**STOKE-ON-TRENT AND STAFFORDSHIRE**

**LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP**

**COMPANY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING**

**20th June 2019**

**SSLEP USE**

**City and Growth Deal Programme Update**

**Programme Assurance Group Report**

1. **Introduction**

The report covers programme summary and programme finances.

1. **Programme Update**

* City Deal Growth Deal Outcomes Dashboards (Appendix 1)
* Meaford – jobs have now started to be reported: 60 jobs safeguarded and 20 new jobs created in April
* Comms /PR opportunities are being actively sought for those projects which will be at key stages (spade in the ground) and those holding opening events
* CDGD Programme – Project Update Highlight Report (Appendix 2) – provides a status overview of all schemes as at March 2019.

1. **Growth Deal – Finance Update**

**Final spend 2018/19 and future years profile**

* Against the total available resources in 2018/19 of £13.44m the actual spend at the end of the year was £9.85m (73%), an underspend / slippage of £3.59m, which is in line with previous forecasts reported.

**Strategic Programme Management Group (SPMG) - Unallocated Funds**

The meeting of the Strategic Programme Management Group on 22nd May 2019, agreed to recommend a provisional allocation of the unallocated funds to the following schemes: -

* £1.2m to the Stoke Flood Alleviation scheme (against request of £1.4m)
* £0.260m to the Cannock and Silverdale Enterprise Centre extension project (against request of £0.340m)

Contact has been made with each of the scheme promoters to confirm the reduced proposed allocation will not jeopardise the viability of the schemes or the proposed outputs. Both of the schemes have confirmed that the reduced offer will not impact on the viability or expected outputs of the schemes.

1. **Issues and actions escalated from SSLEP Strategic Programme Management Group (SPMG) to SSLEP Executive Board**
   1. **Executive Board is requested to confirm the grant funding** of the schemes detailed above, as recommended by the SPMG:
      * **Stoke Flood Alleviation Scheme**
      * **Cannock and Silverdale Enterprise Centres Extension Project**
2. **Issues and actions escalated from SSLEP Programme Assurance Group to SSLEP Company Executive Board**
   1. **City East Link Road** (CELR) – formerly known as the Hanley Bentilee Link Road. A refreshed business case is due to be brought back to PAG in June for appraisal. This is a large transport project and DfT are working closely with PAG.
   2. **Etruria Valley** – a delivery/spend overview plan was taken to PAG on 28th May. The Project Lead has been asked to bring details to Executive Board, including the expenditure profile for the £15m to be defrayed by March 2021. This comprises of SSLEP and DfT funding. This will enable Board to understand the risks relating to further project slippage reported to the last Board meeting and the timing of decisions relating to the funding need to be understood. **A detailed delivery/ spend plan is to be taken to Executive Board on 20th June.**
   3. **SWAR** - start of work delayed by 3 weeks. Start date is now 1st July, although mobilisation will commence 7th June.
   4. **Spode Church Street Phase 2** – following confirmation of match funding, a revised delivery plan has been submitted 20/05/19. The independent appraiser (JD) assessed the information supplied as consistent and achievable.  RAG status de-escalated to GREEN.
   5. **Churnet Works** – Staffordshire Moorland District Council currently discussing potential scheme changes with the developer and will update the SSLEP Programme Manager in the next couple of weeks on how the scheme will progress.
3. **Review of current pipeline**

The independent appraiser has reviewed and analysed the remaining projects in the pipeline (B and C rated) to determine which could be raised to an A rating and to determine which could be delivered within 12 months/within the LEP timescale. The current pipeline Grant Request of £12.9m would deliver £184m of development with potential for 2,800 jobs and 400 houses. While it is fairly strong pipeline, any new schemes would have to be in place by September to meet spend deadlines. The projects in the pipeline all offer smaller scale jobs/homes outputs than, for example, the Stoke Flood Alleviation Scheme. SSLEP Office has been notified by Cannock Chase District Council of the withdrawal of the Hawks Green depot Scheme which has been offered funding by GBSLEP on 3 June 2019.

1. **Outputs profiling and reporting**

Outputs and delivery profiles of active schemes are currently being reviewed. This now includes figures for houses and jobs being delivered through Regional Growth Fund allocations to SSLEP, which, to date, have not been recorded elsewhere. Work is taking place to ensure a more comprehensive picture is collated and presented to the Executive Board as part of new dashboard reporting currently being developed.

1. **Improvement Plan**

SSLEP agreed to commission a review of developer activity and planning approvals. CLGU are currently looking at outputs and how they can be reported. A review of outputs will need to tie in with this government review. At present there is limited capacity to carry this work. A request has been made to all partners to provide support and this work is ongoing.

**APPENDICES**

Appendix 1 – CDGD Outcomes Dashboard



Appendix 2 - CDGD Programme – Project Update Highlight Report



Appendix 3 – Stoke Flood Alleviation scheme – Business case

  

Appendix 4 – Cannock and Silverdale Enterprise Centres – Business case

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