



**Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership
Performance and Investment Committee**

Wednesday 19th August 2020 1.30-3.00

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Attending: Chris Hindley (Chair)
Stewart Brown, Sean Traynor, Paul Goodwin,
Peter Skates, Nichola Newton, Alex Thompson
Ian Brooks, Rachel Laver, Joe Toward

Apologies:

AGENDA

Agenda Item		Lead	Timings
1	Welcome, introductions and apologies	Chair	2 mins
2	Conflicts of Interest	Chair	5 mins
3	(i) Minutes from the meeting of 15 th July 2020	Chair	5 mins
	(ii) Actions Arising	Chair	5 mins
4	Presentations form CCWS and WVR on progress with their LGF projects	DJ/ NN	20 mins
5	Delivery Plan update- Strategy	AH	10 mins
6	Programme manager update Decisions required on: NetZero Cheshire Digital Skills project ammendments	RL	15 mins
7	LGF quarterly report	RL	10 mins
	AOB	All	5 Mins
Dates of next meetings, time 1.30 pm and Venue Wyvern House, unless otherwise specified:			
	23 rd September 2020	Delivery Plan update - Marketing Local Assurance Framework Skills Funding	
	28 th October 2020	Delivery Plan update - Skills	
	25 th November 2020	Delivery Plan update - Infrastructure	
	16 th December 2020	Delivery Plan update - EZ	

Skills

Widening Access project

SW ran through paper. Widening access. Keen that project could scale up work that the LEP does and integrate with other skills projects

Project plan

BCR 5.4:1

Project plan now received in detail

Breakdown of contributions by partners

Which partner will lead on the procurement of the kit.

Have we looked at existing performance of bidders on existing skills projects. No. Concern from some members that projects already behind won't be able to deliver on this.

How is Cheshire East being covered? Macc College not included as partner but bodies across C&W being engaged so Cheshire East should benefit. Macc College could be part of the project

Recommendations:

Conf that state-aid compliant

Evaluation at end of first year and fifth year and result disseminated

Breakdown of planned revenue- still needed

Outstanding query regarding steering group – will have independent and community representative. Recommendations: Has to be external rep that chairs committee.

Digitalisation of construction.- Speed up uptake of technology. Hub and Spoke proposal to cover Cheshire and Warrington.

SW highlighted outstanding concerns. True collaboration and that all partners benefitting equally. Still concern about the Hub (WVR) benefitting disproportionately.

Breakdown of funding £140k to hub and £30k to each of the other 4 partner organisations – need to see added value of the hub. They'll be co-ordinating different events, e.g. business breakfast, short awareness sessions. Could some of the events be done by spokes and therefore is the funding distributed fairly?

Need to look at delivery capability of partners and track record.

SW, confirmed this project includes all colleges. New area for Macclesfield who doesn't currently deliver construction.

Recommendations:

Partnership provides reassurance by providing a joint presentation to E&S

Consideration to split of funding between hub and spoke.

Outputs need to be shown for 20/21.

Evaluation year 1 and 5 for dissemination

State-aid compliance

BCR

Governance update

IB updated – progress with the “new” board that has now been fully appointed. Need to work now on embedding it in the organisation.

Further work being done on committee structures – more about naming conventions. Work being done on looking at COVID response which may need to be integrated into the delivery plan and need to ensure its still looking at the right stuff.



**Cheshire & Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership
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Title: Programme Manager Update Report

Agenda item:6

Prepared by Rachel Laver

Date of Report: 19th August 2020

1. Executive Summary

Good progress is being made with a number of the infrastructure projects. The sod cutting date for Poynton Relief Road has been set for early October, which will see the start of works on the £51m 3km new relief road. Work is progressing well on Congleton Link Road and Centre Park Link and work started at the beginning of August on Omega Highways improvements in Warrington and Tarvin Road in Chester.

There are delays with the two on Warrington's sustainable travel schemes which will mean there is very little scope to manage any delays if all the funding is to be spent by the end of March.

The start of works for the Ellesmere Port Hub building have slipped a month and the costs are currently over budget. Again, there is very little scope to manage slippage if this project is delayed. It may be prudent to look at widening the scope of the approval to draw in the library works already completed.

