

LEP – Growth Deal Programme – Lead Anne-Marie Parkinson

Background

The Lancashire Growth Deal is a £320m capital grant programme, delivering 52 projects across Lancashire, aligned with four key priorities, rooted in maximising the area's competitive economic strengths. This Deal is expected to bring to Lancashire's economy; 11,000 jobs, 3,900 homes and attract £1.2bn of private sector investment.

Performance

Approvals and Contracting

The £320m Growth Deal programme is delivering in accordance with Lancashire's agreed Growth Deal milestones and Government's reporting requirements.

There are currently 52 projects within the programme of which:

- 99% of the funding is allocated to 52 projects.
- 100% of the projects have received a LEP funding approval, of which:
 - 100% (52 projects) have completed contracting via a Grant Funding Agreement;
 - 96% (50 projects) of projects have commenced their physical works;
 - 53% (28 projects) of the projects have completed their physical works; and
 - 17% (9 projects) of projects have fully completed their contracted spend and output

Key Performance Indicators – as at Qtr. 1 2021/21 (Apr – Jun 2020)

Key Performance Indicator	Actuals to Q1 20/21	Forecast to Q1 20/21	% Actual v Forecast	Forecast to 20/2021	Forecast to 24/2025	Government 'Deal' Target	RAG
Growth Deal Funding defrayed £m	170.593	170.593	100%	273.93	273.93	273.93	Green
Housing Units	756	1150	66%	3718	8248	3900	Yellow
Jobs Created Jobs Safeguarded Apprentices	3598.97	3020.6	119%	6087.9	16115.2	11000	Green
Commercial floor space constructed or refurbished (sqm)	10156.67	25818.14	39%	89265.89	252786.9	43829	Yellow
Other Investment £m	151.426	140.000	108%	159.424	367.408	140.000	Green
Length of new cycle way (km)	19.75	21.37	92%	26	28.1	0	Green
New or Improved Training Facility	42371	41794	101%	42557	42557	0	Green
Additional Learners leading to qualification (up to L4)	10370	7563.25	137%	9440	10787	0	Green
Specialist equipment	19	12	158%	112	113	0	Green
Enterprises receiving support & Business Assists (SME)	597	782.5	76%	1232	2025	0	Yellow

The table identifies the programme is forecasted to meet or exceed the five government 'deal' targets. In terms of the under underperformance of Qtr. 1 2020/21 in respect to four targets, these either relate to projects being unable to achieve / evidence practical completion due COVID 19 (e.g. LHIC), or projects being unable to provide the output verification data due to officers re-deployed on COVID related activities.

There are no concerns at present in terms of meeting the targets or locally agreed forecasts, however it is expected output forecasts will reduce, as a consequence of the impact of COVID-19. LEP Officers will continue to liaise closely with projects to establish a clearer picture over the coming months.

Programme Milestones

Milestone	Date	Comments
Programme funding allocated projects	2020	99.99% achieved
Programme funding contracted to projects	Complete	100% - Achieved
BEIS Annual Performance Review – Delivery Element - minimum of 'Good' rating achieved.	Annually	2019/20 – Good achieved
Communications Milestones Identified	Ongoing	Updated on a quarterly basis
Projects achieve objectives	2021	Currently on target
Achievement of Programme Deal Targets	2025	Currently on target
Social Value embedded in programme delivery	2016-2021	6 monthly reporting by projects
Programme Evaluation Complete	2021	On schedule

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.