Report of **SPMG Subgroup Chair** in relation to the meeting of **24 August 2021**

**For:** (I) Information (R) Ratification (D) Discussion and decision

**Key agenda items discussed:**

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| * Appointment of SPMG member (Andrew Barratt)
* Appointment of SPMG Vice-Chair: SPMG Chair to seek nominations
* Getting Building Fund (GBF)
	+ GBF Q1 Summary outputs and progress report.
	+ GBF project: Drakelow. Deallocation approved by MHCLG.
* City Deal/Local Growth Deal (LGD)
	+ LGD Q1 Summary outputs and progress report and Appendix
	+ City Deal progress report:
* Keele Smart Energy Network Distributor
	+ - Stoke on Trent District Heat Network. A Board site visit has been suggested.
* CRF Bid: Net Zero Accelerators - a government decision is awaited.
* Careers & Enterprise Hub: SCC and SoTCC have under-written the match funding requirement; SSLEP CEO has signed and progressed the grant offer letter.
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**Notable changes, successes or risks**

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| * Successes:
	+ LGD outputs:

Housing development is picking up pace (a third developer is due to start on site at Branston Locks and Victoria Ground will report first completions in Q2. Great progress is now also being made on the larger commercial sites which have previously been slow to get going and jobs will be reported as soon as the detail is available. * + LGD match funding: Significant match funding reported in Q1. (£30m private and £9.5m public), some of which was under-reported previously.
* Risks:
	+ LGD risk: there is one delayed scheme. SCC Highways is working with the scheme sponsor to resolve the blockages and progress this scheme.
	+ GBF contingency schemes – some delays in sponsors providing Heads of Terms and completing contracting.
	+ Rising supplier costs and supply delays could impact on projects.
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**Decisions and/or Recommendations**

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| 1. Ratification of Andrew Barratt appointment
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