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1. Purpose

A summary of the status of each LGF project (and other LEP projects) is presented to the Board in order to communicate the status of all projects and to demonstrate that projects are being managed in line with the LEP Assurance Framework. These summaries are based on individual highlight reports produced for each project that have been reviewed and approved by the Commissioning Group. Copies of the individual highlight reports can be found on the SWLEP website under publications or by following the link below <https://www.swlep.co.uk/resources/document636517816450686000.pdf>.

2. Summary

Six projects have been identified by the Steer Davies Gleave review as 'high risk' projects that warrant specific attention in this summary. They are:

Chippenham Station Hub

Phase 1a (gate-lines and ticket hall) has begun with construction work being carried out at the station. There have been delays to the production of the Full Business Case for phase 1b (lift access) due to the availability of Network

Rail resource. An Outline Business Case for the remaining phases of the project is being submitted to the January Board for approval to enable development work to continue on these phases.

A350 Yarnbrook / West Ashton

A consultation on the revised planning submission (based on a new design to accommodate bats) is currently taking place with approval scheduled for April 2018. Funding to cover the associated cost increase has been applied for from the Housing Infrastructure Fund (HIF).

Salisbury Central Car Park and Maltings

Reaching an agreement with THE Real Estate has caused some delay to the project timescales. A change control for this has been agreed by the Commissioning Group and the new milestone dates will be reflected in the next set of highlight reports.

Swindon Bus Exchange

A preferred design has now been approved by Swindon Borough Council (SBC) Cabinet. Costs have increased and a Housing Infrastructure Fund application and Land Release Fund application has been made to cover these. A delivery programme will be produced when funding is secured.

New Eastern Villages

Southern Connector Rd – costs have increased due to design requirements to mitigate archaeological discoveries. An application has been made to Housing Infrastructure Fund to cover these. Meeting with twenty land owners has been held. One Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) will be necessary which will be considered at March SBC cabinet.

A420/Gablecross - SBC is reviewing design options. An update to the project plan will be produced when preferred option selected.

Wichelstowe Southern Access

Work is ongoing to progress planning, modelling and Outline Business Case development (to be ready for March Board meeting).

Highlight Reports are available for all other projects, summaries of which are shown in this paper.

The following statistics summarise the status across all of the projects:

- There are 28 live projects covered by the highlight reports and two potential projects (the Salisbury Plain Heritage Centre and the Swindon Museum and Art Gallery).
- Three projects (11%) are completed
- Ten projects (36%) are rated GREEN
- Six projects (21%) are rated AMBER GREEN
- Six projects (21%) are rated AMBER RED
- Three projects (11%) are rated RED (Swindon Bus Exchange, New Eastern Villages A420 Gablecross and the New Eastern Villages Southern Connector Road).
- Three projects have improved their RAG ratings since the last report, and two have got worse.

3. Recommendations

The Board is asked to approve the Commissioning Group's assessment that the highlight reports are an accurate representation of the current status of all LGF projects.

4. Highlight Report Summaries

Summaries of all highlight reports are shown on the following pages:

Local Growth Fund – High Risk Projects

Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LGF/1617/004/CSH	Chippenham Station Hub	WC	AR	AR	Scheme has now been agreed to be un-retained and in future will be spilt into individual phases. FBC for Phase 1 part (a) agreed and work commenced. OBC for overall scheme submitted for January Commissioning Group.
LGF/1617/009/YWA	A350 Yarnbrook/ West Ashton	WC	AR	AR	Redesign to accommodate bats has resulted in a cost increase leading to a funding viability gap. An application has been made to the Housing Infrastructure Fund for the required funds. Planning application in progress.
LGF/1718/003/CCPM	Salisbury Central Car Park and Maltings	WC	G	AR	The Council awaits confirmation from THRE that the proposed Heads of Terms are acceptable to the company. A change request has been submitted requesting an amendment to the milestone timeframes and financial profile to reflect the current position
LGF/1617/008/SBX	Swindon Bus Exchange	SBC	R	R	Preferred design now approved by SBC Cabinet. Funding gap being addressed by applications to Housing Infrastructure Fund and Land Release Fund. Delivery programme, including the interim milestones, will be reviewed and updated when outcome known.
LGF/1516/003/EV (iv)	New Eastern Villages Southern Connector Road	SBC	R	R	Overall scheme cost increase due to land assembly revised cost estimates, additional road length and structures to mitigate environmental and archaeological impact, contingency and optimism bias allowance. Submission to Housing Infrastructure Fund has been made. Result known in Summer 2018. Meeting with twenty land owners has been held. One Compulsory Purchase Order (CPO) will be necessary which will be considered at March SBC cabinet.
LGF/1516/003/EV (iii)	New Eastern Villages A420 Gablecross	SBC	R	R	Costs and scheme design options under review. Change Control to be submitted. Additional land may be required to deliver the optimum junction improvement.

