

Agenda item 11

Hertfordshire Growth Board (HGB) – Growth Corridor Programme Boards Work Programme Updates

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1. Purpose of report

- 1.1. This report provides a short update on the overall progress of the Growth Board work programmes and projects since March 2021.
- 1.2. Attached at Appendix 1 are the updates from the latest Growth Corridor Programme Board meetings. The Growth Corridor Programme Board Political leads will provide highlights from each board at the meeting.

2. Updates on Corridor Growth Delivery Programmes and workstreams – March to June 2021

- 2.1 Both Growth Corridors have established programme board governance arrangements and are overseeing the development and implementation of the 2020 and 2021 work programmes, working to a set of agreed key deliverables and milestones. All projects have political and CEx/Senior Officer leads.
- 2.2 Appendix 1 has an update from each of the corridor projects showing the most recent milestones and current project status. The majority of projects are making good progress (green rated), the small number of amber or red rated projects (or sub-components of projects) are generally rated so because of matters outside the projects control. Oversight of the projects allows the programme boards to review any actions at a Growth Board level where these would assist the project to move forward.
- 2.3 New workstreams from the 2021 work programme (e.g. Investment into Hertfordshire) are being incorporated into the existing HGB programme management architecture as they develop and are agreed by the Board. The overall Growth Board Programme Architecture Map have been included as an appendix to item 7.
- 2.4 Of note over the last period was progress on a number of workstreams, highlights include:
 - The Creative and Screen Industries group is commissioning research, to enable better understanding of the extent of new screen floorspace that is needed in Hertfordshire and to support the growth of the cluster,

- The Science and Technology (Cell and Gene focus) has agreed to start work on the development of a Framework/masterplan for the Gunnels Wood Road area in Stevenage, to support the Cell and gene cluster work
- The Town centres group has been working with the Institute for Place Management and local stakeholders and has developed and published a 10-point checklist for the opening up of Town Centres and High Streets was (this is attached as appendix 2).

3. Next Steps

- 3.1 Priorities for the coming months are to continue to move forward with the work programme, provide support for submission of funding bids where feasible (Levelling Up Fund, Community Renewal Fund and Growth Deal) along with the roll forward of the ongoing corridor programmes and project work.

4. Implications

- 4.1 There are no adverse legal, financial, equalities, environmental, sustainability or other implications arising from this report and its recommendations which support the ongoing work and priorities of the Growth Board.

5. Recommendation

- 5.1 That Leaders note the project updates in Appendix 1 and 2 and overall progress across the Growth Board programme and individual workstreams since the last meeting.