

WEST OF ENGLAND JOINT COMMITTEE
14 JUNE 2019

REPORT SUMMARY SHEET

LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP ONE FRONT DOOR FUNDING PROGRAMME

Purpose

To consider business cases for schemes seeking approval for funding through the Local Growth and Economic Development Funds and to update on other externally funded grant programmes.

Summary

This report includes the following key information:

- Consideration of the following Business Cases seeking funding through the Local Growth Fund (LGF):
 - STEAM Centre at SGS WISE Campus,
 - Weston College Animal Management Education Centre.
 - Bath College Digital and Creative Innovation Centre.
 - Keynsham Town Centre Improvement - Keynsham High Street.
 - Urban Multi Wireless Broadband and IoT Testing for Local Authority and Industrial Applications (Umbrella).
 - Reimagining and Redeveloping the Old Magistrates Court.
 - Watershed Development project.
- Consideration of the following Business Cases seeking funding through the Economic Development Fund (EDF):
 - Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension
 - MetroWest Phase 2
- Change requests submitted for schemes within the current programme
- An update on further grant awards received for the South West Energy Hub, Low Carbon Challenge Fund, WIDJET and the Creative Scale Up programme.

Recommendations

Members of the Joint Committee are asked to:

1. Approve the reallocation of the Quantum Technologies Innovation Centre project from the LGF programme to the emerging UK Shared Prosperity Fund.
2. Approve the Full Business Case for the STEAM Centre at WISE Campus Stoke Gifford subject to securing planning consent and design to RIBA stage 3 with the submission of an updated cost plan.
3. Approve the Full Business Case for the Animal Management Education Centre.
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6. Approve the Full Business Case for the Umbrella project subject to confirmation of the State Aid position and the supply of a detailed programme, specification of the works and cost plan.
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10. Approve the Outline Business Case for MetroWest Phase 2 noting the need to enhance the BCR to at least 2 by FBC stage.
11. Approve the change requests for the LGF schemes set out in Appendix 1.
12. Approve the change requests for the EDF and RIF schemes set out in Appendix 2.
13. That the Committee note the additional funding awarded to WECA for the South West Energy Hub and delegate approval of the individual Rural Community Energy Fund awards to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the South West LEP Chief Executives.
14. That the Committee endorses the Low Carbon Challenge Fund and delegates approval for grant making to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives and informed by the advice of the advisory panel.
15. That the Committee endorses the WIDGET programme and delegates approval for grant making to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives.
16. That the Committee endorses the Creative Scale Up programme and, if a grant process is used to select intermediary delivery partners, delegates approval to make grants to the selected partners to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives.

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Purpose of Report

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- Watershed Development project
- Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension
- MetroWest Phase 2

Background

2.1 A consistent approach has been developed for the identification, development, approval and change management for schemes seeking funding through the LEP Local Growth, Economic Development and Revolving Infrastructure Funds. This involves recommendations being made by an Investment Panel comprising the Chief Executives of the Local Enterprise Partnership and the four local authorities, oversight by the LEP Board and formal decision making by the West of England Joint Committee. For schemes within the Economic Development Fund advice is provided by the four Council S151 officers as part of business case approval decision. The consistent approach seeks to ensure efficiency in scheme business case development and reporting, and the opportunity to blend schemes across different funding streams to support delivery or to ensure grant spend meets allocations.

2.2 It is recognised that transparency, accountability and ensuring value for money must be central to these arrangements, and Government have set out their expectations in this regard in the 'National Local Growth Assurance Framework' guidance. In line with the delegation made at the Joint Committee in February 2019, the West of England assurance framework has been revised to reflect this new guidance to embrace both LEP and WECA Single Pot funding.

Local Growth Fund (LGF)

- 3.1 The total West of England Growth Deal capital funding allocation across rounds 1-3 is £202.1m. The current profile of spend across the schemes within the programme is shown in Figure 1. There is an expectation that all LGF projects are substantially complete by March 2021 (the end of the LGF funding period) and a requirement that all grant funds are spent by this date. To help mitigate against slippage, an ongoing review is undertaken of all projects which are either yet to fully approved or have programme allocations. Schemes in this position have been asked to accelerate the development of business cases and provide credible delivery plans for spend and completion by March 2021. Overprogramming currently stands some £25m not including the Bath College Digital and Creative Innovation Centre.
- 3.2 As part of the review of the deliverability of projects by the LGF end date, it has become clear that the Quantum Technologies Innovation Centre is challenged to make sufficient progress to utilise the currently allocated £14.97m of grant funding. It is therefore proposed that this scheme is reallocated out of the LGF and instead forms an early call on the emerging UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF). However, given the form, timing and amount of funding through UKSPF cannot be guaranteed at this time this would need to be underwritten by the Investment Fund, and this is recommended to the WECA Committee. This would reduce LGF overprogramming to some £10m.

Full Business Cases

- 3.3 Following the award of LGF Programme Entry at the Joint Committee meeting in February, three skills capital projects have progressed to the submission of a Second Stage Application (Full Business Case). The work to progress the projects to this stage has been supported through the West of England Investment Fund.
- **STEAM Centre at WISE Campus Stoke Gifford** – this project would see the delivery of a new 1,800m² Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths Centre at South Gloucestershire and Stroud College's WISE campus. This would create a hub, bringing Cyber and Digital Media and a wide range of A Levels from the A38 Filton site, which would in turn enable the A38 Filton campus to accommodate increased provision.

This is a £7.386m project with £6.401m sought from the LGF. Given completion is forecast at the end of the LGF funding period it is proposed that the deliverability of the project is reviewed when planning consent has been secured and detailed design completed prior to funding award. The scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 3 and the FBC has been published on the WECA [website](#).

Recommendation to approve the Full Business Case for the STEAM Centre at WISE Campus Stoke Gifford subject to securing planning consent and design to RIBA stage 3 with the submission of an updated cost plan.

- **Animal Management Education Centre** – Weston College is proposing a new 398m² modular building to create a high quality Education Centre in partnership with the Puxton Park visitor centre in Hewish. This partnership would deliver a learning facility which would meet increased demand and provide a sustainable future for high quality education and skills programmes aimed at meeting the needs of employers in the visitor economy and land-based sectors in the West of England.

