
Report to: Place Panel

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Subject: **One Public Estate (Phase 7) Invitation to Apply**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To inform the Place Panel that the invitation to apply for One Public Estate (OPE) Phase 7 funding was released on the 28 September 2018 with a deadline for submissions by 30 November 2018.
- 1.2 To agree that the Chair of the Place Panel, in liaison with the Leeds City Region Chief Executive Lead for Housing and Planning and the West Yorkshire Combined Authority's Managing Director, approve the final bid application by the OPE partnership by the submission deadline.

2. Information

- 2.1 In total, the funding already awarded to the Combined Authority for OPE Phases 4, 5 and 6 for projects across the City Region totals £1,537,125.
- 2.2 The One Public Estate (OPE) programme is a cross Government partnership between the Cabinet Office, the Local Government Association (LGA) and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG), who are partnering to support the best use of that land and property including unlocking surplus public land for housing. A national fund of circa £15 million revenue is available to support the delivery of collaborative public sector land and property projects – in particular those which enable the release of public land for new homes, the closing date for applications is 30th November.
- 2.3 There is a specific housing focus for this funding round, it has been confirmed that:

“In this application round, we would anticipate that housing delivery will be the significant part of your overall partnership’s application. Whilst some project proposals in your application may not focus on delivering

new homes, full applications without a substantial element of housing delivery are unlikely to be successful.”

2.4 Successful applications will be able to access revenue funding of up to £500,000 towards project delivery and programme management. In most cases, funding will be a combination of grants and sustainable (repayable) grants for activity including:

- Master Planning
- Feasibility studies
- Options appraisals for sites
- Land assembly
- Survey works
- Project and programme management
- Development of business cases for sites/projects
- Valuations work
- Design work
- Specialist expertise and support to projects

2.5 Confirmation of funding awards to successful applicants is expected in February 2019.

3. Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report at this time.

4. Legal Implications

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

5. Staffing Implications

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

6. External Consultees

6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

7. Recommendations

7.1 That the Combined Authority work with OPE district partners that wish to apply for Phase 7 funding and that the Combined Authority co-ordinate the funding application.

7.2 The Chair of the Place Panel, in liaison with the Leeds City Region Chief Executive Lead for Housing and Planning and the Combined Authority's Managing Director, agree the final application for endorsement and submission by the Combined Authority by the submission deadline.

8. Background Documents

None.

9. Appendices

None.