As it to be expected due to COVID many of the skills projects are not able to achieve their outputs currently but most are looking at developing an online offer.

There are two skills projects which are significantly behind profile and the two skills projects approved last month have both said that they are unable to meet the agreed conditions. An update will be provided at the meeting.

The £100k remaining uncommitted out of the £127m programme was expected to be spent on skills projects and approved this month. The proposals are still being developed and therefore cannot be considered for approval and ratification until next month.

Output achievement is starting to build momentum as is expected at this point in the programme and is covered later in the report.

1.1. Energy Fund.

1.1.1. Net Zero

We have had confirmation from EA technology that the project is still state-aid compliant and that they expect carbon savings of 104 tonnes per year when the project is completed.

The project still has a good strategic fit and fits with the Government’s Green Recovery Plan. The intention is still to have open days and produce a handbook for other businesses to use. All the outputs remain the same with exception of the carbon savings which will be less than if a ground source heat pump was used as originally planned, but arguably the Variable Refrigeration Flow system is a better option for most businesses as it is more affordable.

EA technology will continue to work towards being a net zero business, but this project won’t be to start with.

The project costs original and revised project costs are shown below:

	Total	EATL	LEP
300kw ground source heat pump	£ 300,000	£ 300,000	
A 50kw Photovoltaic array (Part complete)	£ 55,000	£ 55,000	
LED Lighting (completed)	£ 60,000	£ 60,000	
Battery System	£ 115,000		£ 115,000
20 electric vehicle chargers to include a fast charger	£ 50,000		£ 50,000
2 VisNets to provide network visibility	£ 3,000		£ 3,000
Server	£ 5,000		£ 5,000
Project Management	£ 50,000		£ 50,000
Net Zero Manual	£ 25,000		£ 25,000
Website	£ 25,000		£ 25,000
Software	£ 50,000		£ 50,000
Display equipment	£ 12,000		£ 12,000
Audit costs	£ 3,000	3000	
TOTAL CAPITAL	£ 753,000	£ 418,000	£ 335,000

Revised:

	Total	EATL	LEP
Top Floor Variable refrigerance flow (VRF) System	£ 84,000	£ 84,000	
Insulation	£ 30,000	£ 30,000	
Planning Permission GSHP	£ 6,000	£ 6,000	
A 50kw Photovoltaic array (Part complete)	£ 55,000	£ 55,000	
LED Lighting (completed)	£ 60,000	£ 60,000	
Battery System	£ 115,000	£ 35,000	£ 80,000
20 electric vehicle chargers to include a fast charger	£ 50,000		£ 50,000
2 VisNets to provide network visibility	£ 3,000		£ 3,000
Server	£ 5,000		£ 5,000
Project Management	£ 50,000		£ 50,000
Net Zero Manual	£ 25,000		£ 25,000
Website	£ 25,000		£ 25,000
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Audit costs	£ 3,000	£ 3,000	
TOTAL CAPITAL	£ 570,000	£ 270,000	£ 300,000

The LGF contribution has reduced by £35k but the intervention rate has increased 9% to 53% as EA Technology's contribution has reduced. Due to the current economic conditions they don't feel they contribute as much as it is challenging to find funding for non-essential activity at present. They have also taken over the from SPEN as the lead for the Delivering Network Visibility in Cheshire's Energy innovation District project which has resulted in extra financial commitment from them.

Recommendation:

That the project is approved with the revised specifications and the revised intervention rate as the project is unlikely to go ahead with less funding and given the location of the building there is likely to plenty of interest in the building.

1.2. Skills Funding

1.2.1. AstraZeneca decided they did require remaining £40k of the grant and will spend it by the end of the quarter.

1.2.2. Digital Hub- Project 4.0 (CCSW)

The college is making progress and has tenders due in at the end of August and early September. The project management plan stated that the remaining equipment would be procured by the end of July. Currently the college has claimed just 14% of their grant with £789k left to claim this year.

1.2.3. AMET Centres (WVR)

Progress is being made the project is behind profile and with only 15% of the grant claimed and £560k remaining to be claimed.

