

Appendix A - Progression of schemes to full approval and award of funding

A.1 Project D0004

Appendix A1 provides a summary of the project assurance and the suggested conditions of award.

This project is for £4.8m grant funding to support R&D which will build state of the art infrastructure. The applicant is aiming to secure private sector investors alongside the grant in order to grow an important entrepreneurial business sector.

The Benefits and Outcomes –

The project will deliver -

- 97 net additional jobs (110 gross)
- £48m over 10 years GVA (Gross Value Added)

Also delivered as part of the scheme (at no cost to the MCA) is the start-up of a Smart Mobility Observatory (SMO) for the city region. This initiative would utilise telematics data to provide key transport data to inform Transport policy and strategies.

The project also makes commitments to social value and wider benefits with a modest monetised benefit of £477k, which would improve the projects value for money position when taken into consideration with the value for money benefits. These include:

- 1144 weeks, over 3 years, of work placements that pay real living wage
- 160 hours per year over 7 years, dedicated to supporting young people into work

The overall value for money is deemed acceptable, the Assurance Summary notes some conditions of approval that will need to be resolved prior to contract execution, these are detailed in full within Appendix A1.

This project cannot be supported in its entirety from the residual LGF allocation and would require additional funding support

A.2 Project D0011

Appendix A2 provides a summary of the project assurance and the suggested conditions of award.

The applicant is seeking £2m grant funding and £3.2m loan to support establishing a manufacturing facility for battery technology. For the avoidance of doubt, resource totalling £5.2m will need to be earmarked to this project to mitigate the risk of default on future loan repayments.

The Benefits and Outcomes –

The project will deliver -

- 495 net additional jobs (gross)
- £161m over 10 years GVA (Gross Value Added)

The project clearly aligns with the Strategic Economic Plan in that it seeks to provide an advanced manufacturing facility for a product with growth potential and the ability to generate higher value-added jobs in the City region

The project reaches the threshold for investment subject to conditions, notably to have confirmed £22.9m match funding prior to entering into the funding agreement and the contract will include clawback clauses related to jobs outcomes.

This project cannot be resourced in full from the residual LGF allocation and would require additional funding support

A.3 **Project D0003**

Appendix A3 provides a summary of the scheme assurance and the suggested conditions of award.

The applicant is seeking £1.98m grant funding to support R&D (Research and Development) which will enable the creation of three new demonstration manufacturing cells which are planned to secure long term contracts and create jobs

The Benefits and Outcomes -

The project will deliver:

- 44 net additional jobs (50 gross)
- £14.4m over 10 years GVA (Gross Value Added)

The project also makes commitments to social value and wider benefits
These include:

- Improving staff wellbeing and mental health
- Social innovation to create local skills and employment
- 192 weeks of Apprenticeship training per year

There is a clear alignment with the SEP and RAP's Core Strategic Outcomes. The project is aligned with the Stronger and Fairer strategic outcomes, with specific outcomes in relation to productivity; enterprise; employment; education; wage levels and health.

The project reaches the threshold for investment with endorsement sought subject to conditions, notably to have confirmed £5.7m match funding prior to entering into the funding agreement and the contract will include clawback clauses related to jobs outcomes.

Considered in isolation from other calls upon the resource, this project could be supported from the residual LGF allocation in full.