Local Growth Fund Schemes LGF Spend £000s	15/16	16/17	17/18		18/19	19/20	20/21	Total
	Grant Claim		16/17 Claim	17/18 Claim	Current Profile			
Transport Schemes								
MetroWest Phase 2 Development Costs	140	351	53	1,046	1,610	-	-	3,200
MetroWest Phase 1 Development Costs	3,304	3,291	251	2,001	1,750	450	-	11,047
MetroWest Phase 1 Implementation	-	-	-	-	-	16,274	-	16,274
Sustainable Transport Package 15/16	2,898	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,898
Sustainable Transport Package 16/17	-	1,934	71	1,678	36	-	-	3,719
Sustainable Transport Package 17/18	-	-	-	971	1,544	2,075	-	4,590
Sustainable Transport Package/Pinch Points programme	-	-	-	-	-	377	2,889	3,266
Pinch Points - West Wick Rbt and North South Link	-	1,783	-	-	3,163	6,365	-	11,311
Pinch Points - Aztec West Roundabout	-	1,833	269	-	-	-	-	2,102
Portway Station	-	-	-	-	-	200	353	553
Pinch Points - A4018 Corridor Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	625	1,000	1,625
Weston-super-Mare Town Centre Enhancement	-	-	-	-	400	1,100	-	1,500
A39 Bences Garage Junction Improvement	-	-	-	-	700	-	-	700
Weston-super-Mare: Sustainable Travel Improvements	-	-	-	-	55	665	1,030	1,750
Bromley Heath Viaduct Improvement Scheme	-	-	-	-	2,800	-	-	2,800
Keynsham Town Centre Improvements	-	-	-	-	-	544	956	1,500
South Glos Sustainable Transpoprt Package	-	-	-	-	-	1,632	1,163	2,795
FE Skills Capital Schemes								
Weston College Future Technology Centre	2,743	-	-	-	-	-	-	2,743
Law and Professional Services Academy	5,563	13,829	-	-	-	-	-	19,392
Advanced Engineering Centre Extension	-	784	948	2,226	45	-	-	4,003
B&NES Construction Skills Centre	-	1,419	1,313	-	-	-	-	2,732
North Somerset Enterprise Technical College	-	2,177	-	-	-	-	-	2,177
Increasing the capacity of the BEMA Training Centre	-	-	-	13	-	62	-	75
Weston College Construction Skills Centre	-	-	-	-	3,271	-	-	3,271
Weston College Health and Active Living Skills Centre	-	-	-	-	5,359	-	-	5,359
South Bristol Construction Centre	-	-	-	-	-	2,070	3,930	6,000
Bath College Catering & Hospitality Training Hub	-	-	-	-	-	2,099	-	2,099
SGS STEAM Centre	-	-	-	-	-	1,209	5,192	6,401
Weston College Animal Management Training Centre	-	-	-	-	-	990	-	990
Infrastructure Schemes								
Aerospace Bristol	-	1,700	-	-	-	-	-	1,700
Superfast Broadband SGC	-	714	-	556	40	-	-	1,310
Superfast Broadband CDS	-	-	-	-	-	400	-	400
B&B Cultural Destinations Media Bank	-	14	-	87	46	-	-	147
Town Square, Weston-super-Mare	-	1,227	61	1,554	6	131	-	2,979
Saw Close Public Realm, Bath	-	112	-	-	-	-	-	112
Bath Quays Bridge	-	355	-	-	69	1,196	249	1,869
Cattle Market Road Demolition Works	-	278	95	502	-	-	-	875
Colston Hall Phase 2 Transformation Project	-	-	-	1,000	1,000	3,000	3,405	8,405
Bath Quays South Phase 1a Enabling Infrastructure	-	-	-	731	3,836	4,228	-	8,795
Bath Quays North Phase 1b Relocation of Coach Park	-	-	-	93	1,396	-	-	1,489
Bath Quays North Initial Development Works	-	-	-	-	-	6,594	-	6,594
Purchase of Land at Bristol and Bath Science Park	-	-	-	-	4,909	856	-	5,765
Innovation Schemes								
Bristol Institute of Technology, BRL and UEZ	1,952	2,548	-	-	-	-	-	4,500
Health Technology Hub	-	1,036	103	191	-	-	-	1,330
FoodWorks ^{SW} Innovation Centre	-	-	-	-	2,000	9,844	-	11,844
NTProStruct	-	2,374	1,484	-	-	-	-	3,858
Composites Bridge Construction	-	-	-	735	101	1,130	3,084	5,050
OPCR - Sensor Factory, CAV & KWMC	-	-	-	-	1,073	1,792	475	3,340
Umbrella	-	-	-	-	-	2,100	1,500	3,600
IAAPS	-	-	-	-	6,000	4,000	-	10,000
Bristol VR Lab	-	-	-	160	53	82	-	295
Quantum Technologies Innovation Centre	-	-	-	-	-	9,800	5,174	14,974
Grow-On2 Temporary Building	-	-	-	-	-	1,004	-	1,004
	16,600	37,759	4,648	13,544	41,262	82,894	30,400	227,107
Total Funds Available	16,600		42,407	49,832	81,658	13,575	34,312	
Change from allocation	0		0	-36,288	-40,396	69,319	-3,912	25,011

Subject to approval of change request
 Project completed

Subject to approval of business case

Figure 1 – Current LGF Spend Profile

This is a £1.421m project with £990,000 sought from the LGF. The scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 4 and the FBC has been published on the WECA [website](#).

Recommendation to approve the Full Business Case for the Animal Management Education Centre.

- **Digital and Creative Innovation Centre** – Bath College are proposing to deliver a new 2,002m² Innovation Centre as part of the current city centre campus to create opportunities for growth within the Bath Enterprise Zone. The facility will offer digital and creative focused learning and innovation and provide a bridge between FE & HE incubation and start-up support systems for micro businesses.

This is a £12.125m project with £9.065m sought from the LGF. The scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 5 and the FBC has been published on the WECA [website](#). The project forecasts completion in June 2021 and grant spend of £520,000 in 21/22 outside the LGF funding period.

Recommendation to review the funding position for the Digital and Creative Innovation centre when planning consent and design to RIBA stage 3 has been achieved noting that should the scheme progress the tail of funding would need to be underwritten by B&NES EDF allocation.

- 3.4 Following approval of the Outline Business Case at the Joint Committee meeting in September 2018, an FBC has been submitted by Bath and North East Somerset Council for the Keynsham High Street project.

- **Keynsham Town Centre Improvement - Keynsham High Street** – it is planned to deliver public realm improvements and enhance the accessibility of Keynsham High Street by alternative modes in order to revitalise the town centre and improve business turnover and employment. The project aims to increase both the attractiveness and accessibility of the High Street through upgrading footway materials, new and coordinated street furniture and provision of pedestrian, cycle and bus friendly infrastructure.

This is a £1.581m project with £1.5m sought from the LGF. The scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 6 and the FBC has been published on the WECA [website](#).

Recommendation to approve the Full Business Case for the Keynsham High Street scheme.

- 3.5 An FBC has been submitted by South Gloucestershire Council which seeks to draw on the remaining programme allocation for the Open Programmable City Region identified through the original Growth Deal.

- **Urban Multi Wireless Broadband and IoT Testing for Local Authority and Industrial Applications (Umbrella)** - the project seeks to create a Centre of Excellence for ‘open’ research and innovation into future Industrial Internet of Things (IIoT) linking key academic, research and economic locations such as National Composites Centre, Bristol & Bath Science Park, and the UWE Bristol Robotics Lab and FutureSpace. The project will deliver an open testbed platform which links, through fibre and wireless connectivity, to multiple testbeds and platforms across different sites.

This is a £4.885m project with £3.6m sought from the LGF. The scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 7 and the FBC has been published on the WECA [website](#).

Recommendation to approve the Full Business Case for the Umbrella project subject to confirmation of the State Aid position and the supply of a detailed programme, specification of the works and cost plan.

Outline Business Cases for Schemes Outside the Programme

3.6 There is the opportunity for scheme promoters to submit Outline Business Cases seeking entry to the programme. Given the LGF is currently fully subscribed it is recommended these schemes are added to the pipeline, but not the programme, and could be considered further should funds become available.

- **Reimagining and Redeveloping the Old Magistrates Court** – the OBC submitted by the Creative Youth Network seeks £1m towards the £6.5m cost of redeveloping the old Bristol Magistrates Court. The project presents dual aims to provide high quality workspace for the creative sector and to offer skills training and access to work in the creative sector focussed on people from disadvantaged backgrounds. The project would deliver 1,115m² of workspace for creative enterprises which could accommodate 110 workers. The OBC is published on the WECA [website](#).

Recommendation that the Reimagining and Redeveloping the Old Magistrates Court project is added to the LGF pipeline should funding become available.

- **Watershed Development** – the OBC submitted by the Watershed Arts Trust Ltd seeks £5.5m towards the redevelopment of the Watershed to meet growing demand and to increase capacity across all areas if delivery. A phased approach is proposed the first remodelling the existing ground floor and the second a new build to provide studios for start ups and micro enterprises together with the refurbishment of the first floor. It is forecast this could create 165 jobs. The OBC is published on the WECA [website](#).

Recommendation that the Watershed Development project is added to the LGF pipeline should funding become available.

Economic Development Fund (EDF)

4.1 An FBC for the Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension has been submitted by South Gloucestershire Council. The scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 8 and the FBC has been published on the [WECA website](#).

- **Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension** – this project will provide an extension to the current MetroBus network and link Bristol Parkway Station and The Mall Bus Station via the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) re-development site at the former Filton Airfield, the Horizon 38 development site, Gipsy Patch Lane and Hatchet Road. The scheme includes the replacement of the existing railway bridge on Gipsy Patch Lane with a new wider bridge to relieve the existing pinch point, the extension and signalisation of the San Andreas roundabout, and bus lanes on Gipsy Patch Lane. Metrobus stops and walking/cycling infrastructure are also included.

This is a £56.9m project with £35m sought from the EDF and £21.9m sought from the Investment Fund.

Recommendation to approve the Full Business Case for the Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension and award of EDF funding subject to supply of a detailed elemental cost breakdown for the highway works and securing all necessary land.

