

INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD

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SCR INFRASTRUCTURE BOARD ACTIVITIES AND WORK PROGRAMME

Purpose of Report

The attached presentation provides a summary of the areas of activity that the Infrastructure Board has responsibility for.

Thematic Priority

This report relates to the following Strategic Economic Plan priorities:

- Secure investment in infrastructure where it will do most to support growth.

Freedom of Information

The paper will be available under the Combined Authority Publication Scheme

Recommendations

The Board is asked to:

1. note and comment on the current SCR strategic infrastructure activities being undertaken, which fall within the role and remit of the Infrastructure Board; and
2. note the Dashboard proposals to monitor progress on both the Infrastructure Board's activities and the SCR Local Growth Fund scheme investments.

1. Introduction

1.1 The Terms of Reference for the Infrastructure Board is set out under item, but in summary the key roles are to:

- Shape future policy development and priorities on issues related to infrastructure;
- Develop infrastructure programmes;
- Make investment decisions up to £2 million within the agreed budget and policy on infrastructure, as delegated by the Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA);
- Accept grants / loans with a value of less than £2 million; and
- Monitor programme delivery and performance on infrastructure.

1.2 Prior to the establishment of the Infrastructure Board, the relevant programme of work was shaped and overseen by the SCR Housing and Infrastructure Executive Board. This Board agreed activities and the work programme, which has continued, and regularly received reports on progress in how they were being implemented. This included progress in developing capital schemes through the due diligence process for SCR investment.

2. Proposal and justification

2.1 Infrastructure covers a wide variety of work areas and a presentation to the meeting (see Appendix 1) provides an oversight of current activities in each of the following programme areas:

- Infrastructure Investment pipeline
- Energy
- Planning
- Blue and green infrastructure
- Digital Connectivity
- Public estate

2.2 The presentation concludes with details of the timelines for delivery of the existing programme of work and seeks the views of the Board on the work programme and any future priorities, as well as any new activities not currently being covered.

2.3 To fulfil the Board's role with regards to monitoring programme delivery and performance, work is ongoing to develop a consistent 'dashboard' approach.

Appendix 2 provides an extract from a dashboard that was used to keep the former Housing and Infrastructure Executive Board up-to-date on the activities (research, pipeline development, audits etc) to be overseen by the Infrastructure Board.

Appendix 3 provides the emerging draft standardised dashboard being developed for reporting as a standing item at each of the five Boards and the MCA and LEP Board. This is particularly focussed on infrastructure capital scheme Local Growth Fund investments and progress with achieving their set outputs.

3. Consideration of alternative approaches

3.1 The presentation attached provides details of the current areas of infrastructure activity and concludes with a work programme timeline. The focus of the work programme is for consideration by the Board.

4. Implications

4.1 Financial

There are no immediate financial implications. All schemes seeking financial support will be subject to the SCR Assurance Process.

4.2 Legal

There are no direct legal implications arising from this report.

4.3 Risk Management

Taking forward any specific infrastructure activity will require its own risk assessment.

4.4 Equality, Diversity and Social Inclusion ([Equality Act - Public Sector Equality Duty](#))

None arising from this report.

5. Communications

5.1 The Infrastructure work programme would not in itself be communicated more widely, but with the Board publication of papers and decisions, there will be full transparency in relation to investment proposals and decisions. Opportunities for publicising schemes

being supported will be explored with the SCR Communications Team as and when they arise.

6. Appendices/Annexes

6.1 Appendix 1 – Presentation ‘SCR Infrastructure Board Activity and Work Programme’

Appendix 2 – Extract example of “dashboard” report format from previous Housing & Infrastructure Executive Board.

Appendix 3 – Emerging LGF standardised capital scheme focussed ‘Dashboard’

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Other sources and references: