

Getting Building Fund (GBF) Reallocation Assessments and Prioritisation

Rationale

The Government's Getting Building Fund is intended to be investment in local, shovel-ready infrastructure projects to stimulate jobs and support economic recovery across the country.

This presentation sets out the,

- A) Business Case Summary
- B) SPMG Outcomes
- C) Next steps
- D) Appendix: High Level Criteria & Terms and Conditions & Stage 1&2 Process

Business Case Summary

- £4,984,855 GBF Grant available (£5,050,000 – £65,145 1.29% administration fee).
- 16 Business Cases received.
- Total GBF Grant requested: £25,339,426 : 5 x over subscribed.
- Overall total project costs: £68,167,699.
- 6 projects did not meet Stage 1 of the eligibility criteria and/or did not have substantial evidence.
- 11 projects passed through Stage 1 of the eligibility criteria however,
- 1 project (Greener Buses in Burton) not appraised due to no eligible match funding.
- 10 projects appraised by ITAs Hatch.

Business Case Summary

- Stage 2 In- depth ITA Hatch assessment found
 - 3 projects met all the eligibility criteria and scored well across the ITA in-depth assessments.
 - 2 projects met all the eligibility criteria and scored well across the ITA in-depth assessments but have some considerations.
 - 5 projects were unsatisfactory when reviewed by the ITA in-depth assessment process (needed more support and time).

Business Case Summary

Project Name	Type of Project	District	Total Project Cost	GBF request
Greener Buses in Burton	Transport	East Staffordshire	£4,165,311	£2,430,851
Staffordshire Football Association - Uttoxeter Sports Hub	Outdoor Sports Hub	East Staffordshire	£3,920,400	£750,000
SCC Chatterley Valley West Employment Site Viability Gap Funding	Commercial Floorspace	Newcastle under Lyme	£7,127,000	£1,206,450
Keele University Innovation Centre7 Digital	Innovation Workspace	South Stafford	£956,000	£640,000
South Staffordshire College Rodbaston Green Village Sustainability Centre	Training and Development Centre	South Stafford	£2,538,238	£1,578,224
Wombourne Enterprise Park	Commercial Floorspace	South Stafford	£8,803,029	£1,268,240
Lichfield Leisure Centre	Leisure Centre	South Stafford	£9,894,500	£1,000,000
Stafford Active Travel Scheme Programme	Active Travel	Stafford	£2,931,000	£905,000

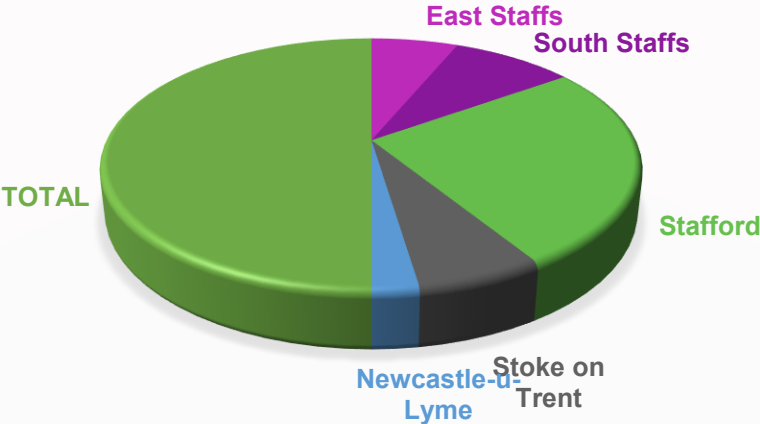
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Eurostar Global Electronics Ltd	Commercial Floorspace	Stafford	£1,950,000	£750,000
GivEnergy	Commercial Floorspace	Stafford	£3,605,980	£1,802,990
SSIoT - Business Incubation Hubs	Business Incubation Hub	Stafford	£6,851,465	£4,772,000
HEX Group Project Storm	High-Value Manufacturing	Stafford	£8,902,439	£4,950,000
Gamepad Rentals	Housing Renovation	Stoke-on-Trent	£1,221,000	Unclear
Lyons Grove Development	Housing Renovation	Stoke-on-Trent	£2,265,253	£480,000
SoT College - Digital Skills for Growth	Training and Development Centre	Stoke-on-Trent	£1,536,084	£1,305,671
Stoke on Trent Spode Works Digital Enterprise Hub	Commercial Floorspace	Stoke-on-Trent	£1,500,000	£1,500,000
TOTAL			£68,167,699	£25,339,426

