

## **LEP – Getting Building Better Programme – Lead Anne-Marie Parkinson**

### **Background**

The Getting Building Fund is a £900 million government programme to deliver jobs, skills and infrastructure across the country. This investment is targeted in areas facing the biggest economic challenges as a result of the pandemic. It is supporting the delivery of shovel-ready infrastructure projects, agreed with Mayoral Combined Authorities and Local Enterprise Partnerships to boost economic growth, and fuel local recovery and jobs.

In August 2020, government announced a funding allocation of £34.1m to Lancashire LEP from the Getting Building Fund. Following the announcement government undertook a review of the schemes submitted by the Lancashire LEP, where in agreement with the LEP the £34.1m was allocated to ten projects.

### **Performance**

#### **Delivery**

In terms of progress to date:

- 100% of the £34.1m funding received has been allocated to 10 projects (see table)
- 100% of the projects have provided a 5-Case Business Case, which has been Independently Appraised, focussing on 'Deliverability' and 'VFM', the two key criteria of the funding call.
- 100% of projects have received LEP Board Funding approval, following the completion of the Business Case Independent Assurance for each project.

The next stage in the governance structure is to commence drafting the project Grant Funding Agreements (GFA), the completion of which allows projects to commence draw down of funding.

In order to commence this stage, GFA contract inception meetings have either been completed, or arranged with all projects. Contract Inception meetings include; Approval Conditions, Security, State Aid, Outputs/Milestones/Finance profiles, Claims, Monitoring, Evaluation and Social Value requirements.

Subject to the timely receipt of information from project applicants, it is expected to complete contracting on all 10 projects early January 2020.

A number of projects have commenced delivery in advanced of the completion of contracting, an update re commencement of all schemes on site will be provided to the next meeting of the LEP Board.

#### **Projected KPIs / Outputs**

The table below contains the forecasted outputs for all ten projects, as confirmed via the completion of the Business Case Independent Assurance for each project. These forecasts will be re-confirmed upon the completion of contracting (GFA) for each scheme, however these are unlikely to change significantly.

The baseline for all outputs is zero as this is a new programme. Actuals are expected to be reported from March 2022, against forecasts as detailed below.

| <b>KPI / Output Description</b>                            | <b>Forecast</b> |
|--|-----------------|
| Jobs Created / Safeguarded                                 | 1534            |
| Construction Jobs  | 309             |
| Housing Unit Unlocked or Delivered                         | 995             |
| Commercial & R&D floor space (sqm)                         | 43,173          |
| Learning space improved or created (sqm)                   | 412             |
| Businesses or institutions assisted                        | 197             |
| KG of CO2 emissions avoided                                | 670,564         |
| Public Realm or Green Space created (sqm)                  | 23480           |
| New super/ultrafast broadband connections                  | 102             |
| Roads, cycle lanes and walk ways maintained and built (km) | 2.484           |
| Other Investment £m  | £79.780         |

### Programme Milestones

| <b>Milestone</b>                           | <b>Date</b>     | <b>Comments</b> |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|
| Programme funding allocated to projects    | Aug 20          | Complete        |
| Programme funding approved by LEP Board    | Sep 20          | Complete        |
| Government Offer letter received           | Sep 20          | Received        |
| Communications Milestones Identified       | Nov 20 - Jan 21 | Commenced       |
| Social Value embedded within the programme | Nov 20 - Jan 21 | Commenced       |
| Programme funding contracted to projects   | Nov 20 - Jan 21 | Commenced       |
| Projects achieve practical completion      | Mar 22          |                 |
| Evaluation / Case studies collected        | Mar 22          |                 |
| Programme contracted targets achieved      | Mar 25          |                 |

### Risks

A new Single Portfolio Risk Register for the combined programmes has been created, which can be found at Appendix M to the main report.

