

Agenda Item 5

Title of meeting: Solent Growth Forum **Date of meeting:** Wednesday 9th December 2015 **Subject:** Local Growth Deal Programme Update **Report by:** Marc Griffin, Head of Capital and Infrastructure, Solent LEP

1. Purpose of report

This report updates the Solent Growth Forum on progress being made on the delivery of the Solent Growth Deal. The Solent Growth Forum can find the background to the Growth Deal at <u>Solent Growth</u> <u>Deal</u> and <u>Solent: additional Growth Deal funding factsheet</u> links.

2. Recommended that the Forum:

(1) Notes the Solent Growth Deal Update;

(2) The Solent Growth Forum **seek an update** from the scheme promoters on on projects that are near to delivery completion at a future meeting.

3. Solent Growth Deal (SGD) Update

The Solent LEP Executive team have continued to work with scheme leads to progress projects to signed funding agreement and commencement of delivery on site to maximise opportunity for defrayal of the £40,391,667 2015/16 SGD allocation. The current SGD programme status is set out in table 1 below:

Table 1: Current Funding Agreement Status of Projects within the 2015/16 Solent Growth Fund Programme

Solent Growth Fund (launched 23 March 2015)	£	2,000,000
LGD Programme Management Costs	£	300,000
Sub Total	£	2,300,000
Final Agreement		
Eastleigh College Estates Renewal	£	4,810,000
Isle of Wight College CoE for Composites, Advanced Manufacturing and Marine	£	10,900,000
Dunsbury Hill Farm Link Road	£	4,540,000
Station Quarter Southampton	£	4,185,000
The Hard Interchange	£	4,832,000
Fareham and Gosport programme (part 1 and 2) - St. Margaret's Roundabout and Peel Common Roundabout	£	4,500,000

A27 Station Roundabout / Gudge Heath Lane	£	565,000
Solent Recreation Mitigation Project	£	590,000
Sub Total	£	34,922,000
Under Negotiation (Amendments to delivery have been advised)		
Solent Gateways	£	471,000
Sub Total	£	471,000
Agreed schemes to be brought forward 15/16		
Cancer Immunology Centre (CIC)	£	4,500,000
Sub Total	£	4,500,000
Total	£	42,193,000
Solent Growth Deal Award	£	40,391,667
Over programming £1,801,333		

The Solent Growth Forum should note that a number of schemes are now progressing well on site and progress is being made in accordance with their implementation plans and funding profiles. A number of sites continue to be visited by the Executive to observe this good progress. At the time of writing currently £7,700,470 has been claimed by project leads (representing 20% of projects under contract). The Solent LEP Executive will be undertaking a further analysis of actual vs forecast expenditure on all projects as part of the mid-year review and a further update will come forward to the Solent Growth Forum at their next meeting. In addition given that delivery is advanced on a number of schemes it would be timely for the Solent Growth Forum to receive a presentation/progress update from such schemes at future meetings.

In summary Solent LEP has a programme of £37,222,000 of the £40,391,667 2015/16 allocation under signed funding agreement (92% of the 2015/16 allocation). The Solent Growth Forum should note that the Board have also agreed to bring forward the University of Southampton Cancer Immunology Centre (CIC) project for early delivery, commencing in 2015/16

This scheme is anew build proposal located at the University Hospital in Southampton. The total cost of the Cancer Immunology Centre project is £24.8 million and the scheme has been allocated £4.5 million from the Solent Growth Deal. The proposal focuses on the development of the UK's first dedicated Centre for Cancer Immunology, which will support innovation in the field of immunology research, place the UK firmly on the map as a global Centre of Excellence for the development and delivery of new therapies that will cure cancer and create a significant number of new jobs in the Southampton region. Further information on the project and the business case can be accessd via the following link:

http://solentlep.org.uk/uploads/documents/Cancer_Immunology_Centre_-Solent_LEP_-Outline_Business_Case_- August_20_.pdf

It is recognised that it will result in Solent LEP over programming on the main fund by £1,801,333 in 2015/16. It was agreed by the Board that this exposure will be covered by ring-fencing GPF to cover the gap in 2015/16, on the basis that the LGD funding for 2016/17 onwards is confirmed following the spending review in November 2015. At the time of writing the Solent Growth Forum should note that

this scheme is also currently out to consultation and this consultation is due to close on 3 December 2015. Therefore the board decision is subject to the outcome of the consultation.