

## **LEP – Getting Building Fund 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, all ten projects provided a 5-Case Business Case, which was Independently appraised, received LEP Board Funding approval, completed contracting with the LEP (GFA), and are all subsidy control compliant.

Following completion of contracting (GFA), projects are required to submit quarterly reporting to the LEP, which includes financial claims and progress reports. Works have commenced on all ten projects, with some slippage to delivery. This is not unusual as procurement concludes and works commence on site, especially when operating in a constricted delivery programme for a capital programme such as this. There are no delivery concerns at present to highlight to LEP Board Members.

The programme has benefitted from the close working relationship between the LEP Officers and Project Managers since inception, with on-going regular discussions to support delivery, maximise opportunity and identify areas of risk which may materialise.

Please see at the base of this document a summary for each project as at 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 21. Further detailed information on projects is available upon request.

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

The table below contains the combined contracted outputs forecasted for the ten projects in the programme. The reporting of 'actuals' will commence from Qtr. 4 21/22 (31st Mar 22).

<b>KPI / Output Description</b>	<b>Actuals</b>	<b>Forecast 2022-25</b>
GBF Defrayed £m	£14.178m	£34.1
Other Investment Defrayed £m	£11.801m	£78.89m
Jobs Created / Safeguarded		1,474
Construction Jobs		309
Housing Unit Delivered or Unlocked (1006 Del. / 30 unlock.)		1,036
Commercial & R&D floor space (sqm)		67,388
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)		23,480
New super/ultrafast broadband connections		113
Roads, cycle lanes and walkways maintained and built (km)		2.484

As confirmed in the LEP Annual Performance Review (APR) with government in January 2022, the £34.1m Getting Building Fund programme is being delivered in accordance with Government's requirements for the fund, with all areas for this programme being 'Met' ('Met' being the highest ranking).

As part of the governance arrangements, the LEP is required to provide cumulative reporting on the delivery of the Getting Building Fund programme to the Cities and Local Growth Unit. This is provided on a quarterly basis and includes performance against both financial and output metrics for each project within the programme.

No queries have been raised in relation to the last quarterly reporting submitted to Government in February 2022 (covering the period to 31<sup>st</sup> Dec 21).

### Programme Milestones

Milestone	Date	Comments
Programme funding allocated to projects	Aug 20	Complete
Programme funding approved by LEP Board	Sep 20	Complete
Government Offer letter received	Sep 20	Complete
Communications Milestones Identified	Nov 20	Complete
Social Value embedded within the programme	Nov 20	Complete
Subsidy Control Compliance - all projects	Mar 21	Complete
Subsidy Control Database upload	Mar 21	Pending with LCC legal
Programme funding contracted to projects	Mar 21	Complete
Projects achieve practical completion	Mar 22 onwards	
Evaluation / Case studies collected	Dec 22	
Programme contracted targets achieved	Mar 25	

**Risks** - A Single Portfolio Risk Register for the combined programmes is attached to the main report.

### **Communications**

A number of press releases / events have taken place as projects have commenced on site. Please see a few pictures of progress on site for four of the projects.



## Projects Summary

Name & Description of Project	Project Organisation	Project Activity Commenced	Start on Site	Complete on site	GBF £M (approved)	Leverage £M (forecasted)	All Cost £M	RAG	Status / Comments
<b>Abingdon Street Market</b> - a modern experience providing a new retail and service offer to address the needs and demands of residents and visitors.	Blackpool Council	Sep-20	Aug-21	Jun-22	£ 3.634	£ 0.714	£ 4.348	Green	Live - Commenced on site Aug 21. PC expected Jun 22.
<b>Strawberry Meadows Business Park (formerly Alker Lane)</b> - commercial floorspace comprising affordable office and industrial accommodation directed towards scale ups, start ups and new businesses.	Chorley Council	Nov-20	Apr-21	Apr-22	£ 2.250	£ 7.740	£ 9.990	Green	Live - Commenced on site May 21. PC expected Apr 22. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received.
<b>Burnley Town Centre Master Plan - Pioneer Place</b> - Redevelopment of a brownfield site to address the need for a leisure anchor, food and beverage offer and relocation of REEL cinema.	Burnley Council	Nov-20	Jan-22	Dec-24	£ 3.681	£19.319	£ 23.000	Green	Live - Started on site Jan 22. PC expected Dec 24. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received.
<b>Hillhouse International Business Park</b> - additional and improved electrical and water supply infrastructure. Project will assist in delivering 200 new jobs as part of the Enterprise Zone.	Thornton Facilities Management Ltd	Nov-20	Apr-21	Mar-22	£ 0.504	£ 0.126	£ 0.630	Green	Live - Commenced on site Apr 21. PC expected Mar 22. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received.
<b>Houndshill Shopping Centre Extension</b> - Re-purposing this shopping centre to support its sustainability through the delivery of a transformational leisure and retail development.	Blackpool Council	Sep-20	Jun-21	Jan-23	£ 5.000	£14.585	£ 19.585	Green	Live - Start on site Jun 21. PC now Jan 23 / FC Mar 23. Opening Apr 23. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received.
<b>Lancashire Centre for Alternative Technologies - RedCAT</b> - a number of measures to support low carbon technologies and advanced manufacturers, by identifying viability, funding, VC/Equity sources to drive economic green recovery and resilience.	East Lancashire Chamber of Commerce	Sep-20	Jan-21	Mar-22	£ 1.500	£ 0.200	£ 1.700	Green	Live - Start on site Jan 21. PC expected Mar 22. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received. Full spend next quarter.
<b>Low Carbon Manufacturing Building Demonstrator</b> - demonstrating retrofittable smart building technologies, showcasing tech within the fabric of buildings, providing access to manufacturers to evaluate and consider adoption in their factories.	Sheffield University	Feb-21	Mar-21	May-22	£ 2.500	£ -	£ 2.500	Green	Live - Start on site Mar 21. PC May 22. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received.
<b>M55 Heyhouses Link Road</b> - road required to satisfy impacts from Queensway residential development and to overcome localised congestions problems. Provides an alternative to the M55 motorway as well as access to existing employment areas.	Lancashire County Council	Dec-20	Dec-20	Dec-23	£ 5.790	£19.763	£ 25.553	Green	Live - Start on site Dec 20. PC expected Dec 23. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received.
<b>Project Neptune</b> - Phase 1 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 Local Plan. Includes developing a modern purpose-built Food Park and enabling works to bring forward serviced land suitable for waterfront residential development and high quality public realm.	Wyre Borough Council	Nov-20	Jun-21	Sep-22	£ 4.030	£ 4.778	£ 8.808	Green	Live - Start on site June 21. PC expected May 22 for units and Sep 22 for enabling resi. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received.
<b>Tatton Development</b> - 63 assisted living units, a new community centre, community café, GP surgery and NHS, with landscaping works to regenerate the existing park and gardens which provide both sporting and civic facilities.	Chorley Council	Jan-21	Jan-21	Oct-22	£ 5.210	£11.990	£ 17.143	Green	Live - Start on site Jan 21. PC expected Oct 22. Qtr. 3 21/22 reporting received. C/R submitted re 6 month slippage. No concerns.