



£31.27m against an indicative LGF allocation of £13.07m (239% over-programmed).

10. A report was submitted to the 27 July 2016 Growth Team which explained that project slippage is the main cause of these variances. Projects have been reviewed and where possible, re-profiled to bring forward spend to 2016/17. This includes:

transferring the LGF allocation from Kidderminster Railway Station which was profiled to spend £1.8m during 2017/18 and 2018/19 and now, following negotiations with Worcestershire County Council (WCC), this will be transferred to Hoobrook Relief Road to spend in 2016/17. WCC will use their own resources to fund Kidderminster Railway Station; and

bringing forward four projects submitted for LGF totalling £0.75m. The projects will be evaluated and expenditure in 2016/17 will enable delivery of skills related outputs.

11. The LEP Delivery Team will continue working with Project Managers to try and bring delivery on these projects and other projects back in line with forecast. We are also working with project sponsors to bring forward new investment opportunities
12. At the last meeting of the

Battery Way which has a potential CPO that will delay the project start date if implemented. Negotiation on the land swop is still continuing but no agreement has yet been made.

### **Local Growth Fund Round 3**

16. Growth Deal 3 was submitted to Government on the 28<sup>th</sup> July 2016 for a total request of £310m. It is recognised that this is ambitious, given the total funding pot available is £1.8bn across 39 LEPs.
17. The funding allocation from Government as a result of the Growth Deal 3 bid is expected to be announced around the Autumn Statement on 23<sup>rd</sup> November.
18. On the 23 September the GBS LEP Board approved the Growth Deal 3 proposed approach to assessing and prioritising project proposals which is expected to be implemented October/November 2016.
19. An allocation of £5m has been made within 2016/17 to provide development fees for projects that are awarded Programme Entry Level and will be developing a full business case for Growth Deal 3. Criteria will be developed in collaboration with