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Mayoral Decision No.:	MDN25-2020.
DECISION TITLE: Getting Building Fund 2021 allocation	
NAME OF OFFICER/MAYOR EXERCISING DELEGATED POWERS: James Palmer, Mayor	
DATE OF OFFICER/MAYORAL DECISION: 15/07/2020	

Responsible Director/Mayor:	<i>John T Hill, Director of Business and Skills</i>
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Is it a key decision?	NO
Is this a public report? If a key decision, it will be a public report and will be published on the CA website.	NO
KEY DECISIONS ONLY	N/A
Insert forward plan ref number	
Date when Mayor intend to make decision.	
Date report published on the website	
Implementation Date	
Does the report have any annex that contains exempt information?	

Decision taken	Mayor formally accepts the allocation of £14.6million "Getting Building Fund" (GBF) from Ministry Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) Cities and Local Government Unit (CLGU), on behalf of the Combined Authority, acknowledges the Combined Authority's role as accountable body for GBF which will be managed by the Business Board, and instructs Officers to progress with the appraisal of the University of Peterborough Phase 2.
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Authorisation (delete as appropriate)	<p>This decision has been taken under:</p> <p>General authorisation (those decisions delegated to officers as per the Constitution):</p> <p>The Mayor of the Combined Authority. (Ch 3 para Para 1.5.2)</p>
Background Information	<p><i>On 10th June 2020, Secretary of State for Ministry Housing Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) issued a letter calling for 'Shovel Ready Projects' to be submitted across the Country with a deadline of 18th June 2020.</i></p> <p><i>There was clear note that projects would have to comply with and proceed through the Local Assurance Framework in each Mayoral Combined Authority and/or Local Enterprise Partnership area.</i></p> <p><i>Officers prepared and submitted on deadline a project list on behalf of the Business Board (BB) and Combined Authority.</i></p> <p><i>Subsequently Officers were informed on 1st July 2020 of the decision by MHCLG on the provisional allocation amount being allocated to the Business Board of £14.6million.</i></p> <p><i>Dialogue with the Cities and Local Growth Unit (CLGU) identified that only the top 5 ranked projects had been evaluated by officials against the criteria set. These evaluations had been moderated against evaluation results from other LEP submissions regionally, and more broadly against MCA submissions nationally These moderated evaluations led to the selection of suitable projects on which CLGU wished to engage in greater detail with the Business Board.</i></p> <p><i>Through this process, of the top 5 ranked projects, one had been considered too weak in regard to additionality given the request for funding was only £3.5m on a £140m project. A further project was also eliminated on the grounds of too few jobs potential and being considered a revenue project rather than capital.</i></p> <p><i>MHCLG officials held a meeting on the 7th July with Business Board Officers to evaluate in more detail the remaining 3, top 5 projects against the MHCLG criteria. These were:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>(a) Peterborough University Phase 2 Innovation Ecosystem Project</i><i>(b) College of West Anglia Construction Hub</i><i>(c) Huntingdon Clean Energy Park</i> <p><i>Officers recommended to the Chair of the Business Board that the project ranked as the No 1 priority, Peterborough University Phase 2 Innovation Ecosystem Project should be the primary project put forward in that further evaluation, on the basis that:</i></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><i>(a) Without the full £14.6m of funding offered, against the requested £16.5m requested for the Peterborough University Phase 2 Innovation Ecosystem Project could not go forward on the basis of a competitive offer from an alternative city location and Combined Authority to the delivery partner, and</i>




	<p><i>that without the £4.5m (of the £16.5m requested) for the slip roads from the Frank Perkins Parkway, the project would fail at planning permission stage.</i></p> <p><i>(b) The College of West Anglia Construction Hub was a relatively low strategic priority in the LIS and that there was some uncertainty regarding the operational and financial strength of the applicant, impacting its deliverability.</i></p> <p><i>(c) The Huntingdon Clean Energy Park was also a relatively low strategic priority and that there was uncertainty that all the remaining funding was secure and in place, impacting its deliverability.</i></p> <p><i>The BB Chair agreed, and full Business Board approval to accept and pursue the £14.6million allocation against only the Peterborough University Phase 2 Innovation Ecosystem Project was given at the Extraordinary board Meeting on 9th of July, that only on the basis of the No 1 priority project failing to meet the further and deeper evaluation against the criteria set, should the other two, lower priority projects be put forward for consideration. Combined Authority Leaders discussed and agreed with the position of the BB at the Leaders Strategy Meeting on the 15th July 2020 to accept the £14.6million from MHCLG and to pursue that award on the basis of funding Peterborough University Phase 2 Innovation Ecosystem Project.</i></p>
Alternative options considered.	<p><i>List alternative options considered and rejected and the reasons for rejection. Do not leave this section blank or put 'None'. There is always an alternative even if it is to do nothing.</i></p> <p>Options:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">1. Accept the allocation of £14.6million from MHCLG with the intention of progressing the highest ranked project (University of Peterborough Phase 2 - Peterborough Innovation Super Hub and Eco System) through Local Assurance process.2. Accept the allocation of £14.6million from MHCLG with the intention of progressing the projects ranked 2 and 3 in the submission through Local Assurance process resulting in a maximum expenditure of £7.5million of allocation.3. Do not accept the allocation of £14.6million from MHCLG. <p>Option 1 is the chosen decision based on deliverability, strategic impact assessment of the project, and maximising utilisation of the allocation.</p>
Financial Implications	<p><i>Please include the total costs and how the project will be funded. Please include budget codes for your directorate</i></p> <p>CPCA will be issued with advanced grant of £14.6million in the autumn of 2020 to defray by March 2022.</p> <p>The project proposal itself will still need to be appraised and assessed in line with the Assurance Framework so this decision is to accept the funding and work up a project proposal, not the decision on the award of funding.</p>



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Consultation	<i>List any relevant consultation undertaken in relation to the decision. For example portfolio holders, other Chief Officers.</i>	<i>Name and Date approved (or indicate if not applicable) –</i>
	Chief Executive	Kim Sawyer, 15/07/2020
	Responsible Director/Chief Officer	John T Hill, 01/07/2020
	Monitoring Officer	Robert Parkin, 15/07/2020
	S73	Rob Emery, 09/07/2020
	Portfolio Holder	John Holdich, 01/07/2020
	Other - Procurement	N/A
Declarations / Conflicts of Interests (only if the decision falls under the 'Express Authorisation' category)	<i>List the names of any member who has been consulted on and declared an interest in relation to the decision.</i> None? (Would John Holdich have an interest because PCC are putting land and some funding into this proposed project as focus of the £14.6million award?)	
Supporting documentation	<i>List any supporting documentation available in relation to this decision (all of this information must be retained for public inspection for a period of at least 4 years – there is no provision for the release of exempt/confidential information).</i> Business Board paper – extraordinary meeting 09/07/2020 Leaders Strategy paper – 15/07/2020	

Officer/Mayor signature	James Palmer  Mayor	Date 15/07/2020
<p>Once signed please file in the electronic file Documents/Governance/ office decision notice and enter details in the register. If a public report, pass to Democratic Services and we will arrange publication.</p>		