the Advisory Board is based on the RAG ratings agreed through this process, Appendix 1 attached sets out the overall picture for the Round 1 Growth Deal for all 15 projects being considered today by the Joint Committee.

3.4 The 15 reports being considered today follow the criteria proposed by the Advisory Board and set out in section 3.6 for the Joint Committee in its report of the 17<sup>th</sup> September 2014, as follows:

- For projects rated as Green – Approve the movement to contracting by the appointed Accountable Body, to support their delivery from the earliest possible date.
- For projects rated as Amber – Subject to further development and achievement of either an overall Green Rating, or a recommendation from the Advisory Board, to approve the movement to contracting by the appointed Accountable Body, to support their delivery from the earliest possible date.
- For projects rated as Red – Subject to further development and achievement of either an overall Green Rating, or a recommendation from the Advisory Board, to approve the movement to contracting by the appointed Accountable Body, to support their delivery from the earliest possible date
- For projects that slip back from green to amber or amber to red, that the Advisory Board supported by the Working Group, re-appraise the OBC and recommend / implement the appropriate actions to get the projects back on track.
- For the projects comprising the Fab Kit proposal that officers be authorised to enter into any grant agreements/contracts for the purchase of equipment/commissioning of activity as necessary.

3.5 The recommendations in the 15 reports to be considered by the Joint Committee at its meeting today follow the above criteria, with Green rated projects put forward for approval and those rated as Amber including the appropriate recommendations and requests from the Advisory Board.

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

4.1 The costs associated with this development work and the delivery of projects that form part of the LGF round 1 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.

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

5.1 The appropriate Grant Agreements are being prepared by the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) and will include all conditions passed onto the LEP by Government, together will 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

### **Back Ground papers**

The Black Country Strategic Economic Plan (SEP)

Business Cases for each Individual Project

### **Attachments**

**Appendix 1 – Black Country Local Growth Fund- Project Status Review November 2014.**

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### **Appendix 1 – Black Country Local Growth Fund- Project Status Review November 2014.**

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| <b>Black Country Local Growth Fund - Project Risk Status: November 2014</b>   |                                 |  |   |  |                       |
|---|---------------------------------|--|---|--|-----------------------|
| <b>PROJECT NAME</b>   | <b>PROJECT SPONSOR</b>          | <b>PROJECT MANAGEMENT</b>                                  | <b>ECONOMIC OUTPUTS</b>                                   | <b>FUNDING</b>   | <b>OVERALL RATING</b> |
| CABTech Centre for Advanced Building Technologies & Construction Skills   | Dudley College                  |  | Job outputs being clarified.                              |  |                       |
| Advanced Science, Engineering & Technology Centre   | Halesowen College               |  | Employer & Apprentice demand being clarified              |  |                       |
| Goscote Lane Corridor   | Walsall Council                 |  |   |  |                       |
| Growing Priority Sectors  | Sandwell MBC                    |  |   |  |                       |
| Bentley Lane  | Walsall Council                 | Planning risks require further mitigation                  | Subject to scheme and end user details                    | Subject to outcome of site investigations and viability review |                       |
| Bilston Centre  | Wolverhampton CC                |  | Subject to further viability assessments                  | Subject to further viability assessments                       |                       |
| Growing the City Centre Cultural & Business Events Offer  | Wolverhampton CC                |  |   |  |                       |
| Wolverhampton Interchange Commercial Gateway Phase 2  | Wolverhampton CC                |  | Dependent upon developer commitment to timing of delivery | Subject to status of Local Transport Board approved funding    |                       |
| M6 Junction 10  | Walsall Council                 |  |   | Subject to confirmation of Highways Agency funding             |                       |
| Woods Lane  | Sandwell MBC                    | Delivery strategy, including relocations, to be determined | Subject to further viability assessments                  | Subject to further viability assessments                       |                       |
| Science, Technology & Prototyping Centre <sup>(1)</sup>   | University of Wolverhampton     |  |   |  |                       |
| Managing Short Trips <sup>(2)</sup>   | Centro                          |  | Subject to BIS agreement on alternative outputs           | Subject to confirmation of ESIF funding                        |                       |
| Accessing Growth <sup>(3)</sup>   | Black Country Local Authorities |  | To be determined by the Feasibility Study                 |  |                       |
| Elite Centre for Manufacturing Skills <sup>(4)</sup>  | Black Country Consortium        |  | Feasibility study to define outcomes                      |  |                       |
| FAB Kit Programme <sup>(5)</sup>  | Various                         |  |   |  |                       |
| <b>Notes</b>  |                                 |  |   |  |                       |
| <sup>(1)</sup> Revised to Green following Star Chamber and confirmation of University underwriting any shortfalls in finances |                                 |  |   |  |                       |
| <sup>(2)</sup> Economic outputs given red status in July 2014 project review  |                                 |  |   |  |                       |
| <sup>(3)</sup> Economic outputs given red status and funding given amber status in July 2014 project review                   |                                 |  |   |  |                       |
| <sup>(4)</sup> Assessed by Advisory Board in November 2014, Governance arrangements now confirmed.                            |                                 |  |   |  |                       |
| <sup>(5)</sup> Assessed by Advisory Board in November 2014.   |                                 |  |   |  |                       |

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