- 4.2 An OBC for MetroWest Phase 2 has been submitted by South Gloucestershire Council on behalf of the West of England. The scheme Assessment Summary Table is shown in Appendix 9 and the FBC has been published on the WECA website ([business case](#) and [appendices](#)).

- **MetroWest Phase 2** – this scheme includes delivery of infrastructure and passenger train operations to provide:
 - A half hourly service for Yate local station on the Bristol Parkway to Gloucester line, through the provision of an additional service between Bristol Parkway and Yate.
 - An hourly service for a reopened Henbury Line with new stations at Henbury and North Filton. A new station will also be constructed at Ashley Down, on the existing Filton Bank (between Filton Abbey Wood and Stapleton Road).

This is a £48.225m project with £36.5m of funding sought through the devolved 10 year allocation of major schemes funding awarded through the City Deal. Until this funding is confirmed it is assumed this is underwritten by the EDF. A total of £11.063m is also sought from the Investment Fund of which £5.125m is capital and £5.938m is revenue. Of this £3.519m is sought from the Investment Fund to progress to FBC.

The current transport Benefit to Cost Ratio (BCR) for the scheme is 1.884 whilst the expectation is for a BCR of at least 2. It is noted that there are a number of options to improve the BCR by FBC stage from the information presented. For example, an element of descoping could provide a BCR which meets the required threshold.

Recommendation to approve the Outline Business Case for MetroWest Phase 2 noting the need to enhance the BCR to at least 2 by FBC stage.

Changes to Schemes within the Programme

- 5.1 The change requests submitted which are recommended for approval by the Committee across the LGF, EDF and RIF are set out in Appendix 1 and 2.

Other Externally Funded Grant Programmes

- 6.1 There have been recent developments and awards of funding for four funding programmes which will, or may, involve the issuing of grants. Updates on these programmes, for which funding totals over £6m, are provided in turn below and regular reports on progress will be provided to the Committee.

1. **South West Energy Hub**

- 6.2 In 2018 the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy (BEIS) provided £1.03m funding to the LEP to establish the SW Energy Hub, a partnership of 7 Local Enterprise Partnerships in the wider south west region with WECA acting as accountable body.
- 6.3 The South West Energy Hub is one of five local energy hubs that have been established across England. Each hub has a self-determined role suited to the region in which it

operates, so that activities reflect local contexts, supporting delivery of priorities identified by LEP energy strategies. All have the over-arching aims of bringing investment into energy infrastructure projects, making strategic linkages between local institutions and sharing best practice through knowledge exchange across the five Hub regions

- 6.4 The intention is that projects supported by the Hub should lead to investment in energy assets, technologies and infrastructure, which result in a direct improvement in the way that energy is used, supplied or distributed. In general, these projects are likely to require capital investment.

Two recent changes have extended the funding of the Energy Hub as detailed below.

Rural Community Energy Fund

- 6.5 BEIS recently took over delivery of the Rural Community Energy Fund (RCEF) from the Department for Environment, Food & Rural Affairs (Defra). BEIS have provided £1.8m to the SW Energy Hub to deliver the RCEF. The RCEF is designed to support rural community groups seeking to develop their own energy projects locally.

The grant has two main stages:

- A feasibility grant of up to £40,000 for groups to appoint a consultant to undertake appraisal of a potential scheme. Groups with more complex or multi-technology schemes are more likely to receive a larger grant. It is expected that at least 31 feasibility studies will be funded across the wider south west region.
- A development grant of up to £100,000 to support development and planning for feasible schemes, as before a higher grant level will be provided to more complex schemes. It is expected that at least 2 development grants will be funded across the wider south west region.

- 6.6 Approval is sought from the Joint Committee to launch the RCEF in June. The SW Energy Hub has been working collaboratively with the other four Hubs in England and BEIS to develop a process, application details and criteria to prepare for public launch. Delegated approval to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the South West LEP Chief Executives is sought for the award of funding to applicants in line with the application process and criteria.

SW Energy Hub – Additional Funding

- 6.7 BEIS have provided the SW Energy Hub with an additional £565,000, this is to fund:

- Additional support for Hub delivery, to be determined by the Hub Board.
- Research in one or two local authorities within the wider south west to test the potential viability of piloting Council Tax incentives as a means of encouraging homeowners to improve the energy efficiency of the properties.
- Two electric vehicle roadshows, which were held in 2018 as part of Green Great Britain week.

2. Low Carbon Challenge Fund

- 6.8 In late 2017 WECA submitted an external bid for funding to the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) administered by the Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government (MHCLG). The bid sought to create a grant funding scheme to support

projects that will lead to the decarbonisation of the West of England economy. In early 2019 WECA was notified that the application had been successful and £2.1m of ERDF has been secured to operate the Low Carbon Challenge Fund (LCCF).

- 6.9 LCCF will offer grants at a 40% intervention rate across three streams of activity:
- Business Energy Efficiency grants aimed at SMEs who want to make energy savings to their premises, processes or practices.
 - Community Energy Grants that will support the implementation of small-scale energy generation schemes using renewable sources.
 - Public housing grants that will support the implementation of innovative schemes to improve the energy efficiency of public housing.
- 6.10 Across the programme, at least 130 businesses will receive grant support, saving at least 2,020 tonnes of CO₂ equivalent gases. The programme will operate until 2022 and the funding is unaffected by Brexit.
- 6.11 A small advisory panel will be formed to guide the selection of applicants for funding. This panel will be made up of Local Authority Officers and other relevant experts. All applications will be assessed through an open, transparent and evidence-based process and will need to be supported by robust energy surveys which will help inform the panel, alongside value for money and deliverability assessments. Delegated authority to the WECA Chief Executive is sought for the award of grants, informed by the advice of the advisory panel as detailed.
- 3. *Women into Digital Jobs, Education and Training (WIDJET)***
- 6.12 In October 2018, WECA submitted an application to the Department for Digital, Culture, Media & Sport (DCMS) Digital Skills Innovation Fund (DSIF) seeking £238k of funding to support the delivery of a programme of activity, training, seminars and workshops aimed at helping women to find digital roles. Women are underrepresented in digital roles and DSIF's aim was to address broad under-representation in the sector.
- 6.13 The programme of activity will be delivered by 5 local intermediaries who were all part of the WECA bid to DCMS. They are Bath College, Mayden Academy, Boomsatsuma, Dot Project and Knowle West Media Centre. Across the range of activities, it is hoped that at least 350 women will receive support better enabling them for a career in a digital role. The programme offer is broad, ranging from short introductory taster sessions, to four month long, intensive software developer courses. Delegated authority to the WECA Chief Executive is sought for the award of grants.
- 4. *Creative Scale Up Programme***
- 6.14 WECA has been allocated £1.3m from DCMS's £4m Creative Scale Up programme to deliver a programme of support for scale up business in the creative industries and a programme of activity to encourage the formation of an angel investor network for creative industry businesses.
- 6.15 The programme will support approximately 100 business directly with scale up support, based around the acknowledged scale up challenges, and aims to establish a larger, recognised, angel investor network here in the West of England. This element of the programme will build on existing work undertaken through the Growth Hub in partnership with the Engine Shed.

- 6.16 Intermediaries will deliver the business support to the SMEs through either an open and transparent grant process, or procurement exercise. Delegated authority to WECA Chief Executive is sought from the Committee for the award of grants.

Consultation:

- 7.1 There has been no consultation in relation to the content of this report.

Other Options Considered:

- 8.1 Each project is required to undertake an options assessment, and to set out the rationale for the preferred option within the Outline and Full Business Case. Similarly requests for change include a description of other potential options and why the chosen option is proposed.

Risk Management/Assessment:

- 9.1 Each project in the programme is required to set out their approach to risk management and provide a risk register which is reviewed as part of the business case approval process. Key risks for each scheme are reported as part of the quarterly highlight report. Programme level risks are considered at each meeting of the Investment Panel.

Public Sector Equality Duties:

- 10.1 For projects seeking funding via the LGF, EDF or RIF scheme promoters are required to include as part of their FBC, an equality and diversity assessment and plan. These assessments are [published](#) on the LEP website.

Economic Impact Assessment:

- 11.1 Supporting economic growth is central to the One Front Door funding streams, and promoters are required to include an economic case within the FBCs for each scheme which sets out how the project will create jobs and GVA growth as well as delivering wider benefits. In line with agreed processes these FBCs are [published](#) on the LEP website at the point of decision making

Finance Implications:

- 12.1 The specific financial implications are set out in the Body of this report.

