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**Report to:** Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP Board)

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## **1 Purpose of this report**

- 1.1 To update the LEP Board on progress made in respect of the 2017 call for projects, including an overview of prioritised schemes and next steps.

## **2 Information**

- 2.1 In summer/autumn 2017 a call for projects was undertaken, overseen by the Combined Authority. The purpose of the call at that time was to establish a 'reserve list' of projects for the Growth deal programme, for which it was highlighted that no funding was currently available. An overview of the process was provided to the 29 November 2017 LEP Board meeting.
- 2.2 70 schemes were submitted for consideration for Growth Deal. At the Combined Authority meeting on 1 February 2018 eleven of these schemes were invited to submit more detailed submissions. The 11 projects are set out in Appendix 1.
- 2.3 11 Promoters were invited to resubmit their expressions of interest in spring 2018, and in doing so, to supply updated information around costs, funding requirements and scheme outcomes. It is noted that the schemes were shortlisted through the call for projects process and approved on the basis of the previously submitted expression of interest, which included project scope definition as well as delivery timescales, funding requirement and forecast scheme benefits. In a number of cases, these parameters have changed since.
- 2.4 Of the 11 submissions, four were initially shortlisted and approved on the basis of the housing outputs presented. These were Halifax Living, Bradford City Centre Heritage Properties, Wakefield City Centre South East and York Central Kickstarter. None of these schemes deliver direct housing outputs, but do act as an enabler to do so. The York scheme is not being progressed at this stage.

- 2.5 A further seven submissions were shortlisted. Two of these were categorised as meeting the requirements of 'growing businesses and supporting innovation' (Institute for high speed rail and systems integration, Leeds City Region enterprise zones programme) and a further three showed evidence of fulfilling the criteria of the 'transport infrastructure' SEP priority area (Leeds inland port, Rail park & ride programme phase 2, CityConnect cycle city ambition programme phase 1 & 2 extension).
- 2.6 The final two submissions, Gateway to Huddersfield and Leeds City Centre Package schemes, are both existing named schemes within the Transport Fund, but with a change to scope and funding requirements. Gateway to Huddersfield currently has an allocation as part of the station gateway programme, from which the phase 1 works would be funded.
- 2.7 The Combined Authority is changing the way that over-programming is being dealt with which may provide opportunities for a number of these new schemes to progress. The Combined Authority is currently considering borrowing arrangements to allow these schemes to be funded, subject to a maximum of £90 million borrowing to meet over-programming commitments, and subject to schemes making sufficient progress through the assurance process and in delivery. There are a number of schemes that do require development funding at this stage if entry into the programme is approved by the Combined Authority on 28 June 2018 and the schemes will be eligible to incur costs. These issues will be updated in a future LEP Board report.

### **3 Financial Implications**

- 3.1 Financial implications are set out within the report.

### **4 Legal Implications**

- 4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

### **5 Staffing Implications**

- 5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

### **6 External Consultees**

- 6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

### **7 Recommendations**

- 7.1 It is recommended that the LEP Board notes the progress made in prioritising schemes for inclusion in the Growth Deal programme, subject to Combined Authority approval.

### **8 Background Documents**

- 8.1 None.

## **9 Appendices**

### **Appendix 1 – Summary of prioritised schemes**