Report of **SPMG Subgroup Chair** in relation to the update for the meeting held on **29th November** **2022.**

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

**Key agenda items discussed:**

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| BEIS Bi-Annual Submissions:* SPMG Members were informed that both GBF and LGF BEIS Bi-Annual returns had been submitted. SPMG members were presented with a summary of outputs, match funding and remaining grant allocations that had been reported during Q1&2 22/23 (Attached Appendix X&X).

Key Issues:Getting Building Fund* Project: Cleveland Future Skills Hub, parent company Aspire Housing, have concluded that they will be closing the training arm Achieve Training from October 2022. SPMG Members agreed that the venue location is well placed and could be serviceable to many alternative providers. It was agreed that the SPMG Chair would reach out to Aspire Housing to determine progress to date with regards letting the building. In addition, it was agreed that a partnership meeting with Aspire Housing would be beneficial to try and determine its future use.
* Drakelow Park – See separate paper.

Local Growth Fund* Blythe Park Extension Infrastructure Project awaiting Secretary of State outcome, which is anticipated to be received by end of January 2023.
* Employment figures will not be met overall for the programme. Rationale:

*‘When the original business cases were produced, estimated employment outcomes may have been derived from employment densities guides, which provided sound original estimates at the time, but may have been a little over optimistic in general terms. Therefore, it is unlikely that the original 'total' job output figure will be reached for the overall LGF Programme. Furthermore, in the current climate job outputs are rather uncertain, as long-term employment outcomes depend on end users and it’s not clear who the businesses will be.*Forward Plan* Power Outages – AD agreed to investigate what can be provided to support local businesses in preparation for power outages.

Risk SPMG Chair recommended that xxxxxxx was to move from Amber to Red. (Attached Appendix X) |

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