LGF/1617/002/W1	Wichelstowe Southern Access	SBC	AG	AG	Work is ongoing to continue planning, modelling, and development of business case. The team has commenced design discussions with Highways England. Outline Business Case scheduled for early 2018.
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Local Growth Fund (Growth Deals 1 and 2)

Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LGF/1516/001/A350	A350 Improvements	WC	Complete	Complete	
LGF/1516/002/A429	A429 Malmesbury	WC	Complete	Complete	
LGF/1516/004/PSP	Porton Science Park	WC	AG	G	Building nearing completion. Discussions with prospective occupiers are progressing. Operational Manager appointed.
LGF/1617/001/A350	A350 Dualling Bypass (Badger – Brook + Chequers)	WC	G	G	Works underway (commenced July 2017) . Progressing well. Due for completion in August 2018.
LGF/1617/007/MH	Mansion House (Corsham)	WC	AR	AR	Preferred Contractor selected. Updated OBC submitted to January Commissioning Group. Construction expected to start in Feb 2018 with completion in November 2018.
LGF/16/17/010/JNC17	M4 J17 Capacity Improvement	WC	AG	AG	Works commenced in August 2017. Progressing well. Completion expected in February 2018.
LGF/1617/009/UFB	Ultra Fast Broadband	WC	G	G	The contract to deliver Ultrafast broadband in the north of the county has been awarded to Gigaclear Plc and the contract to deliver the service in the south of the county has been awarded to BT. Mobilisation of the contractors is currently underway.
LGF/1516/005/LSTF	LGF Sustainable Transport Package	SBC	AG	AG	Detailed design of year 3 scheme elements is being progressed. Some elements of town centre scheme will move into 18/19. Change Control submitted.

LGF/1617/003/SRT	Swindon Rapid Transit	SBC	AR	AR	Bus Rapid Transit route between Wichelstowe and Swindon Town Centre is to be delivered during the period 2017/18. FBC submitted for January Commissioning Group subject to review by ITA. Work in progress on Tadpole Farm and NEV schemes.
LGF/1617/006/JNC16	M4 Junction 16	SBC	G	AG	Project progressing well. Completion now scheduled for April 2018.
LGF/1617/010/SPHC	Salisbury Plain Heritage Centre	WC			Dependent on result of application for Heritage Lottery Funding Highlight Report to be produced if project goes ahead.
LGF/1617/011/SMAG	Swindon Museum and Art Gallery	SBC			Dependent on result of application for Heritage Lottery Funding Highlight Report to be produced if project goes ahead.

Local Growth Fund (Growth Deal 3)					
Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LGf/1718/001/WCS	Wiltshire College - Salisbury	Wiltshire College	G	G	Stage 2 design work complete. Stage3 design work underway.
LGf/1718/002/WCL	Wiltshire College - Lackham	Wiltshire College	G	G	Stage 1 design work complete. Stage 2 design work underway.

Department for Transport – LGF (Growth Deal 1)

Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LGF/1516/003/EV (i)	New Eastern Villages - Great Stall Bridge	SBC	AR	AG	Preliminary design work on track for completion in March 2018.
LGF/1516/003/EV (iia)	New Eastern Villages - Greenbridge Roundabout (Package 1)	SBC	Complete	Complete	
LGF/1516/003/EV (iib)	New Eastern Villages -West of A419 (Package 2)	SBC	G	G	Project still within original predicted budget. Scheme spend estimated to start in 2019/20. Scope of work dependent on comprehensive NEV access strategy and developer proposals.

Department for Transport - Retained

Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LGF/1516/003/EV (v)	New Eastern Villages White Hart Junction	SBC	AR	G	Milestones now re-baselined. Cost estimate has been reduced by £5m. Land assembly cost estimates will be confirmed once a preferred design has been approved. Dedicated design team is in place and is progressing design work.
LGF/1516/003/EV (vi)	New Eastern Villages Business Case	SBC	AG	AG	Atkins has produced the Options Appraisal Report and Appraisal Specification Report ready for submission to the DfT.

City Deal

Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LGF/1516/006/CD	Higher Futures	WC & SBC	AR	AR	The new approach of a broader skills brokerage service has been agreed by Central Government. Target numbers of learners remain a challenge.

Careers and Enterprise Company (CEC)

Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LEP/GEN/001/CEC	Enterprise Advisor Network	WC & SBC	G	G	Project going well with 51 schools/colleges & 43 Enterprise Advisers engaged. Mentoring also now underway.

Department of Business Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS)

Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LEP/GEN/002/GH	Growth Hub	LEP	G	G	Over 1,500 people visited new Growth Hub portal since launch at SWLEP Annual Conference on October 5 th . Work being scoped for inclusion of SWLEP and Higher Futures websites on the platform.

Growing Places Infrastructure Fund (GPIF)

Project Ref	Project Name	Lead Delivery Partner	Previous	Current	Notes
LEP/GPIF/001/CAS	GPIF – Castledown Business Park	WC	G	G	£2.54m loan paid to project in 14/15. Repayment to be made in March 2018.
LEP/GPIF/002/KIM	GPIF - Kimmerfields	FSL			GPIF Loan no longer required
LEP/GPIF/003/PL	GPIF – Park Lane Corsham	Bath ASU			GPIF Loan no longer required
LEP/GPIF/004/WCH	GPIF - Wichelstowe	SBC			GPIF Loan no longer required




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Project Status

	Red	Amber Red	Amber Green	Green
	R	AR	AG	G

See below for RAG rating methodology

Direction of Travel

-  Project status expected to remain same going forward
-  Project status expected to improve going forward
-  Project status expected to get worse going forward

Milestones

BLUE – complete, **GREEN** - on track, **AMBER** - at risk, **RED** – will be late/is late.