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 - proceeding under delegation, and can opt to have any project brought to the Supervisory Board for approval.
- 145. A project can be called in should any one of the members of the Supervisory Board require it.
- 146. The LEP Executive will manage the flow of information between the delegations and the Supervisory Board and will ensure that decisions are communicated swiftly.
- 147. Complaints from scheme promoters regarding the decisions taken in the approvals process, during either the prioritisation or approvals processes, should be made in writing to the Chair of the LEP Board, via the LEP Executive, Ground Floor, Baskerville House, Birmingham B1 2





- 173. Following the award of programme entry approval, significant changes in cost, scope, risk, benefits, impact, dependencies and programme management may become apparent, and may mean that it is not in the best interests of GBSLEP to continue to allocate funding to a scheme. In this situation, GBSLEP reserves the right to reprioritise the programme and to reapportion the allocation of funding in accordance with the process set out below.
- 174. Any such decision will be discussed with Government.
- 175. Programme management decisions will be designed to maximise the benefits of and minimise the impact of risk to the whole programme, and to ensure that the per annum allocation can be spent and the key outputs delivered.

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- 177. Where a decision is taken to withdraw funding from one project with programme entry approval, that project will not regain programme entry approval unless funding is secured through a future round of Growth Deal.
- 178. In such cases, GBSLEP will decide how be to reapportion the funding allocated to that project.
- 179. GBSLEP will take a three-stage approach to reallocating funds:

In the first instance, the funding will be allocated to any projects which have encountered significant cost pressures that have arisen unavoidably, and not as a result of poor project management.

In the second instance, funding will be allocated to projects that have overprogrammed, where spending can be brought forward.

In the third instance, where funding remains having committed it to projects that already have approval, a project will be sought from a reserve list to be agreed by GBSLEP.

180. Where the decision is taken to grant programme entry to a reserve project in place of another, that project must keep to the same funding envelope and deliver within the same timeframe.

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- 182. The Programme Delivery Director will report on progress to GBS Growth Team who will, in turn, report to the LEP Board and Supervisory Board.
- 183. GBSLEP anticipatcicis

209. In order to ensure the highest standards of corporate governance, public

Local Growth Fund, GBSLEP will ensure that its performance is subject to audit and will publish the results of that audit on its website.

210. GBSLEP will also explore opportunities for regular independent audit and assurance checks to be undertaken, to verify that GBSLEP is operating effectively and within the terms of its agreed Accountability Framework. The local authority acting as the Accountable Body will be responsible for taking the necessary actions to remedy any shortcomings identified within any such audit.