Advice given by: Malcolm Coe, Director of Investment and Corporate Services, WECA

Legal Implications:

- 13.1 There are no additional legal implications arising from this report.

Advice given by: Shahzia Daya, Monitoring Officer, WECA

Land/Property Implications:

- 14.1 All land and property implications are set out within the specific business cases and dealt with by the scheme promoters.

Advice given by: Malcolm Coe, Director of Investment and Corporate Services, WECA

Human Resources Implications:

15.1 There are no direct human resource implications arising from this report.

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13. **That the Committee note the additional funding awarded to WECA for the South West Energy Hub and delegate approval of the individual Rural Community Energy Fund awards to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the South West LEP Chief Executives.**
14. **That the Committee endorses the Low Carbon Challenge Fund and delegates approval for grant making to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives and informed by the advice of the advisory panel.**

- 15. That the Committee endorses the WIDJET programme and delegates approval for grant making to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives.**
- 16. That the Committee endorses the Creative Scale Up programme and, if a grant process is used to select intermediary delivery partners, delegates approval to make grants to the selected partners to the WECA Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England Chief Executives.**

Appendices

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Appendix 1

Local Growth Fund Change Requests Recommended for Approval

- **Colston Hall Phase 2 Transformation Project** – a cost increase of £3.4m which it is proposed is to be met by reallocating LGF funds from Engine Shed 2, previously swopped into the EDF programme. The new LGF spend profile is 18/19 £1m, 19/20 £3m, 20/21 £3.4m. The cost change results from inflationary increases associated with slippage with delays of 3 months (to Mar 19) for Main Contractor Award and 12 months (to June 21) to RIBA Stage 6 & 7 Completion and Handover.
- **MetroWest Phase 1** – Change Request received to confirm £500k for Phase 1A allocated at November Joint Committee, with £50k expended in 18/19 and £450k for 19/20. Although the dates for milestone completions are still under review, it has been confirmed that two milestones have slipped, the Submission of Development Consent Order Application by 10 months (to Jul 19) and Completion of GRIP 4 by 9 months (to Jun 19).
- **Bath Quays Bridge** – further delays to the project of 4 months (to Ap 20) for Superstructure assembly commencement, Enabling works/Substructure complete (to May 20) and Superstructure completion (to Sept 20) with a 3 month delay to the Bridge being operational (to Dec 20). Subsequently, project spend is also re-profiled with 18/19 £546,206k for 18/19 reprofiled to 19/20 (revised spend profile 19/20 £1,196,206m, 20/21 £249,100).
- **Bath Quays Phase 1a (South)** – delays of 6 months for Demolition & Enabling Works (to May 19) and Wi-Fi Phase 1 Installation and Testing Completion (to June 19), of 4 months for Wi-Fi Phase 2 Installation and Testing Start (to July 19) and Flood Wall & Embankment Works Completion (to Oct 19), of 3 months for Wi-Fi Phase 2 Installation and Testing Completion (to Sept 19), of 7 months for Office building completion (to Jun 21) and of 9 months for Public Realm Works practical completion (to Dec 21). Due to the delays £2.311m is reprofiled from 18/19 to 19/20 (revised 19/20 profile £4,228m).
- **A4018 Corridor Improvements** – milestones have been brought forward with completion now 2 months earlier (Mar 21) than previously reported.
- **Bath Quays North Initial Development Works** – one month delay to the Award of Contract (to April 19).
- **Composite Bridge** – reflecting the revised scope and programming there is a £21k underspend in 18/19 re-profiled to 19/20 (revised 19/20 profile of £1.151m & 20/21 of £3.085m).
- **Purchase of Land at Bristol and Bath Science Park** – resolution of the road transfer to the highways authority is still ongoing and as a result £856k for 18/19 has been re-profiled to 19/20. In consequence milestones for the End of Project Delivery Report and Evaluation Reports are delayed by 14-16 months.
- **Bristol VR Lab** – reprofiling of £75,320 from 18/19 to 19/20 to allow for installation of a lift which requires a full plan and negotiation with the landlords and a milestone delay of 12 months for the VIP Trade Visit (to Mar 20).
- **Bath College Catering and Hospitality Education and Training Centre** – delays of one month for Construction Start on Site (to Apr 19) and Centre Operational (to Oct 19) and 3 months for Construction Practical Completion (to Oct 19)

- **Cattle Market Road Demolition Works** – further delays to the completion of demolition works of 3 months (to Jun 19). Cost increase of £2.830m being met through an increase in match funding.
- **City of Bristol College Advanced Construction Skills Centre** – delays of 2 months for Detailed Design (to Mar 19), 3 months for Planning Consent Secured and FBC approval (to July 19), one month for Procurement and contractor appointment (to Jul 19), 4 months to Construction Start on Site (to Nov 19), 5 months to New Construction Practical/Substantial Completion (to May 21) and 4 months to Operational Access (to May 21). Consequently, £1.230m is being re-profiled from 19/20 to 20/21 (new profile 19/20 £2.070m, 20/21 £3.930m).
- **FoodWorks^{SW} Innovation Centre** – delays of 1 month for Centre Operator Secured (to Apr 19) and to Centre Operational (to Mar 20). Spend profile has also been amended to reflect the changes to the build programme with £1.315m in 18/19 reprofiled to 19/20 (new profile £9.844m 19/20).
- **Grow-On2 Temporary Building** – delays of 3 months to Tender Evaluation & Issue of Pre-Commencement Agreement (to May 19) and 4 months for Construction Completed (to Oct 19) and Contract Completion (to Nov 19). A request to re-profile £973,541 from 18/19 to 19/20 (revised 19/20 profile £973,541). The delays arise from the need for a further tender process.
- **Institute of Advanced Automotive Propulsion Systems** – delays of one month for Issue of Construction ITT (to Dec 18), Appointment of Construction ITT (to Apr 19), Commencement of Construction ITT (to May 19), Construction Enabling Works (to Apr 19) and Appointment of Equipment ITT (to Dec 19). A cost increase of £8.344m (total £69.786m) has been met by the University.
- **Keynsham Town Centre Improvement - Keynsham High Street** – following an extension to the consultation period, milestone dates have shifted and the spend profile has been amended. A delay of 2 months for Completion of detailed design and tender package (to Nov 19), Procurement of Contractor (to Feb 20) and to Construction Start (to Mar 20) with a one month delay to Construction End (to Oct 20). £44k has also been brought forward from 20/21 to 19/20 (revised profile 19/20 £544k, 20/21 - £956k).
- **Open Programmable City Region** – delays due to later start to the procurement process, with a one month delay to FBC approval (to Dec 18), a 7 month delay to Procurement (to Jul 19), a one month delay to Knowle West Media Centre Completion (to Aug 19) and a 4 month delay to The Sensor Factory completion (to Nov 20). Reprofiling of £797k from 18/19 to 19/20 and 20/21 requested (revised profile 19/20 £1.792m, 20/21 £475k).
- **Portway Station** – delays of 4 months for securing Planning Consent (to Mar 19), six months for GRIP 5 Detailed Design Commences (to May 19), 9 months to Construction Commences (to Jan 20) and a 7 month to Scheme Operational (to Dec 20). Delays resulting from the need for further surveys have impacted on the spend profile with a £238k reprofiled from 18/19 and £115k from 19/20 to 20/21.
- **South Gloucestershire Sustainable Transport Package 2018-21** – reprofiling of £38,500 from 18/19 to 20/21 (new 20/21 total £1,163,332m).

