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Does the report contain confidential or exempt information?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
If relevant, state paragraph number of Schedule 12a, Local Government Act 1972, Part 1	Paragraph 3

1 Purpose

- 1.1 That WYCA, in its role as the Intermediate Body for the SUD part of the ESIF programme, approve the reconciled prioritisation list for SUD included in **Exempt Appendix 1**, undertaken by the Managing Authority (MA), Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), to the available budget.

2 Information

- 2.1 The selection process for SUD, part of the ESIF programme, has been set out in guidance notes issued to the IB by DCLG, as the MA. The detailed process was outlined in the same report.
- 2.2 On 14 December 2017, WYCA considered and approved the advice contained in each of the outline assessments and the prioritised list for the selection of SUD projects.
- 2.3 Following the approval of WYCA's selection decision and advice, the assessments have now been finalised and forwarded to the MA, who have now finalised their assessment (taking account of the advice provided by WYCA).
- 2.4 Only projects that pass both WYCA's and the MA's selection criteria will be invited to submit a full application.
- 2.5 Given the total value of projects that have passed both WYCA's and the MA's selection criteria exceeds the indicative budget attached to the Call the MA, taking into consideration the IB's decision in respect of local strategic fit, have now reconciled the projects to the budget. This list can be found in **Exempt Appendix 1**. Once agreed by the IB the MA will formally notify applicants of the outcome, and

progress those successful projects to the next stage by requesting a full application. The full applications will be presented to WYCA, it is expected, by summer 2018.

5 Financial Implications

- 5.1 DCLG, as MA for the funds, is responsible for the issuing of Funding Agreements, paying projects and general contract management. The funding within the Strategy (€19.95m) is a notional budget and is part of the ESIF ERDF programme. All finances go directly through DCLG's accounts not WYCA's.

6 Legal Implications

- 6.1 The risks of non-compliance with regard to the delegated function of WYCA as an Intermediate Body were previously outlined at the meeting in March 2017.
- 6.2 The information contained in **Exempt Appendix 1** is exempt under Paragraph 3 of Part 1 to Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 as it contains information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information). It is considered that the public interest in maintaining the content of the appendix as exempt outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information as publication could prejudice current and future decision making.

7 Staffing Implications

- 7.1 None.

8 External Consultees

- 8.1 DCLG have been consulted in their role as Managing Authority in the production of this report.

9 Recommendations

- 9.1 That WYCA, in its role as the Intermediate Body for the SUD part of the ESIF programme, approve the reconciled prioritisation list for SUD included in Appendix 1, undertaken by the Managing Authority (MA), Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), to the available budget.

10 Background Documents

None.

11 Appendices

EXEMPT Appendix 1 – Reconciled prioritisation list for SUD