

Solent Local Enterprise Partnership
Meeting of the Board to consider Solent Prosperity Fund and Local Growth Deal retained
schemes be held via video conference on Friday 22 May 2020
09:00 to 10:00

Item	Title	Time
1.	Welcome and Introduction	09:00 – 09:05
2.	Apologies for absence	09:05 – 09:15
3.	Notes of meeting held on 22 April 2020 for item 5 c	
4.	Matters Arising and declarations of interest	
5.	Local growth Deal Funding Report for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consideration of SPF full business case applications • Retained schemes update 	09:15 – 09:55
6.	Any other business and meeting close	09:55 – 10:00

Please note that the full board meeting will convene at 10.00 am

Item 3 - Notes of meeting held on 22 April 2020 for item 5 c

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Item Number: 5 (Meeting 1)
Item Title: LGD Funding Report
Meeting Date: 22 May 2020
Purpose: For Information and Decision

Confidential information has been removed from this report.

Information defined as exempt in Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 has been removed from this report including:

Information relating to an individual, and/or relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person.

1. Draft Resolution

Board members are asked to:

- **Note** the update on the four projects invited by the LEP Board to develop Full Businesses Cases;
- **Consider** the independent expert due diligence reports at annexes 5.A1, 5.A2, and 5.A3.
- **Agree** to the Executive working up proposals for an SME High Growth funding call to support economic recovery.
- **Note** the update on the £10.25m Solent Growth Deal Funding retained by the Department for Transport (DfT) for the upgrade to M27 Junction 10.

2. Overview

This paper updates the Board on the Solent Prosperity Fund (SPF) Large Projects that have been invited by the Board to develop Full Business Cases (FBCs), the consultation responses to the two SPF projects agreed for funding (A326 and Island Line); and on the £10.25m Solent Growth Deal Funding retained by DfT for the upgrade to M27 Junction 10.

3. Update on Solent Prosperity Fund Large Projects and Programmes Applications

At the LEP Board meeting on the 17 January 2020, the Board agreed to invite four projects to work in collaboration with the LEP on Full Business Cases (FBCs). The four projects are:

- ABP - Shore Power Initiative
- Portsmouth City Council - Southsea Coastal Scheme
- Solent University - Warsash School of Maritime Science & Engineering (WSMSE): Safety Training Centre
- University of Portsmouth - Centre for Creative and Immersive XR

Projects are required to start on site by end of October 2020, as agreed by the LEP Board in March 2020. The current COVID-19 pandemic and the evolving advice from Government is likely to make this challenging.

4. Solent Prosperity Fund Large Projects and Programmes

The LEP Board set a deadline of 23 March 2020 for submission of FBCs for the above four projects. All were received by this date and were shared with the LEP's independent expert consultants for due diligence to commence. As part of the due diligence, the consultants have included a specific assessment of the impact of COVID-19 on the deliverability of projects. Following on from this, Solent University have contacted the LEP to advise that, because the duration and impact of the pandemic are difficult to estimate, it has become necessary and prudent for the University to pause and review all planned development work and contractual commitments, and have consequently decided not to proceed with their WSMSE Safety Training Centre funding application to Solent LEP's Solent Prosperity Fund.

The independent expert due diligence reports for the ABP Shore Power Initiative, the University of Portsmouth, Centre for Creative and Immersive XR project, and Portsmouth City Council, Southsea Coastal Scheme are attached as annexes 5.A1, 5.A2 and 5.A3 respectively.

In consideration of the due diligence recommendations and reflecting on the funding scenarios considered by the LEP Board at its meeting on 22 April 2020, the Board will be asked to agree to consider next steps and to note that the FBC for the University of Portsmouth CCIXR project was published for comment on the 21 February and closed on the 15 May 2020. A summary of consultation responses is being developed and a verbal update will be provided at the meeting. The FBC for the ABP Shore Power Project and the New Growth Annexe for the Portsmouth City Council Southsea Coastal Scheme were published on 5 May 2020, and will close on 28 July 2020.

5. M27 Junction 10

In relation to Local Growth Deal Retained funding, there has been no formal advice from the Government in relation to an extension of the 31 March 2021 spend deadline, and we therefore have to work on the assumption that the deadline will not be extended and that any funds unspent by this date could be lost to the area. A verbal update on the status of this funding will be provided at the meeting.

6. Legal implications

There are no direct legal implications specifically arising from the recommendations in this report in so far as they refer to noting the update on the four projects invited by the LEP to develop Full Business Case(s).

Legal advice and review will be provided to the Executive working up proposals for an SME High Growth funding call to support economic recovery.

In relation to the Full Business Cases referred to, if the decision to invest is subsequently made, these will proceed to a contractual stage during which all legal aspects (including the reality of delays to original timescales due to the COVID - 19 pandemic) will be fully considered and addressed and all financial implications will be made in conjunction with delegations from the PCC s.151 officer.

7. Equality impact assessment

An EIA has been prepared in relation to the Solent Prosperity Fund and this is provided at Annexe 5.A6, and it is considered that there are no negative impacts on groups identified in the EIA.

8. Financial comments from the S151 Officer of the Accountable Body

The funding recommendations set out in the report rely largely on the LEP receiving the full final year's local growth deal allocation and the overall affordability of the capital programme.

