

Bicester Strategic Delivery Board

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| Date of meeting: 28 July 2016 | AGENDA ITEM NO: 13 |
| Report title: Project Bids 2016/17 | |
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1. Purpose of Report

- 1.1 This report provides the current position on project bids submitted by the Bicester Delivery Team. Updates are shown in red, completed submissions are shown shaded at the end of the table.

2. Recommendation

- 2.1 The Board is asked to note the funding submissions made and to continue to support future submissions.

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| Project Bids Since Last Meeting | | | | | | |
| May 2016 | SEMLEP – Local Growth Fund (LGF) | LGF3 - Connecting Bicester | £9.5m | OCC, Bicester Town Council, Bicester Vision, Bicester Chamber of Commerce and A2 Dominion | Unsuccessful | |
| May 2016 | SEMLEP LGF | NW Bicester tunnels under the railway | | OCC/CDC | Unsuccessful | |
| | TOE2 Wildflower meadow project | Deliver a wildflower meadow in the Bure Park nature reserve | ? | Bioregional | | Gathering information for application expecting to submit application in Autumn. |

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| March 2016 | Sustainable Travel Transition Year Revenue Competition 16/17 | To achieve a substantial shift within Bicester (Oxfordshire), Northampton (Northamptonshire) and Aylesbury (Buckinghamshire) from the car to walking and cycling. It also aims to build on the success of cycling levels in Oxford | £400k for Bicester Total bid £2.7M, seeking a contribution from DfT for £2.03M (local contributions being £0.67M). | Joint bid (Oxfordshire County Council, Northamptonshire County Council and Bucks) called "England's Economic Heartlands Cycle Partnership" | Unsuccessful | |
| Awaiting outcome | | | | | | |
| January 2016 | ESIF – European funding | Growing the Low Carbon Economy. Funding for 3 years with projects to start end Sept 2016 | | Low Carbon Hub, other partners | EoI deadline 29/01/16; if successful full bid by March 2016 | Decision awaited |
| January 2016 | ESIF – European funding | Low Carbon Innovation. Funding for 3 years to promote the eco business centre with project to start January 2017 | | Oxford Business Support Unit and other partners | EoI deadline 29/01/16; if successful full bid by March 2016 | Preliminary offer letter received for £89,688 revenue funding to deliver SMEs workshops and one to one expert advice. Preliminary offer letter received for £175,000 capital funding to offer 175m2 space to SMEs in EcoBusiness Center. |
| Successful | | | | | | |
| December 2015 | Innovate UK | DIMES – Distributed Integrated Multi Use Energy System for Urban Developments | £75K | Oxford University, Oxfordshire County Council, Fuel Cell Systems (SME) | | Funding offer received |

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| Sept 2015 | Healthy New Towns Programme Bid | An opportunity to assess the innovations at NW Bicester; to identify the impacts they have on public health; and how they can be replicated across the later phases of large scale planned growth of the town, other areas of the town and elsewhere in the country. | £150k revenue funding | Oxfordshire County Council Bicester Town Council NHS England South Oxford Health NHS Foundation Trust Oxfordshire Clinical Commissioning Group Oxford Academic Health Science Network Oxford Brookes University Oxford University A2 Dominion Ltd | Successful | Selected as one of ten Healthy New Towns. |
| December 2015 | WREN | Bure Park Nature Reserve Signage | £48K | Bioregional, Bicester Town Council, Bicester Green Gym | Successful | £41,000 for wayfinding and biodiversity signage in Bure Park Nature Reserve. |
| November 2015 | DECC | Round 5 – heat network funding | £50K | Bioregional | Successful | Funding offer received from HNDU |
| June 2015 | WREN – Landfill tax fund | Eco Bicester Natural Playground | 70K | Bicester Town Council (lead); Bioregional | | Application successful BTC leading implementation |
| June 2015 | DCLG | Garden town capital funding | £29.4m | N/A | Successful | Awarded £19m. Will be available from 2017/18. |
| May 2015 | WRAP – Waste Prevention Fund | Bicester Moves – Waste Prevention and Reuse Project for people moving into Bicester | 29K | Bicester Green, Brookes University and Green Gage Communications | | Application successful |
| March 2015 | Innovate UK (formerly Technology Strategy Board) | LEMUR - data driven Local Energy Mapping for Urban Retrofit | 81K (50% of overall costs) | Bioregional, Oxford Brookes University, Future Cities Catapult | | Application successful - offered towards the project costs £197,019: Bioregional £57,463 |

