

LEP – Growth Deal Programme – Lead Anne-Marie Parkinson**Background**

The Lancashire Growth Deal is a £320m capital grant programme, delivering 51 project across pan-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

Projects - There are currently 51 projects within the programme of which:

- 99% of the funding is allocated to 51 projects
- 100% of the projects have received a LEP funding approval, of which:
 - 92% (47 projects) have completed contracting via a Grant Funding Agreement
 - 88% (45 projects) of projects have commenced their physical works
 - 51% (26 projects) of the projects have completed their physical works
 - 18% (9 projects) of projects have fully completed their contracted spend and output delivery

Programme Milestones

Milestone	Date	Comments
Programme funding allocated projects	2016	1% currently available (£3.2m)
Programme funding contracted to projects	Ongoing	92% achieved to date
Satisfactory BEIS Annual Performance Review	Annually	2019 satisfactory
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 within the programme	2016	Each project reports 6 monthly
Programme Evaluation Complete	2021	On schedule

Outputs – The table contains the core outputs contain in the government 'Deal Targets' document, a full list of outputs for the programme is available upon request etc. The data reflects performance at Qtr. 3 2019/20 (Oct-Dec 19/20). Qtr. 4 2019/20 data has been delayed from projects responding to COVID-19.

Lancashire 'Deal' Targets	Growth Deal (£m)	Investment (£m)	Housing	Jobs	Commercial floorspace sqm
Growth Deal Targets	£274.395	£140.000	3,900	11,000	43,829
Growth Deal Forecasts	£274.395	£375.761	8,675	15,456	228,446
Growth Deal Actuals	£133.662	£139.213	552	3,352	9,672

Currently the table above identifies the programme will exceed its targets, however it is expected output forecasts will reduce as a consequence of the impact of COVID-19 on project delivery, and the change to the economic climate. LEP Officers will continue to liaise closely with scheme effects to establish a clearer picture over the coming months.

Risks / Matters of consideration

Risk	Mitigation / Action
Retaining full funding allocation – Covid-19 Review	Identify financial solutions with affected projects - actions agreed with BEIS. Clear pathway for unallocated funds.

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Programme Performance reduced as a consequence of COVID-19	Close review of programme Spring / Summer 20/21 to assess impact and identify solutions agreeable by all stakeholders
Project Delivery Delayed	Financial solutions agreed, close monitoring, change control where required.
Unable to attract future funding opportunities re lack of performance	Clear Strategic Pipeline / Identification of PR Communication Opportunities / MP Engagement / Successful Evaluation / Collation of case studies.