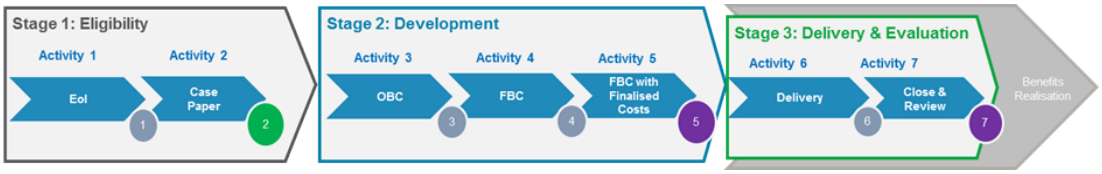
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Appendix 1: Background to the Combined Authority's Assurance Framework

Information

1.1 This report puts forward proposals for the progression of, and funding for, a number of schemes for approval by the Combined Authority, following consideration by the West Yorkshire and York's Investment Committee. The Combined Authority will recall that a three stage approach has been introduced as part of an enhancement to current project management arrangements, with the requirement that all projects subject to minor exceptions as detailed in the assurance framework, will as a minimum, need to formally pass decision point 2 (case paper approval) and 5 (final cost approval) highlighted below, with the requirement to meet the intervening activities deemed on a project by project basis.



1.2 The Programme Appraisal Team (PAT) appraises all schemes at the decision points. The PAT consists of an independent panel of officers representing policy, legal, financial, assurance and delivery. The scheme promoters from our partner councils or partner delivery organisations attend the meeting to introduce the scheme and answer questions from the panel. The terms of reference for the PAT are contained within the Leeds City Region Assurance Framework.

Future assurance and approval route

1.3 The tables for each scheme in the main report outlines the proposed assurance process and corresponding approval route for the scheme. The assurance pathway sets out the decision points which the scheme must progress through and will reflect the scale and complexity of the scheme. The approval route indicates which committees or officers will make both a recommendation and approval of the scheme at each decision point. A

delegated decision can only be made by the Managing Director if this has received prior approval from the Combined Authority.

Tolerances

1.4 In order for the scheme to follow the assurance pathway and approval route that is proposed in this report, it should remain within the tolerances outlined for each scheme. If these tolerances are exceeded the scheme needs to return to Investment Committee and/or the Combined Authority for further consideration.