



## **LEP – Sub Committee**

### **Growth Deal Management Board**

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### **Growth Deal Monitoring & Evaluation Sub Group Update**

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#### **Executive Summary**

The purpose of this report is to provide:

- i. An update on the Growth Deal Monitoring
- ii. An update on the Growth Deal Evaluation, including:
  - o The ITT
  - o Social Value

#### **Recommendation**

The Committee is invited to consider the information contained within the report, commenting as appropriate.

## **Background and Advice**

### **Monitoring**

A project delivery monitoring tracking spreadsheet has been designed and implemented to enable tracking of claims against schedules and milestones. The spreadsheet enables robust tracking of projects throughout their lifetime and provides a meaningful and easily accessible audit tool.

The tracking sheet includes a RAG rating facility which is used to alert the sub-group to any areas that need attention. To date, approved projects that are drawing down monies are performing as anticipated.



## Evaluation

ITT Update - the contract to award the winning applicant is in the process of being signed off and references are being sought and received. Once the contract has been approved, all applicants will be informed of the outcome. The standstill period currently applies and it is anticipated that interested parties will be notified of the decision in mid-December.

Currently, there are no delays to this process and it is anticipated that the winning applicant can be invited to meet the Growth Deal Monitoring & Evaluation Sub Group early in 2016 to discuss the requirements and tasks to be started in readiness for the contract start date in April 2016.

Approval of the contract award will be two fold in keeping with the LEP Assurance Framework and the process followed for decision making by the other Committees of the LEP:

1. As the award is through the accountable body's procurement process, the award will need to follow the LCC internal approval process.
2. Also, as the contract is on behalf of the LEP, the recommendation is that the Committee is asked to endorse the appointment for formal approval by the LEP at its Board meeting to be held on 15<sup>th</sup> December 2015. Refer to separate report seeking the award approval, titled:

*Monitoring and Evaluation Sub Group: Framework Agreement for Lancashire Growth Deal Evaluation Plan Arrangements*

## Social Value

The M&E Sub Group took an opportunity to consider the activity that the Committee had delegated to it at the last meeting in respect to Social Value.

The outcome of activity undertaken by the M&E Sub-Group was forwarded in order to support the Social Value Working Group meeting convened to take place on 27 November 2015.