**Appendix 'I'**

**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***

Projects - There are currently 52 projects within the programme of which:

* 100% of the funding is allocated to 52 projects
* 100% of the projects (52) have received a LEP funding approval, of which:
* 94% (48 projects) have completed contracting via a Grant Funding Agreement
* 92% (47 projects) of projects have commenced their physical works
* 53% (27 projects) of the projects have completed their physical works
* 18% (9 projects) of projects have fully completed (contracted spend and outputs)

Key Performance Indicators – as at Qtr. 1 2021/21 (Apr – Jun 20/21)



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 20/21 for three targets, these relate to the projects being unable to provide the reporting due to officers re-deployed on Covid related activities, rather than anticipated under delivery.

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

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| **Milestone** | **Date** | **Comments** |
| Programme funding allocated projects | 2016 | 100% achieved |
| Programme funding contracted to projects | Ongoing | 94% achieved to date |
| 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 within the programme | 2016 | Each project reports 6 monthly |
| Programme Evaluation Complete | 2021 | On schedule |

***Risks / Matters of consideration***

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| **Risk** | **Mitigation / Action** |
| Retaining full funding allocation – Covid-19 Review | Identify financial solutions with affected projects - actions agreed with BEIS. Clear pathway should funding become available (underspend on projects). |
| Programme Performance reduced as a consequence of COVID-19 | Close review of programme Summer / Autumn 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. |
| Complete contracting (GFA) for all schemes | Contracting is expected to be completed by the end of September 20 for the remaining four schemes. |