**SSLEP Executive Board**

**Thursday 9th September 2021**

**Local Growth Deal Q1 2020-21 report**

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March 2021 was the end of the LGF grant spend period; the full amount of grant has been spent. This report provides a summary of the progress of live schemes, outputs and match funding reported during Q1.

**LGF schemes**

A total of 37 schemes were allocated LGF grants; 4 were withdrawn before drawing down any grant and the funding was reallocated to new schemes during the grant period. Of the **33** that received LGF grant:

* **2** schemes were funded for preliminary work only (now being progressed outside LGF timescales). Match funding is being reported
* **10** schemes have totally completed – scheme complete, outputs delivered
* **13** schemes have physically completed but still have some or all outputs to deliver. Outputs and match funding will continue to be reported.
* **8** schemes are still active/in progress. The remaining work will be funded via match funding pledged to the scheme. Progress, outputs and match funding will continue to be reported.

**Wider scheme finances**

**Forecast budget:**

* The total forecast spend on delivery of the schemes receiving LGF grant is: £299 million
* Of which £98.3 million is LGF grant
* Of which **£200.5 million** is match funding

**Actual match spend reported to end of Q1 20/21** *(rounded)***:**

* Total match funding reported to date: **£155 million**
  + Of which public match is: £92 million
  + Of which private match is**: £62 million**
  + Of which 3rd sector match is: £1 million

**Leverage**

This will be calculated annually. To the end of year 2020/21, **£185.37million** private investment is calculated to have been invested in the area as a result of the SSLEP LGF programme of schemes.

**Outputs**

* **Housing units**
  + SSLEP target: 1,000 houses
  + **Houses delivered in Q1: 72**
  + Total housing units achieved by June 2021: **505**
  + % of target achieved to date: 50%
  + Overall forecast total of houses to be delivered as a result of the LGF grant-aided schemes: 6,167
  + % of overall forecast achieved to date: 8.2%
* **Jobs (this includes jobs created and full apprenticeships)**
  + SSLEP target: 5,000 jobs
  + **Jobs delivered in Q1: 8**
  + Jobs achieved by June 2021: **2,871**
  + % of target achieved to date: 58%
  + Overall forecast total of jobs to be created in the area as a result of the grant-aided schemes: **14,686**
  + % of overall forecast achieved to date: 19%

We expect to meet the 1,000 housing units target in year 2022/23 and the 5,000 jobs target in year 2023/24.

**Highlights reported in Q1:**

* Lichfield Park: First end user on site - a company called AX Fleet. Awaiting confirmation of number of employees.

<https://www.logisticsmanager.com/fleet-management-firm-secures-midlands-warehouse/>

* Four Ashes, Bericote: It is anticipated that more jobs may be reported at this site shortly as the LEP has heard that a unit has very recently been let.
* Branston Locks:
  + Commercial site: employment development. A start on site has now been made so there is potential for at least part to be available for occupiers in late 2021 or early 2022.
  + Residential site: progressing well. A third developer has secured planning permission (190 houses)
* Victoria Ground: St Modwen housing development is going well and first customers are due to start moving in at the end of July.
* Cannock & Silverdale Enterprise Centres: Schemes completed, ahead of planned dates. At Cannock the units are already all allocated/let and the first few jobs are already in place.
* SWAR: Railway Bridge reopened on 1st July, slightly earlier than planned. Current planned works completion date brought forward to 23rd September.

2021. July SWAR drone footage link: <https://youtu.be/7R2KqTxQYb>

* Etruria Valley Link Road: progressing well.
* Tamworth Enterprise Quarter: The restaurant lease on the Carnegie Centre has been signed, the tenant is in possession and (private-funded) refurbishment works have started. When this opens (in approximately 6 months), the final few jobs will be delivered.
* I54 Western Extension: Main Earthworks component of project is due for sub completion July 21. As a result of strong project management, value engineering and financial prudency the project is forecast to come in well under the initial project budget of £38.5 million. There are already some very exciting opportunities at an advanced stage of negotiation for interested end users of the site. There are 2 occupiers including Heads of Terms signed with Modern Methods of Manufacturing company, Elements Europe and advanced discussions with another international manufacturing business.

**Key issues raised in Q1**

One scheme is delayed due to issues including legal land transfer and disengagement of design engineers.  SCC Highways and Amey are working with the scheme sponsor to seek resolution.  SPMG are backed by Audit & Finance Committee in continuing to take a supportive role, although mitigations are being considered in the event that resolution is not possible.

**LGF Audit report: recommendations**

One of the few recommendations made was around the LGF schemes on the website and to consider how to add in more detail regarding output targets/ outputs achieved, so that outputs progress is more visible to the public.

Action: The project information (for both LGF and GBF) will be updated during September. A programme of work to redesign the website will follow, in line with the outputs of other wider website redesign work.

**Further details are available for LGF schemes:**

Details for each scheme can be viewed in the appendix:

* **Appendix:** **Q1 2021-22 LGF programme**

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