1.2.4. Digital Skills in Construction

WVR has confirmed that the project cannot be delivered by the end of October as per the agreed conditions and has asked that the deadline is extended until the end of January.

P&I to consider proposal and risk of funding not being spent by the end of March and the funding lost.

1.2.5. Specialist equipment to widen access to technology and digital skills

Colleges don't seem to be working as well as anticipated. Likely to be delay with acquiring kit due to supply issues. Surprising that each of the colleges acquiring kit separately rather than one taking the lead.

1.3. Ellesmere Port One Public Estate

Work on relocating the bus station is continuing, The start on site of the main works has been pushed back a month to October. The latest monthly report also shows that spend is running behind profile and so there is a high risk that the LGF won't be spent by the end of March unless mitigation measures are put in place. The project is also running over cost.

Recommendation

It is recommended that CWAC are asked to put forward a project proposal which encompasses the wider Ellesmere Port Town Centre improvements and that the LGF is requested as a contribution to that total package of works rather than just the One Public Estate project. This will enable the LGF to be defrayed on the elements that have already been completed.

1.4. LGF Finance

There was an error with the negative claim submitted for Crewe Market Hall, so the total amount spent in q1 was £3.6m against a forecast of £6.8m so significantly behind. Projects with the highest variance from Profile were:

Project	Q1 forecast (£)	Actual (£)	Difference (£)
CCSW – Digital Hub – Project 4.0:	400,000	0	400,000
Unlocking Winsford Industrial Land	736,000	86,885	649,115
Ellesmere Port OPE	1,301,171	347,177	953,994

Macclesfield College	321,615	266,289	55,326
Macclesfield Stem Centre	120,924	0	120,924
Total	2,879,710	700,351	2,179,359

It is recommended that we aim to have all the LGF spent by the end of December wherever possible to allow for slippage. Projects that plan on spending to the end of March carry a high risk of having funding lost to them and then LEP as we cannot carry it forward. This will be damaging to the projects and to the reputation and credibility of the LEP.

2. Growing Places Fund

The Business Restructuring Grant Programme being delivered by Blue Orchid has seen huge demand. The funding is fully committed within a week of its launch.

Until Enterprise Loan facility isn't yet agreed and therefore there is currently no funding available for new investment from GPF. WE have had some enquiries and they've been directed to the Growth Hub and the Evergreen Fund.

3. Evergreen Fund

CBRE had been working on a potential investment in Winsford, which had received support from Evergreen 1. MHCLG looking at revising the eligibility criteria to provide greater flexibility.

4. Outputs

Output achievement is gradually improving. We have now reported on the learners benefiting from all the projects at Reaseheath which completed last year and there has been new and homes and commercial space associated with Congleton Link Road which is great to see.

Outputs	BEIS Target	Contracted on projects	Achieved to date	Percentage achieved
New Commercial Floorspace (sqm)		700,344	389,326	56%
Renovated Commercial Floorspace (sqm)		2880	2880	100%
Businesses receiving investment		29	16	55%
Jobs created	16126	15,767	7,996	51%
Private sector Leverage	354.54	695	651	94%
Public Sector Leverage		229	152	66%
New homes completed	6,044	14,108	3,578	25%
New home starts		11,563	2,217	19%
GVA (£m)		52.335587	6.483619	12%
Space occupied at Alderley Park (sqft)		18580	1586	9%
Total amount of new road (meters)		1201	1081	90%

Total amount of road resurfaced (meters)		2120	2920	138%
Constructions jobs		1167	150	13%
Learners benefitting		51620	136	0%
New Cycleway (m)		24427	3138	13%
Business Supported/Benefitfitting		2291	12	1%
No. of schools and colleges engaged		475	0	0%
Learners benefitting leading to a qualification		4230	0	0%
New learning space created (sqm)		7465.9	6172	83%
EV Charging points		20	0	0%
greenhouse gas reductions (Tonnes)		539765	0	0%