- **Sustainable Transport Package 17/18** – a requirement to re-tender for works due to a scope adjustment has resulted in two milestone slippages linked to the Airport Road Cycle Way, a 3 months delay to Construction Start (to Apr 19) and a 2 month delay to Construction Practical Completion (to Dec 19). Requested reprofiling of £101k from 18/19 to 19/20 (revised 19/20 profile £2.113m).
- **Weston-super-Mare Sustainable Transport** – request to reprofile £530k from 19/20 to 20/21 (revised profile 19/20 £665k, 20/21 £1.030m) and delays across all three scheme elements:
 - Uphill North – delays of 2-8 months to a number of interim milestones and of 3 months to Construction Completed and Monitoring Installations (to Dec 19).
 - South Parade - delays of 1-3 months to Stakeholder Engagement and Consultation (both to May 19), and Final Land Negotiation and Detailed Design (to June 19).
 - Regent Street - delays of 2– 8 months across a number of interim milestones and 2 months to Construction Completion (to Aug 20).
- **Town Square, Weston-super-Mare** - negotiations with Royal Hotel regarding Spider Lane and boundary treatments are still ongoing and subsequently the resurfacing of Spider Lane has been delayed by 4 months (to Jul 19) with £131k reprofiled from 18/19 to 19/20.
- **Weston-super-Mare Transport Enhancement Scheme** – current reported delays of 3 months for Procurement (to Apr 19), 2 months for both Construction Start on Site (to May 19) and Practical Completion/Substantial Completion (to Mar 20) and 1 month to Scheme Operational (to Mar 20). Reprofiling of £60k from 18/19 to 19/20 (revised 19/20 profile £1.16m). Cost increase of £200k met by match funding but further cost and programme changes may be reported in future once ongoing investigations are concluded.
- **West Wick Roundabout & North South Link** – reprofiling of £1.485m from 18/19 to 19/20 reflecting revisions to programme activities sequencing and timings (revised 19/20 spend profile £6.364m).
- **Superfast Broadband Extension Programme (South Gloucestershire Council)** – no changes reported but dates for Phase 3 still to be confirmed due to revalidation of the intervention area.

Appendix 2

Economic Development Fund and Revolving Infrastructure Fund Change Requests Recommended for Approval

Economic Development Fund

- **Avonmouth Severnside Ecology Mitigation and Flood Defence Development Costs** – five month delay to Contract & Project Completion (to May 19) with reprofiling of £40k from 18/19 to 19/20.
- **Avoncrest and Hutton Moor Regeneration Phase 1** – project delivery dates under review with work continuing to confirm detailed scope, programme and costs.
- **Bath Riverside Enterprise Zone Team** – a two month delay to EZ Gateway Signage/Billboards (to May 19) and four milestones brought forward, with minor revisions to profile (now 18/19 £228k, 19/20 £227k, 20/21 £230k).
- **Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone Programme Team** – further delays to the Annual Report submissions, 16/17 report delayed by 5 months (to Apr 19) and 17/18 report by 6 months (to May 19). Reprofiling of £250k from 18/19 to 19/20.
- **Engine Shed 2** – delays of 3-6 months to a number of interim milestones and a one month delay to the final milestone of Start of Engine Shed 2 Operation (to Apr 21).

Revolving Infrastructure Fund

- **Temple Quarter Enterprise Zone Infrastructure Programme** – Feeder Road Project End milestone remains to be confirmed and requested reprofiling of £2.201m from 18/19 to 19/20 as a result of construction delays.
- **The Stable: Creative Working Hub** – a further one month slippage to the Phase 2 refurbishment works (to May 19) due to the timing of the current tenants vacating the premises. Request to bring forward £10k of spend to 18/19 from 19/20.
- **J21 Northbound Merge Improvement** – delay of 5 months for Detailed Design sign-off and handover to Highways England (to Aug 19) with the following dates now confirmed - Construction Start Jan 20 and Construction Completion Jun 20. Request to reprofile £450k from 19/20 to 20/21 and cost increase of £112k being met through match funding.
- **J21 Queensway Improvement** – the project continues to be on hold whilst alternate funding sources are sought.
- **South Bristol Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) Intermediate Body** – request to reprofile £2,332 from 18/19 to 19/20 (revised 19/20 spend profile £20,230) and minor changes to cost categories.
- **Somer Valley Enterprise Zone Commercial Delivery Framework** – engagement with landowners was due to be completed in Oct 2018 but is still ongoing and an additional four milestones have also slipped by 5-12 months as a result of clarity on the FBC requirements and planning strategy. Project completion delayed to September 2020.

Appendix 3 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/ Conditions	
Project Name	STEAM Centre at WISE Campus Stoke Gifford	Strategic Case	<p>This project will enable SGS to respond to the considerable growth in student numbers in the area. The West of England faces a significant economic risk if the future demand for post-16 provision cannot be met within the capacity of the existing system. Moreover, the strategic priorities of the region and the needs of local businesses mean that it is critical that the post-16 curriculum offering is protected and expanded.</p> <p>The WISE Campus already accommodates the West of England's largest creative and sport science provision, and within the contiguous City of Bristol campuses, there is both Engineering and Motor Vehicle provision. The inclusion of A Levels and Cyber Security courses aims to create a multi-provider Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths (STEAM) Hub.</p> <p>This project would directly improve and enhance current and future skills needs and supports growth industries and sectors.</p> <p>The current College estate is reported to be operating at capacity and building or leasing a facility elsewhere is considered much less cost-effective than the proposed on site build.</p>	Funding Source(s)	Local Growth Fund
Scheme Promoter	SGS College	State Aid	SGS College have confirmed that there is either a no aid position, or a compliant position has been established.	Approval Requested	Skills Capital Second Stage Application (Full Business Case) Approval

Date of Submission	2/3/19	Economic Case and Value for Money	The project is forecast to benefit 825 additional learners over the first 3 years. This equates to an LGF cost per additional learner of some £8,473 which is around half the average LGF cost per additional learner for the 9 skills capital projects funded through the LGF to date, but above the median level of £6,300. Using the then Skills Funding Agency methodology, the scheme presents an NPV/Capital Cost ratio of 0.84. The cost per m ² of floorspace (excluding fees and contingency) is £3,159 which is above an expected cost model rate. The College report this relates to the costs associated with the specialist teaching space, complex building shape, smart heating and the IT/AV installation. A letter has been provided from the Chief Accounting Officer which confirms responsibility and accountability for ensuring good value for money in the use of public resources.	Grant Award	£6,401,000 (beyond previously awarded £589,578 Investment Fund for development phase)
Funding Requested	£6,990,578 (Substructure/ Superstructure £2.092m; Finishes and Fittings £547k; Services £1.575m; External Works £404k; Preliminaries £1.068m; Other £1.304m)	Risk	The project costs include a contingency of £549k (10% of the works cost) which is considered appropriate at this stage. A risk register has been provided. Completion is programmed at the end of the LGF funding period by which time all grant would need to be expended.	Grant Recipient	SGS College
Total Scheme Cost	£7,385,578 (with grant spend 2018/19 to 2020/21)				

Match Funding %	>1% excluding the land value, 5% including the land value.	Delivery	The site is on a 99 year lease from South Gloucestershire Council. Planning consent is required, and a planning application is due to be submitted in May 2019 with consent expected in August/September 2019. A concept design stage programme has been provided which presents a realistic timeframe, with a generous build period which is sensible at this stage. The scheme is yet to reach RIBA 3 Developed Design which is due to be completed by the end of April 2019. It is reported that construction could start in December 2019 with fit out complete by March 2021.	Payment Basis	Quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure
Scheme Description			Recommendation to Joint Committee		Approval subject to conditions
The project would deliver a new 1,800m ² STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Art and Maths) Centre at the SGS WISE campus in Stoke Gifford. This would create a hub, bringing Cyber & Digital Media and a wide range of A Levels from the A38 Filton site, which would in turn enable the A38 Filton campus to accommodate increased provision including Construction and Development, Social Care, Business and apprenticeships. This growth in vocational provision would address local demand and prevent a rise in NEETs within the most vulnerable post-16 students. The project will create 825 new places across A levels, apprenticeships, advanced apprenticeships and adult education.			Conditions of Approval	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Design to RIBA stage 3 with the supply of an updated cost plan. 2) Securing planning consent. 	

