

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

Delivery

100% of the funding allocated to Lancashire has been contracted to 52 projects within the programme, which are at various stages of delivery:

- 100% (52 projects) of projects have commenced their physical works
- 77% (40 projects) of the projects have completed their physical works, with a further six expected by March 22.
- 27% (17 projects) of projects have fully completed (works, spend and outputs)

Projects are either required to provide quarterly or half yearly reporting to the LEP, depending on their delivery status, which includes financial claims and progress reports. There are no delivery concerns at present to highlight to the LEP Board on either the programme or projects within it.

A full list of the projects and current delivery status can be found at the [LEP website](#).

Projected KPIs / Outputs

The table below contains the combined forecast and actual performance data for all 52 projects, as at Qtr. 3 2021/22 reporting (31st Dec 22).

Key Performance Indicators	Actual to Qtr. 3 21/22	Forecast to end 21/22	% Actual v Forecast	Forecast to 2025	Government 'Deal' Target	RAG
Growth Deal Funding defrayed £m	£273.93m	£273.93m	100%	£273.93m	£273.93m	Green
Housing Units	4,005	4,247	94%	8,248	3,900	Green
Jobs Created, Safeguarded, Apprentices	5,878	8336	71%	16,017	11,000	Green
Commercial Floor space constructed / refurbished (sqm)	55,966	112,297	50%	263,450	43,829	Amber
Public & Private Sector Investment £m *	£263m	£140m	128%	£369m	£140m	Green
New or Refurbished Roads (km)	5	5	100%	10.17	N/A	Green
Length of new cycle way (km)	21	23	91%	28	N/A	Green
New or Improved Training Facility (sqm)	42,963	42,557	101%	42,557	N/A	Green
Additional Learners leading to a qualification (up to L4)	13,339	9,632	138%	10,793	N/A	Green
Specialist equipment	117	117	100%	117	N/A	Green
Enterprises receiving support & Business Assists (SME)	1010	1,448	70%	2,025	N/A	Green
Social and Economic Value £m	£54.1	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	Green

The table above identifies the programme is in a positive position, having achieved four of the five Government Deal targets (not due until 2025), and with the majority of all 2021/22 targets either already met or exceeded. This is an impressive performance from our partners given the economic climate.

It should be noted, it is expected that the 2025 forecasted KPI targets for 'Jobs Created' and 'Business Assists' will reduce as a consequence of the current economic climate, however it is unlikely these will fall below the VFM threshold.

The one Amber RAG KPIs relates to the delivery of commercial floorspace. The under-performance is due to slippage to practical completion on a number of the larger schemes into 2022, as a consequence of pandemic. The relevant schemes are now nearing PC, as such it is expected to achieve the forecasted targets.

Reporting to Government

As confirmed in the LEP Annual Performance Review (APR) with government in January 2022, the £320m Growth Deal 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 Growth Deal programme to the Cities and Local Growth Unit. This is provided on a six monthly 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 October 21 (covering the period up to 30th Sep 21).

Programme Milestones

Milestone	Date	Comments
Programme funding fully allocated projects	2020	Achieved - 100% allocated
Programme funding contracted to projects	2021	Achieved - 100% contracted
Projects complete capital works	2021	Slippage into 2022 due to pandemic
Annual State Aid Reporting	2021	Complete
Programme Evaluation Complete	2022	On target
Projects achieve contracted outputs	2025	On target
Programme achieves Deal 'Fact Sheet' Targets	2025	On target - 4 of 5 targets achieved
Social Value embedded within the programme	Complete	Review on a 6 monthly basis
BEIS 2022 Annual Performance Review	Annually	2022 - 'Met' (highest) rating achieved
Communications Milestones Identified	On-going	Review on a quarterly basis

Communications

There has been a great deal of communications activity during 2021/22 as projects complete their physical works. Over the next few months, we will be working closely with government and the project leads to feed into the communications around the completion of other Growth Deal projects including; AMRC NW, Blackpool Conference, Blackpool Tramway, Futures Park, Northlight, Pennine Gateway and Skelmersdale Town Centre redevelopment.

Risks

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