

## **Commissioning Group Update - Local Growth Fund Project Delivery**

### **1. Introduction**

The Commissioning Group met on 13 January 2016 and considered the following items:

- In Depth Project Review – M4 Junction 16
- SWLEP KPIs
- Local Growth Fund projects delivery update
- Interim Management Arrangements during new Director recruitment
- SWAP Audit recommendations

JSEC is asked to provide comment on the information outlined below.

### **2. Detailed Project Review – M4 Junction 16**

- There is a need to purchase land to build the embankment
- A tunnel is planned under M4 from Wichelstow to Wharf Road, and is part of the planning requirement
- A filter road to the South of the junction will allow traffic from Royal Wootton Bassett to access Wroughton negating the need to circumnavigate the whole of J16 roundabout
- Looking to purchase farm land to South West of the Junction; in negotiation with the farmer
- Land to South East of the Junction is held by MotoServices; in negotiation for purchase
- The Joint Venture agreement on Wichelstow is behind by a year, but it has been signed off by Cabinet and the Barrett Homes Board meets this month.
- Full Business Case being developed. Agreement needed from Wiltshire Council, Swindon Borough Council and Highways England. Commissioning Group to sign off and make recommendation to the Board.

### **3. SWLEP KPIs**

The KPI format presented at the JSEC meeting on 1 December 2015 were deemed a clear visual representation of the situation and have been agreed to be used going forward. This will be updated quarterly and extended to include all projects. This will be given to the Board together with the Highlight Reports.

### **4. Local Growth Fund Projects**

Highlight reports were presented by both Unitary Authorities on projects due to commence in 2015/16 and 2016/17 and beyond. The Commissioning Group noted the schemes' progress and the summary reports are attached as Appendix 1.

### **5. Interim Management Arrangements**

An Interim Management sheet has been produced which groups and refocuses the activity, as requested at Commissioning Group Meeting on 15 December 2015. This updated version was also submitted to the Resourcing Meeting on 12 January 2016, but suggested changes still to be incorporated. Key points were:

- Higher Futures – Sally Burnett has been extended to March 2016, and thereafter 50% until July 2016
- Parvis Khansari to be invited to join Secretariat
- Board sponsor required for Transport Subgroup
- Digital group to be widened
- Joint Council digital strategy to be developed
- JSEC to take on some Place Shaping – eg Housing / Joint Planning
- Some groups to be amalgamated to make Business Development Subgroup
- Comms Subgroup – Comms has taken the strategy up to this point, but implementation going forward to be determined

## **6. SWAP Audit Recommendations**

SWAP has been advised that all actions within the report have been accepted and implemented. Report to be highlighted to the new SWLEP Director and included as part of the induction process.

## **7. Summary / Recommendation**

JSEC Members are invited to comment on Commissioning Group report areas:

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**Appendix 1 - Highlight Report to SWLEP Commissioning Group (13 January 2016)**