**Item 6**

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**Business Support Simplification in Lancashire**

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**Executive Summary**

A condition of the interim grant support from BIS in 2015/16 was that each LEP / Growth Hub should conducted a Business Support Simplification Audit within its area, in an attempt to develop a more simple landscape where businesses could easily understand what was available at their location.

The Board has received reports on the development of this exercise /document and we are now moving to submit our conclusions to BIS.

The mapping is helpful in a number ways including:-

* Informing the Boost Gateway on current provision
* Setting a context for the procurement of ESIF business support projects
* Providing an overview of how public resource is being used in this policy area

**Recommendation**

The LEP BSM Board is asked to:

1. note the Report,
2. approve its submission to BIS