Record of Approval

WECA S151 Officer		Joint Committee		
Name	Malcolm Coe	Date of Meeting	14 June 2019	
Date	3 June 2019			
Signature		Decision		

Appendix 4 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/Conditions	
Project Name	Animal Management Education Centre	Strategic Case	<p>The project has dual aims to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Create an industry-standard Animal Management Education centre to meet the needs of learners and employers in the animal care, management and animal-focused visitor attraction sectors across the West of England. • To enable Weston College to relocate from its existing inadequate Category D-rated facility out of region to a unique industry-focused training centre, thereby safeguarding the future of Animal Management training in the area. <p>The project also seeks to provide a highly inclusive curriculum which facilitates participation in learning for those people with barriers to learning, including SEND, young people at risk of NEET and adults with barriers to learning and/or employment.</p> <p>It is reported that learner demand is already high for this provision and a further increase is expected eg Veterinary Nursing and animal care are forecast to grow by >12% and >9% respectively by 2024.</p>	Funding Source(s)	Local Growth Fund
Scheme Promoter	Weston College	State Aid	Weston College have confirmed that there is either a no aid position, or a compliant position has been established	Approval Requested	Full Business Case Approval

Date of Submission	12/3/19	Economic Case and Value for Money	The project is forecast to benefit 650 learners over the first 3 years, of which 530 would be additional learners. This equates to an LGF cost per additional learner of some £1,868 which is well below the average and median LGF cost per additional learner for the 9 skills capital projects funded through the LGF to date. Using the then Skills Funding Agency methodology, the scheme presents an NPV/Capital Cost ratio of 0.4. The construction cost per m ² of floorspace (excluding fees and contingency) is £2,354 which is above the average for LGF funded new build projects (£2,167). The College report abnormal costs related to the modular construction, pumped drainage and a long electrical connection and if these are removed the project cost per m ² falls below then SFA benchmarks. A letter has been provided from the Finance Director which confirms responsibility and accountability for ensuring good value for money in the use of public resources.	Grant Award	£990,000
Funding Requested	£990,000 with grant spend in 19/20				
Total Scheme Cost	£1,420,540 (Substructure/ Superstructure £435k; Finishes and Fittings £62k; Services £179k; External Works £165k; Preliminaries £96k; Other £484k)	Risk	The project costs include a contingency of £56k (6% of the works cost) which is considered appropriate given the advanced stage of the project. A risk register has been provided.	Grant Recipient	Weston College

Match Funding %	30%	Delivery	<p>Planning consent was secured in March 2019. There remain planning conditions, but the College confirm the costs and programme allow for discharging these.</p> <p>The site will be leased from Puxton Park by the College for 15 years with the College owning the building.</p> <p>The programme suggests the project could be completed in December 2019.</p>	Payment Basis	Quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure
Scheme Description				Recommendation to Joint Committee	Approval
Weston College is proposing to create a high quality Animal Management Education Centre for the region in partnership with Puxton Park. This innovative partnership brings together two key players in their sectors to deliver a learning facility which would provide a sustainable future for high quality education and skills programmes aimed at meeting the skills needs of employers in the visitor economy and land-based sectors in the West of England. The site will be 2050m ² upon which a new 398m ² modular building is proposed.				Conditions of Approval	None

Record of Approval

WECA S151 Officer		Joint Committee		
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Date	3 June 2019			
Signature		Decision		

Appendix 5 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/Conditions	
<i>Project Name</i>	Digital and Creative Innovation Centre	<i>Strategic Case</i>	<p>The project seeks to improve employment opportunities and close skills gaps in the growth areas of cyber security, big data, CAD, virtual and augmented reality, artificial intelligence and the wider creative industries.</p> <p>B&NES Placemaking Plan (adopted in 2017) highlights Bath College as one of the key players in the Bath Quays development within the Enterprise Zone. The city centre campus is well-located and will help deliver West of England's strategic growth objectives as well as assist the council in their Bath Quays vision, which is contained within Bath Quays North masterplan.</p> <p>The project meets current and future skills needs and supports growth industries and sectors with a strong focus on the West of England's key sectors. As identified in WECA's emerging Employment and Skills Plan, the project helps build on the competitive strengths of the area, providing "access to facilities, people and skills where SMEs can undertake innovation activities and a stronger skills pipeline for priority business sectors."</p> <p>There is a relationship between this project and the emerging Working Well Talent Institute proposal which would need further consideration should the latter progress.</p>	<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Local Growth Fund
<i>Scheme Promoter</i>	Bath College	<i>State Aid</i>	Bath College have confirmed that there is either a no aid position, or a compliant position has been established.	<i>Approval Requested</i>	Full Business Case Approval

Date of Submission	12/3/19	Economic Case and Value for Money	The project is forecast to benefit 537 learners over the first 3 years, of which 352 would be additional learners. This equates to an LGF cost per additional learner of some £25,752 which is well above the average (some £16,100) and median (£6,300) LGF cost per additional learner for the 9 skills capital projects funded through the LGF to date. Using the then Skills Funding Agency methodology, the scheme presents an NPV/Capital Cost ratio of 1.18. The construction cost per m ² of floorspace (excluding fees and contingency) is £2,781 which is above the average for LGF funded new build projects (£2,167). A letter has been provided from the Principal and CEO which confirms responsibility for ensuring good value for money in the use of public resources.	Grant Award	Award of funding to be reviewed when the scheme has secured planning consent and reached design to RIBA Stage 3. £401,000 previously awarded through the Investment Fund for development phase.
Funding Requested	£9,064,800 with grant spend in 19/20 to 21/22	Risk	The project costs include a contingency of £330k (5% of the works cost). A risk register has been provided. Completion is programmed in June 2021 beyond the end of the LGF funding period in March 2021 and the project forecasts grant spend of £520k in 21/22.	Grant Recipient	Bath College
Total Scheme Cost	£12,124,800 (Works £6.12m; Land £3.06m; Equipment £430k; Professional Fees £675k; VAT £1.51m; Contingency £330k)	Delivery	The land is already in the ownership of the College but planning consent will be required. Design is yet to achieve RIBA Stage 3. The programme suggests construction start on site April 2021 with completion in June 2021.	Payment Basis	Quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure
Match Funding %	25%				

<p><i>Recommendation to Joint Committee</i></p>	<p>To review the funding position when planning consent and design to RIBA stage 3 has been achieved noting that should the scheme progress the tail of funding would need to be underwritten by B&NES EDF allocation.</p>		
<p>Scheme Description</p> <p>Bath College are proposing to deliver a Digital & Creative Innovation Centre as part of the current city centre campus to create opportunities for growth within the Bath City Enterprise Zone that will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provide digital and creative focused learning and innovation. • Expand pre-incubation facilities to provide a bridge between FE & HE incubation and start-up support systems for micro businesses. • Dovetail with the proposed Working Well Institute to provide access to FE for NEET and pre-NEET young people via creative and digital pathways. <p>The 2,200m2 new facility will include a mix of innovative and flexible learning Spaces (incorporating the technical equipment required for teaching and learning), public space (showcasing skills and talent and providing a ‘shop-front’) and pre-incubation spaces (to help emerging talent take their innovative ideas to realisation).</p>	<p><i>Conditions of Approval</i></p>	<p>Not applicable</p>	

Record of Approval

<i>WECA S151 Officer</i>		<i>Joint Committee</i>	
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Appendix 6 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/ Conditions	
<i>Project Name</i>	Keynsham High Street	<i>Strategic Case</i>	<p>The project supports the West of England Joint Spatial Plan aims to promote places of density and scale with a range of facilities and the growth of existing employment centres.</p> <p>The project also aligns with the draft Joint Local transport Plan objectives in particular to create better places where streetscape, public spaces and urban environments are enhanced, and supporting sustainable and inclusive economic growth.</p> <p>In addition, the project will deliver on the established B&NES Public Realm and Movement Strategy aims to Rebalance, Refashion, Reveal and Reanimate.</p> <p>The project cuts across many areas of policy and strategy and the investment should assist in supporting the wider objectives for growth in the West of England.</p>	<i>Funding Source(s)</i>	Local Growth Fund
<i>Scheme Promoter</i>	Bath and North East Somerset Council	<i>State Aid</i>	The project provides open access public infrastructure.	<i>Approval Requested</i>	Full Business Case Approval