Business Case Summary

District	Amount
East Staffs	£3,180,851
South Staffs	£4,486,464
Stafford	£13,179,990
Stoke on Trent	£3,285,671
Newcastle-u-Lyme	£1,206,450
TOTAL	£25,339,426

TOTAL AMOUNT OF GBF APPLIED FOR



Outcomes 5 selected projects

Project Name	District	Total Project Cost	GBF request	Grant Allocation	Grant to Match Ratio (Minimum 33% Match funding required)
Keele University Innovation Centre7 Digital	Stafford	£956,000	£640,000	£640,000	66.9% Grant to Match Funding 33.05%
Stafford Active Travel Scheme Programme	Stafford	£2,931,000	£905,000	£905,000	31% Grant to 69% Match Funding
South Staffordshire College Rodbaston Green Village Sustainability Centre	South Staffordshire	£2,538,238	£1,578,224	£1,578,224	62.17% Grant to 37.8% Match funding
SCC Chatterley Valley West Employment Site Viability Gap Funding	Newcastle under Lyme	£7,127,000	£1,206,450	£1,206,450	17% Grant to 83% Match Funding
TOTAL				£4,329,674	
Wombourne Enterprise Park	South Staffordshire	£8,803,029	£1,268,240	£655,181	7.44% Grant to 92.5% Match Funding (Based on the proposed allocation, opposed to requested amount)
Overall		£22,355,267	£5,597,914	£4,984,855	

Next Steps

- Executive Board to ratify SPMG decisions.
- In discussions with applicants about funding, key clarification issues raised in the appraisal reports should be further clarified. For example, some cross cutting issues include:
 - Any cost overruns will be covered by the applicant
 - Any potential issues on VAT recovery
 - State Aid/Subsidy Control compliance
 - All key planning or other approvals are in place
 - Ensuring Monitoring & Evaluation arrangements meet GBF/LEP requirements.
- Subject to the above, complete contracting with applicants
- For Chatterley Valley West Employment Site and Wombourne Enterprise Park funding is approved subject to requesting that future investment offset by the GBF Grant is to meet with SSLEPs strategic priorities.

Appendix

High Level Criteria

The selection process will be based on the following criteria:

- Economic and other benefits. Demonstrate that there is a clear rationale for the interventions linked with delivering the strategic objectives identified in SSLEP's Strategic Economic Plan - [Regeneris Report \(stokestaffslep.org.uk\)](http://stokestaffslep.org.uk).
- Demonstrate that the proposal has clearly defined inputs, activities, outputs and anticipated outcomes, which are additional, ensuring that factors such as displacement and deadweight have been taken into account where appropriate.
- Set out the benefits of the intervention and demonstrate how they will be delivered, exceed the costs and represent value for money.
- Demonstrate that deliverability and risks have been appropriately considered and if there are likely to be clear mitigations for those.
- Demonstrate a robust governance and project management environment.
- Narrowing the economic gaps across the SSLEP geography.
- Consideration of the proportionality of current spend across the LEP geography

Terms and Conditions

In Stoke-on-Trent and Staffordshire, the funded projects are expected to deliver

- Support for businesses through new innovation and enterprise space,
- Investment in digital skills for young people, and
- Improvements to transport infrastructure which will unlock new housing sites and enable increased active travel, helping to facilitate a green recovery.