CATEGORY	RISK SCENARIO	IMPACT	FUTURE CONTROLS / MITIGATION MEASURES	Planned actions	Residual risk rating		
					IMPACT {1-5}	LIKELIHOOD {1-5}	TOTAL
→	As a result of the high degree of volatility with regard to EZ income arising from forecast accuracy, potential VOA revaluations, there is a risk of failure to exceed baseline on EZ sites meaning less or no income would be due to the LEP. Also, future changes to Business rates may impact funding available. EZ loan brings repayment risks.	Unable to undertake the necessary EZ investments, repay loans and develop other areas of LEP activity.	Meet with business rate function staff to improve forecast accuracy and determine contingencies. Establish a reserve within EZ funds. Manage expectations about availability of finance and reduce investment programme accordingly if need be.	Improve forecasting and understanding of cashflow and monitoring of income. Ensuring that we have sufficient levels of reserves to manage short-term variances in EZ income. Ensure sufficient flexibilities to turn on and off commitments.	3	4	12
→	Financial resources will be stretched, coupled with lower income and increased costs	Unable to deliver some of the initiatives planned. May need to cut back on core costs which will also impact ability to deliver	Look at securing additional funding from government. Using flexibilities with different funding streams to maximise impact.		4	3	12

→	As a result of uncertain economic conditions, or onerous programme deliverables, there is a risk of a lack of appropriate projects that address emerging issues or excess demand which leads to disappointment.	Failure to deliver economic growth, skills or the quality of place aspired to in the Strategic Economic Plan and Local Industrial Strategy. Failure to deliver outcomes and outputs within prescribed timescales leading to a downgrading of the LEPs Delivery and Governance ratings.	The LEP continues to market support to local authorities, businesses and colleges for programmes commitment with the various programme funds initiated by Government departments.	Investment in developing business cases and "Place" marketing has been approved by the board and further use of EZ retained business rates is expected to continue creating opportunities and awareness. Committees are tasked with redirecting funding for failing projects in order to prevent loss of funding.	4	3	12
→	Corona Virus: internal staffing internal delivery External delivery Local economy	projects may have to be scaled back. Regeneration is delayed, economic improvement is hampered. LEP may be criticised for level of support offered	Lobby for extra funding and flexibilities in funding programmes. Work with partners and stakeholder to increase impact of what can be done collectively.		5	2	10
→	Policy change within government may mean that LEPs are disbanded	The LEP needs to ensure it maintains adequate budget to wind up the LEP including staff redundancies and the legal costs of transferring contracts, winding up all the services etc.	The work that the LEP does can perhaps largely be transferred to other bodies. The reason for holding the reserves should continue to be made clear in the accounts.		3	3	9

→	Capacity and Capability. Limit in terms of money and time of what the LEP can do. Risk of being challenged over chosen priorities and interventions. Capability - whether the LEP has the skills, knowledge and experience to run short term COVID programmes and small-scale responsive interventions	reputational damage. Impacts future funding awards.	The LEP is concentrating on providing support in areas it is already established such as Business Growth Support	Continue to look at securing additional funding to help address emerging issues.	3	3	9
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Corporate Risks:

Programme Risks

RISK SCENARIO		EXISTING CONTROLS / MITIGATION MEASURES	FUTURE RISK RATING		
RISK	IMPACT		IMPACT {1-5}	LIKELIHOOD {1-5}	TOTAL
Crewe Hub - Risk that project may not happen due to national political uncertainty and or that the funding isn't fully spent due to the delays with the project	Reputational risk. If govt decide not to go ahead then there the economic benefits won't be realised. Not achieving the maximum connectivity to the Hub and thereby reducing the economic benefits of the Hub and VfM.	Working closely with new govt/, CEC, DfT and the rail industry to deliver a scheme which supports the wider economic growth of the region.	5	3	15

