
Report to Performance and Finance Scrutiny Committee

2 December 2021

Growth Deals Programme – Focus for Scrutiny

Report by Director of Law and Assurance

Summary

The committee's Business Planning Group agreed in November 2020 to include scrutiny of the progress in achieving the aims and objectives of the overall Growth Programme on the work programme of the committee.

The attached report sets out a high-level summary covering all Plans, best practice and lessons learnt plus more detail around specific Plans.

Focus for scrutiny

The Committee is asked to consider the attached report. Areas for scrutiny include:

- That the outcomes of the Growth Programme are clear, monitored and are being achieved.
- That the Growth Programmes meet the objectives of the Council Plan and the Economic Reset Plan to ensure the priorities and targets of the County Council can be met,
- That best practice is shared between the individual programmes, and
- That lessons have been learnt for the on-going, and any future, programmes.

The Chairman will summarise the output of the debate for consideration by the Committee.

1. Background and context

- 1.1 The Growth Programme consists of a number of programmes based around specific areas in the county. Within the current Programme there are 88 proposed projects. The key to the success of the Programme is working with partners, including District and Borough Councils, to develop the economic landscape of the county. The aim is to create new jobs, sustainable housing and improve the infrastructure of areas. Table 1 in the attached report summarises the projected benefits of the Programme.
- 1.2 The current Growth Programme has attracted £141m of external funding, including levelling up and LEP funding. The County Council has currently allocated £99.4m of capital funding for the Programmes.

- 1.3 The achievements of the Programme are managed and monitored through key performance indicators (KPIs) included within the Council Plan.
- 1.4 The background and context to this item for scrutiny are set out in the attached report. As it is a report dealing with internal or procedural matters only the Equality, Human Rights, Social Value, Sustainability, and Crime and Disorder Reduction Assessments are not required.

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Appendices

Annex 1 – Growth Deals Programme report

Appendix A - key outputs from the Growth Deals by area

Appendix B - workstream of projects with West Sussex County Council as the contractual lead

Appendix C – communication examples

Background Papers

[Economy Reset Plan](#)