Outputs:

- Jobs created
- Construction jobs created
- Jobs safeguarded
- Commercial / Research & Development / Training floor space delivered
- New learners / New Businesses assisted
- Roads/Cycle Lanes/Walkways unlocked (km)

Stage 1 - Eligibility - Terms and Conditions

- A clear description and a rationale for the proposed project has been provided, particularly regarding what the need for LEP funding is and how investment will contribute to the growth of the SSLEP economy.
- Submissions are for capital projects with a minimum GBF Grant funding request of £500,000.
- Can evidence
 - A) That a significant allocation of the GBF monies received can be spent in Q1 2023/2024,
 - B) The GBF Grant part of the funding mix can be fully committed and defrayed by the end of 23/24,
 - C) A funding mix of at least 33% match funding.
- There are expected and realistic milestones for planning, clearance, construction, and operation – to ensure the project can be delivered by March 2025.

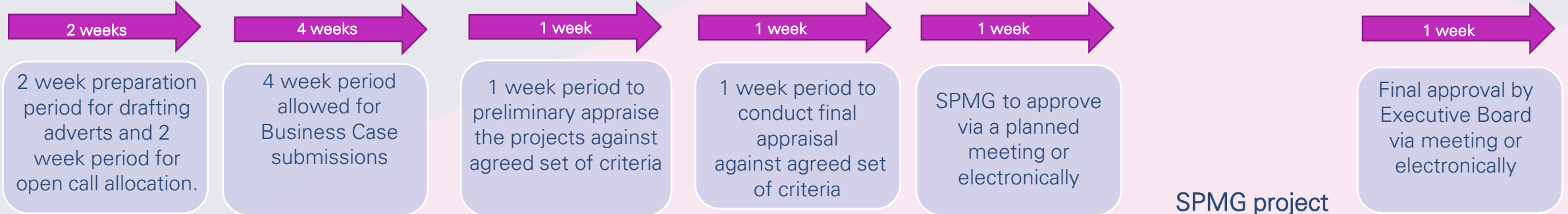
Stage 2 - ITA In-Depth Assessment

- The ITA(s) will appraise and validate each Business Case approved from the initial assessment, using the Business Case Assessment form.
- They will provide assurance that they are in conformance with the requirements
 - set out within the Open Call,
 - Business Case Proforma,
 - meet and can deliver the Getting Building fund criteria,
 - SSLEP's strategic objectives/priorities,
 - satisfied the business case requirements set out in our local assurance framework and follow The Green Book (2022) guidance.
- They will also recommend a prioritised list of projects based on their score (highest first) against the criteria as described above.

Process

The overall process will be overseen by SPMG as a Delegated Authority Sub Group for with the final project approval decided by the Executive Board.

TIMELINE: 10 WEEKS



2 week preparation period for drafting adverts and 2 week period for open call allocation.

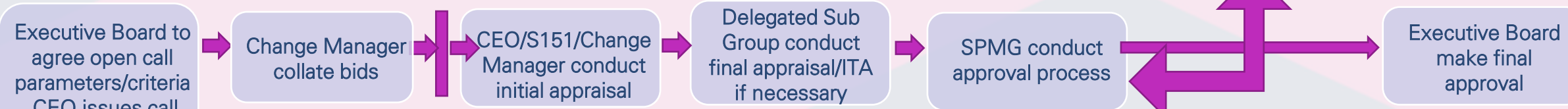
4 week period allowed for Business Case submissions

1 week period to preliminary appraise the projects against agreed set of criteria

1 week period to conduct final appraisal against agreed set of criteria

SPMG to approve via a planned meeting or electronically

Final approval by Executive Board via meeting or electronically



Deadline for submission

SPMG project presentations

Notes →

Refine and agree the methods for issuing the call

Preliminary check to ensure criteria is met. Seek further information if required

For each project the Delegated Subgroup will produce:

- Appraisal Outcome Summary report including prioritisation and scoring

SPMG to

- Consider call responses.
- Agrees which projects to approve/refuse
- Provides feedback

If the combined quality of projects exceeds the available funding it may be necessary to ask short listed projects to present to SPMG.

SPMG reports on the approved programme to the Executive Board: Detailing which projects provide best value for money and meets objectives, outputs and criteria