

OFFICER DECISION RECORD

Decision Title: Scheme change request (Economic Development Fund)

Decision reference number: 02.06.21

Decision date: 9 June 2021

Background / reason for decision:

Owing to the need to manage scheme changes, including any necessary funding swaps to ensure full grant spend in advance of the next Combined Authority/Joint Committee meeting, the following delegations to the Combined Authority Chief Executive in consultation with the West of England unitary authority Chief Executives were granted at the 29 January 2021 meeting of the Combined Authority/Joint Committee:

- Approval of changes to funding profile and programme for schemes within the current Local Growth Fund (LGF), Getting Building Fund (GBF), Economic Development Fund (EDF) and Revolving Infrastructure Fund (RIF) programmes.
- Approval of the reallocation of funding for schemes in the approved LGF/GBF programme including swaps with the EDF, and exceptionally the Investment Fund.

The following change to a scheme was subsequently identified for approval:

UMBRELLA (Urban Multi Wireless Broadband & IoT Testing for Local Authority and Industrial Applications)

Spend: Reprofiling £188K of EDF from 21/22 to 20/21 (revised EDF total £353K, £188K in 20/21 and £165K in 21/22)

Milestones: three milestones delayed between 2-5 months including Research Project Pipeline Development and Competitions (to August 21) and Complete Fibre Build (to June 21).

The Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities were consulted on this proposal and were in agreement with the decision.

Options considered:

Not applicable in relation to this specific decision, i.e. this was the option considered.

Decision:

To approve the following change request:

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Consultation:

The Chief Executives of the West of England unitary authorities were consulted on these proposals.

Officer making decision: Patricia Greer

Position: Chief Executive

Report / appendices / background documents:

None.