

Item 10 - Subgroup summary report

Report of **SPMG Subgroup Chair** in relation to the update for the meeting held on **3rd February 2023**.

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

Key agenda items discussed:

Key Issues:

Getting Building Fund

Drakelow Park

- All necessary paperwork for BEIS has been completed, and BEIS have verbally confirmed that the processes followed to date have all been satisfactory.
- Comment provided to the Derbyshire Telegraph – article below.
<https://www.derbytelegraph.co.uk/news/local-news/millions-pounds-public-funding-taken-8094026>
- Communication with MPs.

GBF Reallocation Progress Update

- Open Call went live on Friday 20th January 2023.
- Closing date for Business Case Proforma Submissions midnight 17th February 2023.
- Post 17th February deadline, the next step is the initial one-week appraisal by CEO, S151 Officer and Change Manager of SSLEP, followed by one week in-depth and final appraisals conducted by ITA's – Hatch.
- Appraised and recommended Business Cases presented to SPMG for review and approval
- Executive Board to formalise approval of Business Cases received from SPMG.
- Initial meetings have taken place with Hatch, proposal and costings have now been received.
- Change Request submitted to BEIS / future Change Requests required once new projects are approved.
- SCC legal have been informed of proposed contractual timescales.
- 18 initial project ideas/contacts made to date.

Local Growth Fund

- The Planning Inspectorate allowed the appeal granting the amending of the S278 design to incorporate T junctions in lieu of roundabouts on 13th January 2023.
- Request to contractor to provide Secretary of State evidence and new costings, which the contractor has now provided.
- Contractor requesting upfront payment from the loan to cover partial costs incurred to date. A reminder has been sent, to reiterate previous agreements that legal charges for the changes to the traffic control system to be met by the contractor for LGF and once the GPF £3k cap has been reached.
- Meeting with SCC legal to recap on previous contractual documents, and to determine what requirements are needed for future documentation.
- Meeting with Sub-group with Delegated Authority to be arranged to discuss next steps.

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Risks

Drakelow Park to now be removed as a risk and the overall GBF programme to be move to Amber from Green to mirror the SSLEP finance dashboard (as seen in A&F papers).

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