



Policy and Resources Committee

Date:	Wednesday, 20 March 2024
Time:	6.00 p.m.
Venue:	Committee Room 1 - Birkenhead Town Hall

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AGENDA

8. LEVELLING UP FUND 3 LISCARD - INCLUSION IN SIMPLIFICATION PATHFINDER PILOT (Pages 1 - 4)

Appendix 1 attached is presented as a draft Investment Plan. The final template document is awaited from the Department of Levelling Up, Housing & Communities.

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Agenda Item 8

Simplification Pathfinder Pilot Investment Plan: LISCARD Delivery Information - DRAFT MARCH 2024			Field Checker
1. Local authority	Wirral		✓
2. Contact email address	rebeccalowry@wirral.gov.uk		✓
3. Senior Responsible Officer(s)' (SROs) name(s) and email address(es)	Rebecca Lowry		✓
4. S151 officer name and email address	Matthew Bennett matthewbennett1@wirral.gov.uk		✓
5. Please list the parliamentary constituencies in which funding will be spent	Wallasey		✓
6. Please list the council wards in which funding will be spent	Liscard		✓
7. Based on the local authority's remaining aggregate allocation as set out in your grant statement, please set out your spending profile for FY23-24, FY24-25 and FY25-26 (all grant payments will be subject to satisfactory delivery performance)			
	FY23-24 (£)	FY24-25 (£)	FY25-26 (£)
	13,168	2,952,871	7,821,962
8. If you have made changes to previously agreed spending profiles, please outline why you are no longer able to deliver against the agreed profile, what impacts the changes will have, and how you will ensure the funding is spent in line with the revised timelines [max 500 words]	Programme timescales have slipped, largely due to the time delays between the announcement of LUF 3 funding and the original bid submission, however, the key milestones of the programme have not changed substantially. Spend has been reprofiled and there is a higher proportion of spend in 25/26 than in the original bid, to reflect the construction phases across the projects. It is considered that there currently are no significant issues to project delivery and the Council remains confident that LUF funding can be spent by March 2026.		✓
9. Please set out the proposed consolidated governance structures you will have in place to ensure there is strategic oversight over the pathfinder pilot funding portfolio [max 300 words]	The Council will remain the accountable body for funds within the Simplification Pilot and all relevant decisions will be taken for approval via the Council's current democratic decision making as set out in the constitution. The scope and membership of the Birkenhead Town Deal Board will be reviewed to reflect the wider geographical remit of the Simplification Pilot to form a consultative body. This successor body will have no decision-making power but will exercise strategic oversight over the funds within the scope of the Simplification Pilot. Governance arrangements in this respect will be reported to a future committee meeting.		✓
10. Please estimate the number of FTE staff you have devoted previously to delivering the projects within your pathfinder portfolio.	N/A		✓
11. Please estimate the number of FTE staff you plan to devote in future to delivering the projects within your pathfinder portfolio.	31.00		✓
12. Please summarise any substantive changes you plan to make to previously agreed projects. These should be compared against signed-off project applications, business cases or project adjustment requests (whichever was agreed most recently) [max 500 words]	The Council has considered the impact of cost inflation on the programme since its submission in August 2022 in accordance with the BCIS Tender Price Index, which has increased the cost of the overall programme by £1,122,407 (including the 10 per cent local contribution). Since the original bid was submitted, the Council has progressed with consultation on proposed enhancements along Liscard Way, including potential for an active travel route, and considers that a high-quality public realm scheme could be delivered, including key gateway enhancements and junction remodelling to the north of Liscard Way, within a reduced funding envelope. The funding shortfall across the programme has therefore be removed from Project 1c, and has been used to supplement the remainder of the programme to ensure delivery.		✓
13. Please set out how you have engaged with key stakeholders, including local Members of Parliament [max 250 words]	The original bid was based on the approved Liscard Neighbourhood Framework, which has been subject to extensive engagement and public consultation. The Member of Parliament for Wallasey Constituency is Dame Angela Eagle MP, who has provided a letter of support for the Liscard LUF programme. In addition, the Council's Leader, Chair of the Council's Economy, Regeneration & Housing Committee and the three local Elected Members for Liscard Ward have received briefings on the Liscard LUF programme. The Council has been working with local stakeholders, including Elected Members, community representatives and local businesses, to establish a Liscard Partnership, to support the long-term vitality and viability of Liscard Town Centre. The 'Liscard Together Partnership' has been informed of the LUF programme and is supportive of the transformational opportunity it provides.		✓

14. Please confirm you have sign-off from your S151 officer, SRO(s) and council leader

Yes



End

Simplification Pathfinder Pilot Investment Plan: Project Information		Field Checker
Project 1		
Project name	Town Centre Regeneration and Public Realm Improvements	✓
Postcode(s)	CH44 5TP	✓
Summary [max 150 words]	Shop frontages upgrade and public realm improvements on Liscard Way; public realm improvements at the Greenfields Way entrance to the high street; reconfiguration of Wallasey and Seaview Road junction to improve traffic flows and enable cycling and pedestrian travel; unlocking high quality residential development in Liscard Village by addressing its viability gap and creating new public realm to encourage alternative pedestrian footfall and accessibility from/to the core town centre	✓
Spend to date (DLUHC funding)	£0.00	✓
Projected future spend (DLUHC funding)	£10,127,000.00	✓
Start date	31/03/24	✓
Projected completion date	31/03/26	✓
Approximate split between intervention themes (%)		
Enhancing sub-regional and regional connectivity	50.00%	✓
Unlocking and enabling industrial, commercial, and residential development	50.00%	✓
Strengthening the visitor and local service economy		✓
Improving the quality of life of residents		✓
Employment and education		✓
Project 2		
Project name	Community Hub	✓
Postcode(s)	CH45 4FY	✓
Summary [max 150 words]	Enhancement of community provision to create a community hub in Liscard Town Centre	✓
Spend to date (DLUHC funding)	£0.00	✓
Projected future spend (DLUHC funding)	£661,000.00	✓
Start date	31/03/24	✓
Projected completion date	31/03/26	✓
Approximate split between intervention themes (%)		
Enhancing sub-regional and regional connectivity		✓
Unlocking and enabling industrial, commercial, and residential development		✓
Strengthening the visitor and local service economy	100.00%	✓
Improving the quality of life of residents		✓
Employment and education		✓

Performance Measure	2022-23			Target	2022-23	2023-24	2024-25	2025-26	2026-27	2027-28	2028-29	2029-30	2030-31	2031-32	2032-33	2033-34	2034-35	2035-36	2036-37	2037-38	2038-39	2039-40	2040-41		
	Actual	Target	Actual																						
Learning and support services				Amount of public sector expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	
				Number of cases processed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Hours of support provided	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Learning and support services, including e-learning				Amount of public sector expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
				Number of cases processed	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
Supporting the delivery of the strategy				Amount of public sector expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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Supporting the delivery of the strategy				Amount of public sector expenditure	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
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