

Item 8 - Subgroup summary report

Report of **SPMG Subgroup Chair** in relation to the meeting of **1st March 2022**

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

Key agenda items discussed:

- **City Deal – District Heat Network** - Presentation by Andrew Briggs, Strategic Manager Sustainability and Green Infrastructure, SoTCC.
- **Growth Hub**
 - NPS results - Radian Jawadin, Data Manager Analyst, Chambers of Commerce, presented information re the Growth Hub satisfaction survey which has recently gone live.
 - Future of the Growth Hub – paper presented by Nicola Kent, Head of Funding Business & Enterprise, SCC.
- **Getting Building Fund** had £51,748 unallocated funding. 2 schemes which had directly requested additional funding from the LEP were invited to bid for it; one bid was received. A bid from Cleveland Future Skills Hub for £34,000 to mitigate increased construction costs and maximise outputs was approved by SPMG.

Notable changes, successes or risks

Risks:

- **Business Continuity** (Appendix 9.ii)
 - Risk Strategic 27 – maintaining work programme and profile of LEP:
 - Marcomms Officer: recruitment approved by Board as part of the 2022/2023 budget
 - Growth Hub lead – not approved as part of the basic budget - SPMG has made recommendations to Audit & Finance (who are responsible for adjustments to the budget) to underwrite a temporary role
 - Risk – Strategic 28 – loss of key personnel on SSLEP team. 2 further resignations have been received in February:
 - Programme Manager: recruitment for replacement approved by Board as part of the 2022/2023 budget
 - Governance and Project Officer: the role is approved as part of the budget.
- GBF spend slippage – spend is being closely monitored. No further slippage has been reported to SPMG. £34,000 of unallocated funding has now been allocated, £17,748 remains unallocated. The S151 is to look into how this can be recycled for a purpose (e.g. research work).

Decisions and/or Recommendations

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None

APPENDICES

Appdx 9.i SPMG LEP Board Growth Hub Update March 2022

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