

City Deal Programme Report

Purpose of the Report

1. To provide the Growth Board (the Board) with an update on progress with the projects in the City Deal as 31 October 2015.

Background

2. The City Deal along with the Growth Deal are the two partnership programmes for which the Growth Board are responsible for governance, reporting to the LEP.
3. The projects are summarised in the appendix to this report and for ease of reference are RAG status'd. as follows.



Red- requiring action



Amber requiring monitoring



Green no action required

Summary of progress

There are two projects identified as red, requiring action at this stage, these are as follows.

Planning for development

Councils to list their land and property assets on e-pims by Spring 2014;

Three of the 5 councils have completed this task and the other three are on-going. Progress is slow however and is listed as red because of the delays in completing. Partner councils have been asked to advise of completion dates so that Government can be advised.

Partners commit the sites necessary to meet housing needs outlined in the SHMA.

There are two aspects to this project, the first is the detailed Programme to meet the agreed unmet need figure for Oxford outlined in a separate report to the Board. The second is the delivery of the overall objectively assessed need (OAN) agreed in the SHMA. It is the first of these that is subject to delays and flagged red as a consequence. The second will be achieved through adoption of Local Plans.

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There are 6 projects flagged amber as requiring monitoring by the Board, these are as follows.

Innovation

CCFE- Culham

The initial programme developed with the main building contractor targeted a start on site date for the end of October 2014, and a building completion target of the end of August 2015.

The project was subject to delays from the outset but demolition of existing structures on the site have now been completed and enabling works commenced in March 2015. A target for a revised start on site for the main construction works of the beginning of May 2015 was met and building completion is targeted for December 2015.

The Begbroke Innovation Accelerator.

Works commenced in October 2015 with a target completion of July 2016. Delays are due to the more comprehensive master planning approach to the project.

Harwell Innovation Hub

Delays with securing planning permissions for the site have delayed progress with this scheme but planning permission has now been granted.

Bio-escalator

Delays caused by the need to make alterations to the design of the scheme together with securing planning permissions for the site have delayed progress with this scheme.

Transport

Detailed Design of Cutteslowe Roundabout

The project experienced delays in the feasibility study of the A40/44 link road earlier this year but are now in progress.

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Access to Enterprise Zone

The progress of elements this scheme have been delayed due to issues with acquiring the land for the schemes with both negotiations and potential CPO being run in parallel.

Science Transit

Detailed design work is underway but has been delayed until November 2015 against an estimated start date of Feb 2015 due to the need to liaise with highways England on proposed works.

Governance

Partnership working with Public Service Transformation Network- no progress on this to date although contact with the PSTN has been made and advice is awaited

Recommendations

The Board is asked to note progress with the projects and support the recommended actions where appropriate