



LEP – Sub Committee

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Transport for Lancashire - Proposed Amendments to the LEP Assurance Framework

(Appendix 'A' – Accountability Framework – Transport (extracted from Assurance Framework) refers)

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Executive Summary

This report requests that Transport for Lancashire (TfL) considers proposed amendments to the Accountability Framework for Transport schemes as set out in the LEP's Assurance Framework.

Should the Committee approve the proposed changes, these will be reflected in the LEP's Assurance Framework which is currently being reviewed and updated by officers. The revised Assurance Framework will be presented to the LEP Board on 30 January for consideration and approval.

Recommendation

The Transport for Lancashire Committee is asked to:

- (i) Consider the contents of this report;
- (ii) Approve the proposed changes to the Accountability Framework for Transport schemes as set out in the LEP's Assurance Framework; and
- (iii) Recommend the proposed changes are included with the LEP's Assurance Framework which is currently being reviewed and updated by officers and will be presented to the LEP Board on 30 January 2018 for consideration and approval.



Background and Advice

Transport for Lancashire's current Terms of Reference, part of the LEP's Assurance Framework that came into force in February 2017, state that the LEP will not fund scheme development and preparation costs nor any post scheme monitoring and evaluation. This is inconsistent with the other two themes of the Growth Deal programme covering skills and economic projects, where scheme preparation costs are permissible as part of the local contribution.

It is therefore proposed to amend the Terms of Reference to allow scheme sponsors to use a proportion of Growth Deal funding to support scheme preparation and development. It is further proposed that the minimum 10% local contribution scheme sponsors are required to provide can also include scheme preparation and development costs in addition to capital costs as currently approved. The proposed changes in respect of transport schemes will bring the management and delivery of the Growth Deal programme and scheme delivery into alignment. Local contributions will continue to be considered on a scheme by scheme basis to ensure that value for money is achieved.

Should the Committee approve the proposed changes, they will be reflected in an update of the LEP's Assurance Framework, which is currently under review by officers. The revised Assurance Framework will be presented to the LEP Board at its meeting on 30th January 2018 for consideration and approval.