

Strategic Board Summary of Decisions, 31st January 2020

Item 2: Minutes of last meeting, Declarations of Interest, Matters arising

1. The Board was asked to agree the minutes of the last meeting 4th October 2019.

This was agreed.

Item 3: Draft Local Industrial Strategy

2. The Board was asked to note the progress made in drafting the LIS following feedback from the Board meeting on 6 December.

This was noted.

3. The Board was asked to consider the document as a working draft, to support ongoing development and future discussion with Government through the co-design phase.

This was considered.

4. The Board was asked to agree the next steps for development of the LIS.

These were agreed.

Item 4: Draft Communications Strategy and Protocols

5. The Board was asked to agree the adoption of the communications strategy and protocols.

This was agreed.

6. The Board was asked to note the communications narrative and key messages set out in the communications strategy and protocols

This was noted.

7. The Board was asked to note the responsibilities of SELEP Members and partners when communicating the work of SELEP and its projects.

This was noted.

Item 5: Local Growth Fund Spend beyond 31 March 2021

8. The Board was asked to endorse LGF spend beyond 31 March 2021 for the A127 Fairglen Interchange Junction Improvements and New Link Road project.

This was **endorsed** with the caveat that this project will come back to the Board for review if there are any significant changes regarding planning approval, project deliverability or the availability of other funding towards this project.

9. The Board was asked to endorse LGF spend beyond 31 March 2021 for the Thanet Parkway project.

This was **endorsed** with the caveat that this project will come back to the Board for review if there are any significant changes regarding planning approval, project deliverability or the availability of other funding towards this project.

10. The Board was asked to endorse LGF spend beyond 31 March 2021 for the A28 Sturry Link Road project.

This was **endorsed** with the caveat that this project will come back to the Board for review if there are any significant changes regarding planning approval, project deliverability or the availability of other funding towards this project.

11. The Board was asked to endorse LGF spend beyond 31 March 2021 for the Exceat Bridge project.

This was **endorsed** with the caveat that this project will come back to the Board for review if there are any significant changes regarding planning approval, project deliverability or the availability of other funding towards this project.

12. The Board was asked to endorse LGF spend beyond 31 March 2021 for the Innovation Park Medway project.

This was **not endorsed**. This project will be reviewed by the Accountability Board in February 2020, to return to the March 2020 Strategic Board meeting.

13. The Board was asked to note that a further 10 projects have been identified as having a risk of LGF spend beyond 31 March 2021. Further updates will be provided to the Strategic Board prior to LGF spend being agreed by the Accountability Board beyond 31 March 2021 for any of these 10 projects.

This was **noted**.

14. The Board was asked to note that if the expected project completion date is delayed by more than six months, prior to the construction contract being awarded and relative to the updated expected completion dates set out in Appendix 1, the Board will be asked to confirm its continued support for LGF spend beyond 31 March 2021.

This was **noted**.

Item 6: SELEP Assurance Framework and Board Recruitment Policy

15. The Board was asked to agree the SELEP Assurance Framework 2020/21, to be formally adopted on incorporation of SELEP Ltd.

This was **agreed**.

16. The Board was asked to agree the revised Board Recruitment Policy, to be formally adopted on incorporation of SELEP Ltd.

This was **agreed**.

17. The Board was asked to note the revised Strategic Board Terms of Reference, which will be considered by the Board of Directors of SELEP Ltd at their first meeting on 20 March 2020

This was **noted**.

Item 7: Chair Term Extension

18. The Board was asked to agree to extend the term of the current Chair by a further two years.

This was **agreed**.

19. The Board was asked to note that a two year extension would take the term served to a full six years which is the maximum term for the position, after which an open and transparent recruitment in line with the agreed process as set out in the Board Recruitment Policy would be required.

This was noted.

Item 8: Deputy Chair Appointment

20. The Board was asked to agree to appoint Sarah Dance as the Deputy Chair on the recommendation of the Selection Panel.

This was agreed.

Item 9: Board Membership

21. The Board was asked to note the updated list of membership to be shared at the meeting.

This was noted.

22. The Board was asked to note those Board Members who have left the Board, or are soon to do so, and their contribution to the Board and the wider partnership.

This was noted.