



LEP – Sub Committee

Growth Deal Management Board

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Monitoring & Evaluation Sub Group Update

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Executive Summary

The information below updates the GDMB on:

1. Social Value
2. Growth Deal Metrics
3. Monitoring and Evaluation Framework
4. Membership of the Growth Deal Monitoring & Evaluation Sub Group

Recommendation

The Growth Deal Management Board is invited to note the contents of this report.

Background and Advice

Social Value

The initial discussions with sponsors on social value continue to be very positive with evidence of positive outcomes and a desire to engage with the approach. The sub-group were heartened that the discussions with existing "live projects" during monitoring visits have been universally positive and that projects are keen to highlight and evidence the social value benefits of their schemes.

An update from the Brierfield Mill project (which was due to be taken forward by colleagues in Economic Development as part of the business case development discussions) was awaited and hoped to be as positive.

It was recognised that a separate report would be tabled for consideration by Growth Deal Management Board relating to how social value will be further taken forward,



and the sub-group re-affirmed their commitment to support this important activity as appropriate.

Overall metrics – presentation option

As the accountable body undertaking the monitoring of the Growth Deal projects, a detailed and auditable set of monitoring metrics is maintained for each project. The monitoring that takes place is against the agreed metrics (outcomes, outputs and project milestones) as agreed and formalised within individual growth fund agreements.

This monitoring enables auditable draw down of monies and robust progress monitoring against project plans.

Additionally, the combined programme outcomes and metrics have been combined into a single document which is updated as projects receive LEP approval. (This is maintained, updated and presented to the Growth Deal Management Board at each meeting).

Should the Growth Deal Management Board wish, a short presentation of the current monitoring arrangements could be made at a future meeting?

Monitoring and Evaluation Framework – refresh

The Growth Deal Monitoring & Evaluation Framework has been refreshed and is being reviewed by the sub-group prior to submission to the GDMB. The previous version was dated May 2015 and written before the appointment of the evaluation framework partner. As a living document, it should be refreshed annually.

Membership of the sub-group

It is recognised that as the sub-group had been in operation for over 6 months, that it would be appropriate to review that membership of the sub-group.

Current membership is predominantly 6 representatives from the accountable body, with only a small number of representatives who are external to the accountable body.

- Moshin Mulla, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
- Robert Latham, Blackpool Borough Council
- Dion Williams, Lancaster University
- Leighton Cardwell, Jacobs

The representative from Jacobs has not attended any meetings and no representative from Skills has been forthcoming.