The Accountable Body will continue to set out the range of affordable scenarios available to the Board at each meeting to ensure that all final funding decisions remain affordable and in line with the criteria of the Local Growth Deal.

This recommendations in this report and the impact on the available budget will be discussed in detail under item 5 of part 2 of this Board meeting.

9. Decision Summary

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Annexe 5A: Local Growth Deal Funding Report

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Annexe 5.A1: Independent due diligence report

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Annexe 5.A2: Independent due diligence report

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Annexe 5.A3: Independent due diligence report

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Annexe 5.A6: Equality Impact Assessment

Solent Prosperity Fund - Large Project and Programme Component

Equality Impact Assessment

Preliminary assessment form 2018

The preliminary impact assessment is a quick and easy screening process. It should:

- identify those policies, projects, services, functions or strategies which require a full EIA by looking at:
 - negative, positive or no impact on any of the equality groups
 - How are going to mitigate or remove any potential negative impacts
 - opportunity to promote equality for the equality groups
 - data / feedback
- prioritise if and when a full EIA should be completed
- justify reasons for why a full EIA is not going to be completed

Directorate:

Solent LEP

Service, function:

Solent LEP

Title of policy, service, function, project or strategy (new or old) :

Solent Prosperity Fund - Large Project and Programme Component

Type of policy, service, function, project or strategy:

- Existing
- New / proposed
- Changed

Q1 - What is the aim of your policy, service, function, project or strategy?

The Solent area is an internationally recognised key economic hub comprising the Isle of Wight, the two cities of Portsmouth and Southampton, the New Forest and a constellation of large towns along the M27 corridor and the Solent waterway. Improving productivity and competitiveness in the Solent delivers wider benefits for the UK and requires targeted and sustained investment in both our businesses and our infrastructure. In response, the Solent LEP has established the Solent Prosperity Fund (SPF), with capital funding available between 2018/19 to 2021/22 for capital projects and programmes that support the Solent economy being fit for the future by helping businesses create better, higher-paying for all and investing in the skills, industries and infrastructure of the future and helping shape a prosperous Solent. The Fund was re-launched in April 2019, and is now closed. However, four projects have been invited by the LEP Board to develop Full Business Cases, and these are progressing through the process as set out in the published guidance.

Q2 - Who is this policy, service, function, project or strategy going to benefit or have a detrimental effect on and how?

The fund aims to level out opportunity for all. It aims to encourage new public infrastructure and skills infrastructure projects which will have a public benefit for all, and also support commercial initiatives, which will support economic prosperity for all in the Solent and beyond.

Q3 - Thinking about each group below, does, or could the policy, service, function, project or strategy have a negative impact on members of the equality groups below?

Group	Negative	Positive / no impact	Unclear
Age	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Disability	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Race	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sex	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Gender reassignment	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Sexual orientation	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Religion or belief	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Pregnancy and maternity	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
Other excluded groups	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>

Note: Other excluded groups examples includes, Homeless, rough sleeper and unpaid carers. Many forms of exclusion are linked to financial disadvantage. How will this change affect people on low incomes, in financial crisis or living in areas of greater deprivation?

If the answer is "negative" or "unclear" consider doing a full EIA

If there are any potential negative impacts on any of the protected characteristics, What have you put in place to mitigate or remove the negative impacts/barriers?

N/A

Q4 - Does, or could the policy, service, function, project or strategy help to promote equality for members of the equality groups? e.g. A new service has been created for people with a disability to help them gain employment this would mean that this helps promote equality for the protected characteristic of disability only.

Group	Yes	No	Unclear
Age	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Disability	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Race	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sex	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Gender reassignment	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Sexual orientation	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Religion or belief	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Pregnancy or maternity	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Marriage & civil partnership	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
Other excluded groups	<input checked="" type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

If the answer is "no" or "unclear" consider doing a full EIA

Q5 - Do you have any feedback data from the equality groups that influences, affects or shapes this policy, service, function, project or strategy?

Please add in the text boxes below what feedback / meetings you have attended for each specific protected characteristic

Group	Positive or negative feedback
Age	N/A
Disability	N/A
Race	N/A
Sex	N/A
Gender reassignment	N/A
Sexual orientation	N/A
Religion or belief	N/A
Pregnancy and maternity	N/A
Marriage & civil partnership	N/A
Other excluded groups	N/A

Q6 - Using the assessments in questions 3, 4 and 5 should a full assessment be carried out on this policy, service, function or strategy?

yes No

PCC staff-If you have to complete a full EIA please contact the Equalities and diversity team if you require help [REDACTED]

CCG staff-If you have to complete a full EIA please email: [REDACTED] if you require help

Q7 - How have you come to this decision? Summarise your findings and conclusion below

The Solent Prosperity Fund is a competitive fund that was open to all groups and organisations.

Q8 - Who was involved in the EIA?

[REDACTED]

This EIA has been approved by:

[REDACTED]

Contact number:

[REDACTED]

Date:

11th May 2020

PCC staff-Please email a copy of your completed EIA to the Equality and diversity team. We will contact you with any comments or queries about your preliminary EIA.

[REDACTED]

CCG staff-Please email a copy of your completed EIA to the Equality lead who will contact you with any comments or queries about your preliminary . [REDACTED]