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Subject: ESIF SUD Update (For Information)

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1 Purpose

1.1 This report asks the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) to:

- note the content of the report and provide comments.

2 Information

2.1 On 6 April 2017, WYCA considered and noted the roles and responsibilities relating to Intermediate Body (IB) status delegated to West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) in order to deliver the SUD Strategy, part of the ESIF Programme.

2.2 The WYCA, at the 29 June 2017 meeting, agreed the SUD Call for it to be published July 2017 by the Managing Authority (MA), Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG).

2.3 The Investment Committee received an update at their meeting held on 6 September 2017.

3 Progress made to date

3.1 The Call was published on Monday 3rd July 2017, earlier than expected. The Call will close on Friday 29th September 2017 for outline applications. It is expected that outline applications will be presented firstly to WYCA's Investment Committee (IC) for consideration and advice by November 2017, and subsequently presented to WYCA for selection December 2017.

- 3.2 A workshop for applicants who are considering applying for the funds was held on the 9th August 2017 in Leeds, led by WYCA officers. The event was well attended with over 37 attendees and which was well received. Information was provided on the nature of the Call focussing on the local development need section, how to apply – with a session from DCLG colleagues focussing on eligibility and compliance.
- 3.3 WYCA as the IB will assess each outline application, after the closing date, for local strategic fit based on the relevant ESI Funds SUD Strategy and will decide which to approve in relation to the relevant Project Selection Criteria. It will seek the advice of the Investment Committee to inform its decision.
- 3.4 In addition WYCA, taking account of advice from the Investment Committee, will be asked to:
- undertake an assessment of the project under the selection criteria delegated to it.
 - provide the Managing Authority with advice on value for money and deliverability under the core selection criteria for which it has an advisory role.
 - in providing this advice WYCA will consult with the Investment Committee – officers from the Research and Intelligence Unit will present draft advice to the to support the provision of the advice
 - take account of the Investment Committee's view before finalising its advice to the Managing Authority.
 - summarise its assessment and advice using a standard template

4 Financial Implications

- 4.1 DCLG, as MA for the funds, are 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 DCLGs accounts not WYCA's.
- 4.2 If WYCA chooses to bid themselves for the funds there will be implications for WYCA in respect of providing match to the value of 50% of any project costs, itself or in partnership with others.

5 Legal Implications

- 5.1 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.
- 5.2 At this stage the main risk still remains to whether there is sufficient interest from stakeholders/bidders to apply for the funds in response to the published Call, If not the funding would remain unspent and potentially could be lost to the City Region.

6 Staffing Implications

- 6.1 Staffing is already in place to undertake the work required under SUD as part of the development and implementation of the wider ESIF Programme. Should WYCA choose to bid for the funds itself staff resources may be required in order to complete the application(s).

7 External Consultees

- 7.1 Advice has been sought from DCLG in their role as Managing Authority.

8 Recommendations

- 8.1 That WYCA notes the content of the report and provide comments.

9 Background Documents

- 9.1 None