

Agenda item 6

Hertfordshire Growth Board (HGB) Growth Fund Budget update

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1. Purpose of report

1.1 This report updates the Growth Board on the Budget profile and commitments for use of the Growth Board Growth Fund (GBGF) in 20/21. Appendix 1 includes the current budget profile summary.

2. Changes since the last report in April 2020

2.1. The 2020/2021 budget profile has been updated to include the development of the HGB visual identity, new microsite and a provisional sum for further legal support which may be necessary to support the engagement with HM Government on the Growth and Recovery prospectus (e.g. regarding any governance changes, development/delivery models etc).

2.2. The salary costs of seconded staff appointments are now being charged to the GBGF.

2.3. Total commitments from the GBGF (e.g. running of the Growth Board, consultants' costs, Growth Board programmes, staffing capacity and support) from 2018/19 to the end of 2020/2021 are profiled at £1,036,000. This equates to a spend commitment from the fund of £86,333 per partner over three years or £29,000 (rounded up) per partner per year.

3 Growth Board Growth Fund - Retained Business Rates update

3.1 The fund is drawing on the Herts Business Rates retention pilot growth pot. Advice previously was that the fund was anticipated to exceed £2.3m and that it was not expected to be adversely affected by Covid-19. That advice remains unchanged.

4 Recommendation

4.1 Leaders are asked to note the report and agree the revised spend profile and commitments.

	Total Spend/Proposed Spend	160	283	593	TBC	TBC	TBC		103 6
Funded by									
	LGA support grant	34							(34)
	Contribution from Herts business rates pilot	126	283	593					1036
	total funding	160	283	593	TBC	TBC	TBC		103 6
Notes									
In kind support from the Hertfordshire Councils and LEP as agreed by the partners is excluded.									
Funding is from the Growth Fund arising from the Hertfordshire Business Rates Pilot for 2019/20. The estimated value of the Growth Fund is £2.3m.									
	<u>Application of the 2019/20 Herts Business Rates Pilot Growth Fund</u>								
		£000 s							
	Fund (estimate)	2,30 0							
	Applied as:								
	Growth Board work 2018/19	126							