



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

CAMBRIDGESHIRE AND PETERBOROUGH COMBINED AUTHORITY BOARD	AGENDA ITEM No: 4.2
27 NOVEMBER 2019	PUBLIC REPORT

LOCAL GROWTH FUND UPDATE

1.0 PURPOSE

1.1. The Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough Local Enterprise Partnership (GCGP LEP) negotiated three successive Growth Deals with Government between 2014 and 2017, securing £146.7m to deliver new homes, jobs and skills across the LEP area. This paper provides an update on the programme's performance since April 2015 for the Local Growth Fund (LGF).

1.2. The report to the Business Board on 25 November 2019 (attached at **Appendix 1**) provides operational updates on the LGF progress to 31 October 2019 based on the following items:

- a. Financial update on programme spend
- b. Pipeline of projects currently in delivery
- c. Update on the applications from Investment projects since call
- d. Update on the Small Business Capital Grant scheme
- e. Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative update

<u>DECISION REQUIRED</u>	
Lead Member:	Chair of Business Board
Lead Officer:	John T Hill, Director, Business and Skills
Forward Plan Ref: Not applicable	Key Decision: No

<p>Full recommendations to the Business Board shown below. Recommendations for Combined Authority approval shown in bold type:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Recommend all the programme updates outlined in this paper to the Combined Authority Board. (b) Recommend to Combined Authority Board the delegation of authority to the Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with the Chair of Business Board, to approve grants to SMEs under the Small Business Capital Grant Programme. (c) Recommend to Combined Authority Board approval of the allocation of £100,000 from the Small Business Capital Growth Grant Programme to a new Entrepreneurs' Accelerator Fund to be ring-fenced for Thomas Cook employees or affected supply chain companies' employees who have been made redundant and are exploring starting up a business. (d) Recommend to Combined Authority Board approval of delegated authority to the Director of Business and Skills, in consultation with the Chair of the Business Board, to adopt appropriate application evaluation criteria and award processes for the Entrepreneurs' Accelerator Fund. (e) Approve a reduction in the Local Growth Fund allocated to the Eastern Agri-Tech Growth Initiative scheme of £3.5m (f) Approve the allocation of an additional £9m to the Small Business Capital Growth Grant Programme from Local Growth Fund and recycled Growth Fund to create a total £12m budget for the 	<p>Voting arrangements</p> <p>Simple majority of all Members</p>
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<p>Small Business Capital Growth Grant programme.</p> <p>(g) Note that in the event recommendations (e) and (f) are approved, the revised total budget available to fund the £63.4million of applications in the Local Growth Fund pipeline would become £48.4million, allowing approximately 75% of the 22 proposals to be funded, rather than 65%.</p>	
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2.0 APPENDICES

2.1 **Appendix 1:** Business Board report 25 November 2019

2.2 **Appendix 2:** Business Board report 25 November 2019 – Appendix A

2.3 **Appendix 3:** Business Board report 25 November 2019 – Appendix B

<u>Background Papers</u>	<u>Location</u>
i. Local Growth Fund Documents, Investment Prospectus, guidance and application forms	https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/business-board/growth-funds/
ii. Eastern Agri-tech Growth initiative guidance and application forms	https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/business-board/eastern-agri-tech-growth-initiative/
iii. List of funded projects and MHCLG monitoring returns	https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/business-board/opportunities/
iv. Local Industrial Strategy and associated sector strategies	https://cambridgeshirepeterborough-ca.gov.uk/business-board/strategies/