Date of Submission	12/3/19	Economic Case and Value for Money	The business case draws on evidence that public realm can provide economic benefit, including a number of examples where footfall has increased significantly. In addition, it is anticipated the scheme will increase demand for floorspace, leading to conversion of upper floors from retail warehouse/storage space to more productive uses such as offices. The increased demand for office-type floorspaces in Keynsham is predicated on property market evidence reported in the Core Strategy & Placemaking Plan. The economic case forecasts 109 net additional jobs in retail and office/business sectors as a result of these factors and £26.6m in net GVA uplift. The cost per net job is some £12,935 and the BCR 20:1. A letter has been provided by the B&NES s151 officer which confirms the project represents good value for money.	Grant Award	£1.5m LGF
Funding Requested	£1.5m				
Total Scheme Cost	£1.581m (Construction £703k, Internal Costs £441k, Preliminaries £105k, Utilities £141k, Other £191k)	Risk	A detailed risk register has been provided. A Quantified Risk Assessment has been undertaken which yields a risk allowance of £137k at a P(80) level. This represent 9% of scheme cost. A further £37k is included as contingency.	Grant Recipient	Bath and North East Somerset Council
Match Funding %	5%	Delivery	It is reported that the scheme has reached developed design equivalent to RIBA stage 3. No land acquisition is required to deliver the scheme as the works sit within the extent of the highway or on land owned by the Council. The proposed drawdown of LGF funding is £544k in 19/20 and £956k in 201/21 with completion expected in October 2020.	Payment Basis	LGF - quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure

Scheme Description	Recommendation to Joint Committee	Approval
<p>Bath and North East Somerset Council is seeking to deliver public realm improvements and enhance the accessibility of Keynsham High Street by alternative modes, in order to revitalise the town centre. The project is expected to stem the reported decline in footfall, business turnover and employment in the High Street, but also enhance the High Street's economic contribution to the local economy.</p> <p>The public realm improvements seek to increase both the attractiveness and accessibility of the High Street through:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Enhancing the quality of the built environment via upgrading footway materials. • Coordinating provision of street furniture including benches, signage and wayfinding. • Improving perceptions of safety and security through lighting provision. • Increasing accessibility all residents through provision of pedestrian, cycle and bus friendly infrastructure. • Rationalising parking and delivery arrangements, whilst retaining and enhancing disabled parking provision. 	Conditions of Approval	None

Record of Approval

WECA S151 Officer		Joint Committee	
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Appendix 7 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/ Conditions	
Project Name	Urban Multi Wireless Broadband and IoT Testing for Local Authority and Industrial Applications (Umbrella)	Strategic Case	<p>The project aims to be a flagship to strengthen West of England's position as an innovator in technology and strengthen a growing reputation for digital innovation in particular initiatives such as Bristol is Open and 5G Smart Tourism.</p> <p>The Umbrella network will be an open network allowing collaboration in a real-life testbed which is not available elsewhere.</p> <p>The project will enable collaboration within and beyond the region on matters of national significance such as Big Data, remote robotics, smart travel and automated vehicles, commercial digital transformation, cyber security and health technology.</p>	Funding Source(s)	Local Growth Fund
Scheme Promoter	South Gloucestershire Council	State Aid	The State Aid position remains to be finalised and confirmation will be required before issue of any grant offer letter.	Approval Requested	Full Business Case Approval

Date of Submission	21/3/19	Economic Case and Value for Money	The project is forecast to create 252 net additional assuming the network operates and attracts research projects over 10 years. It may be prudent to assume a figure of 156 net additional jobs which are more directly evidenced and related to this investment. These jobs deliver £14.5m of GVA (or £8.9m on the lower job total). A cost per net additional job of £19.1k (discounted) is reported based upon the 252 net additional jobs (equating to £30.8k per job on the 156).	Grant Award	£3.6m LGF
Funding Requested	£3.6m (profiled over 19/20 and 20/21)		A letter has been provided by the SGC s151 officer which confirms the project has the potential to offer good value for money in delivering economic growth, driving innovation and development of talent and skills benefits.		
Total Scheme Cost	£4.885m (Project Management £404k; Design £1.165m; Equipment and Installation £1.05m; Fibre Build £664k, Research Projects £405k, In Kind Contributions £1.295m)	Risk	A risk register has been provided which identifies the top 10 risks. This should be further developed to reflect the specifics of the implementation and operation phase activities and locations as the project moves forward. There is no specific risk allowance in the costings although 1% is allowed for as contingency. A risk budget should be separately identified in the developed costings. Completion is programmed towards the end of LGF funding period in March 2021 by which time all grant would need to be expended.	Grant Recipient	South Gloucestershire Council
Match Funding %	26%	Delivery	It is reported that no land or consents are required to deliver the project. Toshiba Research Europe Limited (TREL) have recently been engaged to assist the Council with the design, procurement and implementation of the Umbrella network.	Payment Basis	LGF - quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure

			The project funding includes £1.295m of confirmed in-kind contributions from TREL. The business case identifies a set of high level key milestones, but the supply of a detailed programme would give confidence in the achievement of these milestones and of timely grant spend.		
Scheme Description					
<p>Umbrella seeks to create a Centre of Excellence for 'open' research and innovation into future Industrial Internet of Things (IIOT) linking key academic, research and economic locations. The project has three phases:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The design and build phase of a digital network which will connect the University of the West of England with the Bristol & Bath Science Park. The completion of ducting, fibre and wireless connections will provide an Industrial Internet of Things (IIOT) innovation research and development test network joining together these Enterprise Areas. 2) The delivery of a series of research and development projects on the network identified through close working with partners. 3) Providing longevity for the project to enable it to become self-sustaining within 2-3 years with the expansion of the pilot use cases operating on the testbed. 			Recommendation to Joint Committee	Approval subject to conditions	
			Conditions of Approval	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Confirmation of the State Aid position. 2) Supply of a detailed specification and cost plan. 3) Supply of a detailed programme. 	

Record of Approval

WECA S151 Officer		Joint Committee		
Name	Malcom Coe	Date of Meeting	14 June 2019	
Date	3 June 2019	Decision		
Signature				

Appendix 8 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/ Conditions	
Project Name	Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension (CPME)	Strategic Case	CPME will be improve access to a number of existing and future employment sites including Rolls Royce, Horizon 38, Filton Enterprise Area and Cribbs Causeway. The project will also improve access for existing and planned residential developments in Stoke Gifford, Little Stoke and the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN). The project aligns with West of England Strategic Economic Plan, emerging Joint Local Transport Plan, South Gloucestershire Core Strategy and the objectives of the Economic Development Fund to enable growth in the Enterprise Area. South Gloucestershire Core Strategy, Policy CS26 (CPNN development) requires the implementation of Policy CS7 which includes the CPME scheme. The scheme presents a strong strategic case.	Funding Source(s)	Economic Development Fund and Investment Fund
Scheme Promoter	South Gloucestershire Council	State Aid	The project will provide open access public infrastructure and will not favour a particular economic undertaking.	Approval Requested	Final Approval Business Case

Date of Submission	12/3/19	Economic Case and Value for Money	A letter has been provided by the SGC s151 officer which approval of the business case and that the project represents good value for money in the use of public resources. The scheme presents a core Benefit to Cost Ratio of 2.53 which represents 'high' value for money. The Value for Money Statement is shown below.	Grant Award	£35m EDF and £21.9m Investment Fund
Funding Requested	£56.851m				
Total Scheme Cost	£56.9m (Project Management £3.82m; Land £2.91m; Gipsy Patch Lane Bridge £26.73m; Design and Construction £11.84m; Risk £6.88m; Other £4.67m)	Risk	A detailed risk register has been provided. A Quantified Risk Assessment has been undertaken which yields a risk allowance of £6.878m at a P(80) level excluding Network Rail risk allowance. This represent 12% of scheme cost.	Grant Recipient	South Gloucestershire Council
Match Funding %	0%	Delivery	The scheme has secured land needed for a bus stop on Gipsy Patch Lane and a site for a construction compound. Negotiations to secure the other third party land required for the scheme are reported as progressing well and are at an advanced stage. The Compulsory Purchase Order and Side Road Order to support the negotiation process for the land required for the railway bridge replacement was advertised in March 2019. The procurement process is well progressed with Network Rail delivering the Gipsy Patch Lane Railway Bridge and SGC Streetcare the other highway works along the route. The infrastructure within	Payment Basis	EDF – capital and interest every 6 months based upon staged payments. Investment Fund - quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure

