

Leicester & Leicestershire Transport Board

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The Local Transport Body for Leicester & Leicestershire

Welcome to the First Meeting

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Devolution of Major Transport Scheme Funding

- Via a Local Transport Body – Leicester & Leicestershire Transport Board
- To deal with funding between 2015-19
- Estimated around £24m \pm 33%
- LTAs + LEP
- Based on City + County area

Devolution of Major Transport Scheme Funding

- Good transport is key to facilitate growth and help the economy
- Need to avoid adverse impacts – congestion, poor air quality, increase in carbon – hence need transport investment
- Need to maximise benefits by pooling resources where feasible

Transport Major Schemes

- Schemes over £5m
- DfT handled everything
 - Initial discussions
 - Received the business cases
 - Assessed the scheme
 - Allocated funding if successful
- Localism – devolution to areas
- Local Transport Body
- Board need to do everything DfT used to do - but still using the same rules

Role & Structure of the Board

- Three voting members – City, County, LEP
- One District rep – non voting
- City is the Accountable Body
- Need to publish & submit to DfT a prioritised list of schemes by July 2013 – schemes over £5m
- The Board needs to agree list in priority order
- Thereafter need to consider and approve business cases – requires resources & people
- Still need to comply with DfT guidance
- Need to invite comments on process & schemes post July

Role & Structure of the Board

- LLTB is the assessor and fund holder
 - LTA's are promoters
- One off payment to LEP of £131,579 from DfT
- Restrictive guidance
- We have had to prepare an 'Assurance Framework' (AF) in line with DfT guidance
- Have had to employ independent consultants
- Need to employ auditors to ensure that the board is keeping to the framework
- Only DfT source of funding for 'Major' transport schemes

Role of the LTAs – City & County Councils

- LTAs promote their own schemes – most joint
- LTAs fund all the ‘up front’ work themselves
- An onerous task with no guarantee of success
- Need to quickly get on with this development work to meet the required timetable over next two years
- Once approved by the Board, LTAs need to ensure delivery and spend to agreed programme
- All schemes need a local contribution
- Can mix with other funding eg developer, european

The Assurance Framework

- Part One: Purpose, Structure and Operating Principles
 - Responsibilities of Members
 - Accountable Body
 - Administration
 - Transparency and Engagement
- Part Two: Prioritisation
 - The Long Listing and Short Listing Processes
 - The Prioritisation of the Short List
- Part Three: Programme Management and Investment Decisions – Draft Only
 - Scheme Assessment and Approval; VFM
 - Release of Funding, Cost Control, Conditions
 - Programme and Risk Management; Evaluation

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- 'Assurance Framework' parts 1 & 2 approved by DfT
- Part 3 later in year – covers scheme assessment
- Any changes to AF need to be approved by DfT
- Very long list of schemes 'sieved' - *coarse*
- Long list then 'sifted' using DfT tool (EAST)
- Resulting short list prioritised, based on limited data
- Schemes can only progress after full business case prepared & assessed for compliance with Assurance Framework & 'Webtag'

What we have to do today

- Approve 'Assurance Framework' parts 1 & 2
 - Part 3 later in year – covers scheme assessment
- Approve very long list, long list, short list of schemes
- Approve prioritised list of schemes
- Approve submission of prioritised list to DfT for info only

What we have to do post July

- Will need to invite comments on process/schemes
- Approve Assurance Framework part 3 at appropriate time
- LLTB assess using AF and 'Webtag' when received
 - Need to employ independent consultants to carry out
 - *LTAs prepare full business case for selected schemes*
 - *LTAs submit cases to LLTB in good time*
- Receive DfT funds & allocate appropriately within profile
- Employ auditors to check on process & compliance with AF
- Receive monitoring reports and take any necessary action
- Actively monitor expenditure and take any actions

Single Local Growth Fund

- LTB funds included in SLGF made available to LLEP alongside other funds
- Funding not ringfenced
- Further guidance awaited
- NEED TO REVIEW IN LIGHT OF GUIDANCE