



**CAMBRIDGESHIRE
& PETERBOROUGH**
COMBINED AUTHORITY

Agenda Item No: 7.4

Approval of Allocation of Recycled Growth Funding

To: Cambridgeshire and Peterborough Combined Authority Board

Meeting Date: 30 June 2021

Public report: Yes

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Lead Member: Austen Adams, Chair of the Business Board

From: John T Hill, Director of Business and Skills

Key decision: No

Forward Plan ref: n/a

Recommendations: The Combined Authority Board is recommended to:

Note Mayoral Decision Notice 036-2021 Approval of Allocation of £2 million Recycled Growth Funding

Voting arrangements: Note only item, no vote.

1. Purpose

- 1.1 The Board is invited to note Mayoral Decision Notice 036-2021 recording Key Decision 2021/036 which was made by the Mayor on 18 June 2021 under general exception arrangements. Copy attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.2 As this decision was not published with the Forward Plan, a General Exception notice was published and sent to chair of Overview and Scrutiny Committee on 10th June 2021.
- 1.3 This Key Decision relates to the approval of £2m of unallocated recycled local growth funds to the University of Peterborough Phase 3 project, via an allocation of £2m of Combined Authority single pot capital funds. That £2million given from the Combined Authority single pot capital funds will then be repaid to the Combined Authority once the recycled local growth funds are received from loans, project asset sale receipts or returned project underspend.
- 1.4 These proposals were considered at an Extraordinary meeting of the Business Board on 9 June 2021. Following discussion, the Business Board agreed unanimously to recommend the proposals to the Mayor for approval.
- 1.5 Members of the Combined Authority Board were consulted in advance of the Mayoral decision at a meeting of Leaders on 9th June 2021 where no objections were raised.
- 1.6 The report to the Business Board can be viewed via the link below. Item 2.1 refers:
[Extraordinary meeting of the Business Board 9 June 2021](#)

2. Considerations

- 2.1 The project followed all steps of the approvals process in the Combined Authority Local Assurance Framework (LAF) apart from responding to a transparent open local call that was issued by the Business Board for projects to be considered by the Business Board. The local open publicised call was issued and conducted by Peterborough City Council (PCC) in order to find the preferred bid candidate for the Levelling Up Fund first round call. In light of this, the Business Board was asked to approve the variation to the decision-making process as outlined in the LAF, prior to making any other recommendation on the project.
- 2.2 Given that the project must be delivered by April 2024 to qualify for the LUF offer from Government, the opportunity to leverage £20m of other funding into the area would be lost if the Business Board funding cannot be offered at this time. The LUF application guidance states that local contribution of at least 10% funding into LUF applications will be scored favourably in the Government assessment.
- 2.3 This award would be conditional upon the LUF application to MHCLG for £20million being successfully approved and awarded through PCC, and the £2million award would also be subject to the terms and conditions proposed by the Combined Authority.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 The financial implications are as set out in MDN 036-2021

4. Legal Implications

4.1 None.

5. Appendices

5.1 Appendix 1 – Mayoral Decision Notice 036-2021

5.2 Appendix 2 (Exempt) – University of Peterborough Phase 3 Application and Evaluation

6. Background Papers

6.1 [Item 2.2 - Future Funding Strategy - Business Board 19 May 2021](#)