		<p>the CPNN and Horizon 38 developments is being provided by the developer under their planning agreement</p> <p>The proposed drawdown of EDF funding is over the period 19/20-20/21 in annual payments which fits within the EDF allocations for this scheme and agreed approach to dealing with staged payments. The drawdown of the Investment Find is over the period 19/20-22/23.</p> <p>Construction start is planned in July 2019 with completion expected in April 2022.</p>		
	Scheme Description		Recommendation to Joint Committee	Approval subject to conditions
	<p>CPME is an extension to the West of England's metrobus network. It will link Bristol Parkway Station and The Mall Bus Station via the Cribbs Patchway New Neighbourhood (CPNN) re-development site at the former Filton Airfield, the Horizon 38 development site, Gipsy Patch Lane and Hatchet Road.</p> <p>The scheme includes the replacement of the existing railway bridge on Gipsy Patch Lane with a new wider bridge to relieve the existing pinch point, the extension and signalisation of the San Andreas roundabout to allow the construction of a new bus only arm to link to the CPNN, and bus lanes on Gipsy Patch Lane. Metrobus stops and walking/cycling infrastructure are also included.</p>	Conditions of Approval	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Supply of a detailed elemental cost breakdown for the highway works b) Securing all necessary land 	

Record of Approval

WECA S151 Officer		Joint Committee	
Name	Malcom Coe	Date of Meeting	14 June 2019
Date	3 June 2019		
Signature		Decision	

Cribbs Patchway MetroBus Extension - Value for Money Statement

Summary of Scheme Impacts (2010 prices, discounted for 60 years)

Criteria	Commentary
Value for Money	The scheme offers high value for money
NPV	£64.5m
Core BCR	2.5 (high)
Summary of the benefits and costs	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £26.4m benefits to bus users; • £16.8m benefits to rail & bus/rail users; • £10.4m benefits to highway users; • £25.5m benefits for improved journey quality/facilities; • £13.3m benefits for improved health/reduced absenteeism; • £0.8m benefits for improved greenhouse gas emissions; • £2.3m of disbenefits from 9 month closure of Gipsy Patch Lane; • £23.4m of benefits from “permanent” alteration to Filton Avenue North • £40.8m of scheme build costs • £1.5m of scheme renewal costs (I-points and Shelters every 10 years)
Scheme Costs	
Significant non-monetised impacts	Noise – but was considered during the scheme transport appraisal; Farebox revenue and service operating cost: The report indicates that that farebox revenue could exceed service operating cost. As detailed discussions with potential operators has not been completed yet, and to adopt a conservative approach these potential scheme benefits have not been included in the analysis.
Key risks, sensitivities and uncertainties underlying the appraisal	<p>Delivery profile of the CPNN development</p> <p>Provision of CPME service by public transport operator, response of competing services to the new service</p>
Significant social or distributional impacts	<p>Physical activity benefits due to increased walking and cycling.</p> <p>Security and journey quality benefits due to measures including improved stops, CCTV, passenger information and crossing facilities.</p> <p>Accessibility net benefits due to improved bus services.</p> <p>Based on a high level assessment of distributional impacts, a range of income groups benefit from the scheme. The scheme benefits areas with a high concentration of children, and low concentrations of elderly residents and residents with a disability.</p>

Appendix 9 - Business Case Assessment Summary Table

Scheme Details		Appraisal Summary		Recommendation/ Conditions	
Project Name	MetroWest Phase 2	Strategic Case	<p>MetroWest Phase 2 is part of a wider transport offering to accommodate planned and committed business and residential growth throughout the region and will support delivery of the Joint Spatial Plan.</p> <p>The MetroWest Programme is being developed in collaboration with the rail industry and will build on and complement the investment being made by Network Rail (NR), such as the already completed Filton Bank 4-tracking and Bristol area re-signalling projects.</p> <p>The project aligns with the aims of the emerging Joint Local Transport Plan, South Gloucestershire Council Local Plan Core Strategy (2013) and Bristol City Council Core Strategy (2011) and other local strategies.</p> <p>It is forecast that the scheme could add a net total of almost 350,000 new rail journeys to the network in 2021 and would bring an additional 50,000+ people within the immediate catchment of the rail network.</p>	Funding Source(s)	Economic Development Fund and Investment Fund
Scheme Promoter	B&NES, BCC, SGC, NSC and WECA	State Aid	<p>The project will deliver improvements to the rail network which will not favour any particular economic undertaking. It is noted that access to Henbury station will either be provided at a level purely to serve the station site or SGC will seek to reclaim costs from the developer for providing a full access arrangement that accommodates the wider development</p>	Approval Requested	Outline Business Case Approval

Date of Submission	5/4/19	Economic Case and Value for Money	A letter has been provided by the SGC s151 officer which approval of the business case and that the project represents good value for money in the use of public resources. The scheme presents a Benefit to Cost Ratio of 1.884 whilst the expectation is for a BCR of at least 2. It is noted that there are a number of options to improve the BCR by FBC stage and that, from sensitivity test information presented, at need descoping could provide a BCR which meets the threshold. The Value for Money Statement is shown below.	Funding Allocation	Capital: £36.5m EDF and £5.125m Investment Fund (above £3.2m LGF for development phase) Revenue: £5.938 Investment Fund
Funding Requested	£40.902m Capital and £5.938m Revenue		Funding award	£3,518,722 Investment Fund to progress to FBC	
Total Scheme Cost	Capital £48.225m (NR Construction Costs £25.1m; Land £1.3m; Project Management/ Consultants £2.0m; Risk & Inflation £15.5m; Other £4.4m)	Risk	A detailed risk register has been provided. A Quantified Risk Assessment has been undertaken which presents a risk allowance of £11.197m at a P(80) level (25% of capital costs post OBC).	Grant Recipient	South Gloucestershire Council
Match Funding %	9% of Capital Cost (£1.823m BCC/SGC, £2.3m s106)	Delivery	Submission of planning applications is programmed for summer 2019 on the basis that: 1) Ashley Down station is to be constructed on the site of the previous station and as such NR have permitted development rights. 2) As new stations North Filton and Henbury will require full planning applications.	Payment Basis	EDF - capital and interest every 6 months Investment Fund - quarterly in arrears on defrayed expenditure

			Third party land is required which will be secured by negotiation or CPO at need. Track-side construction will be led by Network Rail and delivered through a Design and Build contract. The delivery of non-trackside works will be station specific with works being undertaken by Network Rail, local developers and separate contracts.		
Scheme Description			Recommendation to Joint Committee		Approval
The MetroWest Phase 2 project includes delivery of infrastructure and passenger train operations to provide: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A half hourly service for Yate local station on the Bristol Parkway to Gloucester line, through the provision of an additional service between Bristol Parkway and Yate. • An hourly service for a reopened Henbury Line with new stations at Henbury and North Filton. A new station will also be constructed at Ashley Down, on the existing Filton Bank (between Filton Abbey Wood and Stapleton Road). 			Conditions of Approval	Note the need to enhance the BCR to at least 2 by FBC stage. Updated economic case to be produced prior to FBC submission, with timing to be confirmed.	

Record of Approval

WECA S151 Officer		Joint Committee		
Name	Malcom Coe	Date of Meeting	14 June 2019	
Date	3 June 2019			
Signature		Decision		

MetroWest Phase 2 - Value for Money Statement

Criteria	Description
Value for Money/Value for Money when wider impacts are included	Low/Medium
NPV/NPV when wider impacts are included	£14.12million / £65.87 million
Initial BCR	1.19
Adjusted BCR (With Wider Impacts)	1.88
Summary of the benefits and costs	<p>Rail transport user benefits (around 72% of the total benefits excluding wider impacts)</p> <p>Highway transport user benefits (25% of total excluding benefits excluding wider impacts)</p> <p>Wider Economic Impacts £27.2 million</p> <p>Option Values £24.6m</p> <p>Operating costs are much more significant than capital costs in the economic case (75% operating cost versus 25% capital cost).</p>
Significant non-monetised impacts	No significant non-monetised impacts. The most significant non-monetised impact is a moderate beneficial impact on journey quality. Other impacts are either slight beneficial (physical activity, access to services), slight adverse (historic environment, biodiversity, severance) or neutral.
Key risks, sensitivities and uncertainties underlying the appraisal	<p>Operating cost assumptions - potential scope for greater synergies with existing services to reduce staffing and maintenance costs</p> <p>Rail demand forecasts, in particular future year growth in demand at new and existing stations</p> <p>Future year fare assumptions</p>
Significant social distributional impacts	Analysis indicates that scheme impacts are generally evenly distributed across user groups, with the exception of Noise, where there is a potential slightly higher impact for Children and Younger people.