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| | | | | | | Oxford Brookes Uni £80,067 CDC £10,008 Future Cities Catapult £14,846 |
| | OxLEP/ City deal – Apprentice scheme | NW Bicester Apprenticeships Scheme | 57k (subject to contract) | | Application submitted – funding offered | Offered £57k to be drawn down in 8 instalments. |
| Unsuccessful | | | | | | |
| May 2015 | OxLEP EoI | Business Case – Bicester Walking and Cycling Connectivity Project | Capital £7.5m Revenue £170k | OCC | Submitted Feb 2015 and successfully progresses to submission of this detailed Business Case. | Not pursued due to timing of construction of centre. |
| June 2015 | OxLEP EoI | SEEIP Proposals: • Greening Bicester – Growing the Garden Town | £600k | Bicester Town Council Quadron (CDC & BTC landscape contractor) Wild Oxfordshire | | OxLEP have now published their Strategic Environmental and Economic Investment Plan and included this project. However there is currently no funding available to deliver the projects. |
| | | • Bicester Walking and Cycling Connectivity Project | £8m | OCC | Replicates May 2015 Business Case submission | OxLEP have now published their Strategic Environmental and Economic Investment Plan and included this project. However there is currently no funding available to deliver the projects. |
| | | • Bicester Live: Integrated Information Platform | £110k | Bioregional Oxford Brookes University Cherwell Local Strategic Partnership OCC Bicester Town | | OxLEP have now published their Strategic Environmental and Economic Investment Plan and included this project. However there is currently no funding available to deliver the projects. |

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| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bicester micro-grid specification study | £50k | Low Carbon Hub Bioregional Oxfordshire County Council Bicester Town Council | | OxLEP have now published their Strategic Environmental and Economic Investment Plan and included this project. However there is currently no funding available to deliver the projects. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Knowledge Sharing: NW Bicester the UK's first eco town | £100k | Bioregional A2Dominion Oxfordshire County Council Bicester Living Lab Other key developers | | OxLEP have now published their Strategic Environmental and Economic Investment Plan and included this project. However there is currently no funding available to deliver the projects. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Oxfordshire Allowable Solutions Fund | £100k | Oxford City Council SODC, VoWHDC, WODC, OCC, Bioregional, Low Carbon Hub | | OxLEP have now published their Strategic Environmental and Economic Investment Plan and included this project. However there is currently no funding available to deliver the projects. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sustainable tourism in Bicester | £200k | Bioregional | | OxLEP have now published their Creativity, Culture, Heritage and Tourism (CCHT) Investment Plan and included this project. However there is currently no funding available to deliver the projects. |
| | | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Bicester Market Square regeneration | £1.4m | OCC | | OxLEP have now published their Creativity, Culture, Heritage and Tourism (CCHT) Investment Plan and included this project. However there is |

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| Spring 2016 | | SEEIP proposal: Low Emission Transport – increase the number of electric vehicle charging points along the Knowledge Spine Oxford / Bicester (decarbonisation of A34) | | - | No funding currently available from LEP | |
| January 2016 | LEADER Grant Programme | For small and medium-sized rural community groups | - | - | - | Programmed reviewed but Bicester projects not eligible |
| December 2015 | Interreg VB NEW / EU Funding | Socinno – Social innovation, jobs and inclusion through local participation and self – governance in resilient communities | £400K | Municipality of Doetinchem (NL) as lead organisations plus 8 Dutch and Belgium local authorities | First stage expression, assessment by May 2016, followed by full application, funding to be received in September 2016 | Unsuccessful, awaiting feedback on outcome. |
| December 2015 | ZEWER project | Heat recovery from domestic hot water | | University of Bath, DECC, BuroHappold Engineering, AECOM, NHBC, Oxford City Council, EST, Orbit Housing, Willmott Dixon, Committee on Climate Change | | University of Bath advised in December. Very close but missed funding by one place. |
| February 2015 | DCLG | Garden Town capital funding | £30.1m | N/A | | DCLG advised in the March budget statement - unsuccessful as too premature but offered business planning |

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| | | | | | | support for future bids. |
| February 2015 | OLEV | Go Ultra Low Scheme to address: (1) affordability and funding to access vehicles (Cost); (2) addressing public perception to electric and low emission vehicles performance including "range anxiety"; and (3) Infrastructure delivery including on street charging | | CDC (lead), OCC, Ox Brookes Uni (SVEC Centre), BMW i mobility, BMW AG Munich, Germany, Bicester Town Council, Bicester Vision, Bioregional, A2Dominion, Fleetdrive Electric, Clearview Traffic Group, Zero Carbon World, Oxford Motor Park | | Outcome March: unsuccessful |
| Jan 2015 | Innovate – Smart Cities | Bicester Live – Creation of an integrated information platform that allows users to model the behaviour of towns and cities. | 1.5m | Bioregional, CDC's ICT Services, Ridgian and Microsoft | | Application unsuccessful |
| | ULEV – Ultra Low Emission Vehicle Fund | Uptake of ultra low emission vehicles & charging point infrastructure | | Bioregional, CDC Env Services, BMW, Chargemaster, Green Fleet, | | 2 nd stage submission unsuccessful. Other OLEV funding opportunities - £20m Ultra Low Emission Taxi Scheme; £30m Low Emission Bus Scheme; infrastructure and hydrogen schemes; continuation of Plug-in Car Grant |