

Report to the Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

29<sup>th</sup> June 2017

## LOCAL GROWTH FUND PROGRAMME UPDATE

### Executive report

To discuss the progress made in delivering the Local Growth Fund programme.

### Recommendations

The Board is recommended to:

- Review progress in delivering the Local Growth Fund programme;
- Move to quarterly reporting for low value/low risk projects, so that scarce resource can be focused where it is most required;
- Approve project approval for Kingswood Lakeside Phase 2;
- Approve intention to introduce a Programme Evaluation Plan;
- Approve intention to register for VAT; and
- Approve the process for revising the Assurance Framework;

The LEP receives Local Growth Funding from central government to invest in projects that support delivery of the Strategic Economic Plan. This funding is not managed by the LEP, but allocated to a range of project sponsors who deliver on their own behalf.

### Fund programme update

The total outturn for the Local Growth Programme in 2016/17 was £49.18m – representing full utilisation of the resources available to us. £33.29m was used to set up the pilot Revolving Investment Fund. The investment forecast through to 2020/21 is set out in the table below. To allow for slippage, the ideal level of programme funding would be 140%. LEP officers are therefore still working to bring the programme forward for this financial year.

	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
(£m)	25.70	19.30	12.72	31.85	89.57
Expenditure (£m)	30.29	30.72	12.03	0.00	72.33