| Project Summary  | Area                         | Start Date | PC Date    | GBF          | Match Funding | Total         |
|--|------------------------------|------------|------------|--------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>Abingdon Street Market</b> - This project will rejuvenate the visitor experience, growth, and sustainability of the town centre. Abingdon Street indoor market, which has declined significantly in recent years and is currently for sale by its private owner, will have a new and rejuvenated retail and service offer which will address the needs and demands of residents and visitors and provide a modern experience at the heart of the town centre.   | Blackpool                    | 30/09/2020 | 30/11/2021 | £ 3,634,000  |               | £ 3,634,000   |
| <b>Alker Lane</b> - The scheme will provide much needed new commercial floorspace comprised of affordable office accommodation and new industrial units. The development will be directed towards scale ups, start-ups and new businesses promoting inward investment into Chorley and will complement the adjacent digital office park which is an incubation hub for digital creative businesses. The development will provide invaluable accommodation and digital connectivity improvements for businesses in the town centre looking to grow. Chorley has an undersupply of such space which has led to a number of companies moving away from town centre to find more suitable accommodation. The retention of this growing agglomeration of local businesses will benefit the Boroughs residents, providing opportunities in skilled employment in a sustainable location. | Chorley                      | 30/11/2020 | 31/12/2021 | £ 2,250,000  | £ 7,940,000   | £ 10,190,000  |
| <b>Burnley Town Centre Master Plan - Pioneer Place Retail/Leisure Development</b> - The Project is identified in the Burnley Town Centre and Canalside Masterplan. It will redevelop a brownfield site and address an identified need for; a leisure anchor with the re-location of REEL cinema from its current out of town location, and; a branded food and beverage offer. The existing cinema site will also be re-developed for a food retailer. The scheme will improve town centre vitality and viability with increased footfall and dwell time, underpinning other masterplan objectives. Funding is required for abnormals infrastructure & public realm.   | Burnley                      | 30/11/2020 | 31/03/2023 | £ 3,681,400  | £ 18,070,000  | £ 21,751,400  |
| <b>Hillhouse International Business Park</b> - Thornton Facilities Management will commit to deliver additional and improved electrical and water supply infrastructure alongside repositioning of existing gatehouse security to allow access to the new secure business park; Hillhouse International. The project will assist in delivering 200 new jobs to the area as part of the Enterprise Zone project through improved infrastructure for all existing businesses and new occupants of the planned new-build Hillhouse International Business Park.   | Wyre                         | 30/11/2020 | 31/08/2021 | £ 504,000    | £ 126,000     | £ 630,000     |
| <b>Houndshill Shopping Centre Extension</b> - As part of its strategy to revitalise the town centre Blackpool Council purchased the Houndshill Shopping Centre (HSC) in Nov 19 for £47.6m, the aim being to support its sustainability and to re-purpose parts of it through the delivery of a transformational leisure and retail development. The mixed use development comprises:<br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• 9 Screen Imax Style Cinema– (40,575 sqft)</li> <li>• 2 New Restaurants (3760sq ft)</li> <li>• A relocated Wilko Store (22,500 sq. ft)</li> </ul> The scheme objectives are to create new complementary leisure uses, secure the site for the tramway terminus, provide land value, amenity, transport, and wider benefits, and promote increased investor confidence in the area.   | Blackpool                    | 30/09/2020 | 31/12/2021 | £ 5,000,000  | £ 14,585,000  | £ 19,585,000  |
| <b>Low Carbon Building Demonstrator (AMRC)</b> - The project will demonstrate retrofittable smart building technologies. The demonstrator will showcase technologies within the fabric of the building, providing access for manufacturers to evaluate and consider adoption in their own factory. De-risking the adoption of these technologies in legacy manufacturing facilities will enable manufacturers to reduce the cost of ownership and carbon footprint. In addition to the embedded building technologies the facility would demonstrate low carbon manufacturing methods. The project would work in collaboration with RedCAT and the Clean Energy Technology Park to create a local ecosystem of innovation, developing new low carbon energy technologies.  | South Ribble & Ribble Valley | 30/11/2020 | 31/12/2021 | £ 2,500,000  |               | £ 2,500,000   |
| <b>M55 St Annes Link Road</b> - The road is needed to satisfy the impacts from the Queensway residential development site and to overcome localised congestion problems on the B5261 which is a key corridor for both Fylde and Blackpool. It provides an alternative corridor to the M55 motorway, as well as access to existing employment areas from Lytham. It is required to enable Fylde Council deliver its local plan. It also satisfies future access needs to the Fylde coast for business (including Blackpool's Enterprise Zone), leisure activities and to+C88urism. The road also includes a parallel sustainable corridor satisfying needs of pedestrians, cyclists and equestrians.  | Fylde                        | 01/04/2021 | 30/10/2023 | £ 5,790,000  | £ 21,260,000  | £ 27,050,000  |
| <b>Project Neptune</b> - The first phase of a transformational mixed use development of Fleetwood Docks. It will pump prime the development and help bring forward the overall site in line with the aspirations for mixed use development in the Local Plan. This first phase includes the development of a modern purpose built Food Park and the enabling works to bring forward a first phase of serviced land suitable for waterfront residential development with high quality public realm. The Food Park development will safeguard local jobs and allow new and existing SME businesses to grow.  | Wyre                         | 30/11/2020 | 31/12/2021 | £ 4,030,385  | £ 4,166,000   | £ 8,196,385   |
| <b>RedCAT</b><br><ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Building end to end commercialisation funding and support for low carbon technologies</li> <li>• Identifying the viability of technologies, market, early adopter funders, potential buyers, VC and equity investors and global roll out opportunities</li> <li>• Combining capital support from public, private and VC/Equity sources to enable the initial R&amp;D costs of prototype development, demonstration, first sale product and scale up costs to be supported</li> <li>• Additionally, funding capital costs of Lancashire's advanced manufacturers to diversify into low carbon component manufacture</li> <li>• Driving the manufacture and adoption of low carbon tech across Lancashire to drive economic green recovery and resilience</li> </ul>   | Accrington / Pan Lancashire  | 30/09/2020 | 28/02/2022 | £ 1,500,000  | £ 1,700,000   | £ 3,200,000   |
| <b>Tatton</b> - The scheme will consist of a 63 assisted living units consisting of a mix of a 1-bed and 2-bed units, a new community centre, community café, a GP Surgery and Pharmacy for the NHS, and landscape works to regenerate the existing park and gardens at the Tatton Recreation Ground providing both sporting and civic facilities. There is an identified need for assisted living accommodation and new health facilities in Chorley.   | Chorley                      | 01/01/2021 | 28/02/2022 | £ 5,210,215  | £ 11,933,000  | £ 17,143,215  |
|  |                              |            |            | £ 34,100,000 | £ 79,780,000  | £ 113,880,000 |