Failure to deliver Accelerate in line with SLA	Reputational damage, loss of funding, funding could be reclaimed/ fines imposed and lost opportunity.	Recruited 2 staff with one to be appointed. Changing focus of third role to bring range of expertise. Regular monitoring using CRM, Weekly meetings with all staff inc. UOC. Delivery board and mgt board established to give adequate oversight.	4	3	12
Projected retained business rates not being fully realised. Issue with VOA giving different valuation. VOID period could impact income which are likely to increase. Changes to Business Rates by government possible.	Reduction in retained business rates and delay in investment projects paying back. The VOA value our investment projects lower than projected as part of the business case. We don't capture all the business rate growth in the EZ. Revaluation reduces overall business rate income	Projected business rates assessed by property advisers as part of the appraisal of business rates, based on previous business rates. Cushman and Wakefield commissioned to assess historic and future business rate retention on each EZ site to help give confidence in projections. Only investing a proportion of business rates from any one scheme so that there is cover if an investment fails/defaults.	4	3	12
High speed Growth Corridor not approved by Government and the extension to the existing EZ to include key sites such as Vauxhall	No retained business rate model to unlock and accelerate development across the corridor. Lost opportunity to created jobs, GVA, commercial floorspace etc. Sites would remain undeveloped or would be developed at a slower pace	Robust business case and political support from MPs and central government. Influence Spending review.	4	3	12
Failure to focus on and deliver the key strategic skills and education priorities of the Employers Skills and Education Board (Pledge, Accelerate, DSP, Local Growth Fund Investments, Data and Labour Market Intelligence)	Reputational damage, loss of funding, failure to support the recovery of the economy	Strong employer oversight of the work package and growing partnership working. Monitoring and oversight by E&S and Pledge boards	4	3	12

Inability to create appropriate graduate level jobs and apprenticeship opportunities.	Lose young people to the region. Reduce GDP	Setting the strategy to support businesses to grow and create the right jobs and the conditions to attract retain graduates	4	3	12
Failure to establish a consortium of training providers that is capable of working collectively to respond to the training needs of employers in Cheshire and Warrington	Reputational damage, lost opportunity to get colleges and businesses to work together. Lost funding	Help to develop, support and facilitate partnership working.	4	3	12
Issue with supply of goods and services due to COVID	Programme slippage leading to loss of funding and reputational damage.	Factoring in delay to project. Requesting detailed project plans from applicants to give confidence funding can be spent on time. Robust appraisal of business cases.	4	3	12

Summary of project status

updated: Aug-20

Project Name	Main Recipient	Main Contractor	Project description	Total Cost (£)	LGF Grant (£)	Current RAG Status	Total Paid to date (£)	% of grant paid	Current Position
LGf									
Live Projects									
GM & Cheshire Life Science Investment Programme	Catapult Ventures	Catapult Ventures	£31m Life sciences Investment Fund.	31,982,000	10,000,000	→	10,000,000	100	Invested £18.4m into 29 investments. 16 of which are in Cheshire. Full grant paid. Extension to investment period agreed.
Centre Park Link (Warrington)	Warrington Borough Council	Balfour Beatty	The Centre Park Link comprises a new highway route into the Town Centre, providing access to developable land. This involves the construction of a new bridge structure and associated highway link.	19,891,000	5,300,000	→	5,300,000	100	Works due to completed in January 21 and progressing well.
Ellesmere Port Central Development Zone	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Vinci	Development of new council offices for use by CWAV staff, DWP and For Housing on old bus station site. Relocation of bus station, demolition of existing council offices to make way for new housing.	17,392,000	8,332,000	↗	2,412,797	29	Bus Station works progressing. Hub works delayed and not due to start until October. Profile looks extremely tight to achieve spend by end of March. Project over budget. Completion of market hall works delayed due to COVID. Main physical works due to complete in September. Full grant paid. Formal launch of new market expected Easter 21
Crewe Market Hall	Cheshire East Council	Parkinsons to lead Market Hall Work.	Refurbishment of the indoor and outdoor market to bring more variety to the markets and create more opportunities for the space to be used in the evenings.	3,900,000	2,209,457	↘	2,209,457	100	S278 still being agreed. A number of enquiries for the site. Programme slipped slightly. Moving to monthly claims
Unlocking Winsford Industrial expansion Land	Cheshire West and Chester Council	A E Yates	Infrastructure works to open up the site for redevelopment to create new commercial and industrial buildings with associated jobs.	5,000,000	3,800,000	→	2,721,964	72	Date now agreed with SPEN to start on site. New fence lines established. Target cost now received. Remaining trees removed. Expected to be on site in August.
Tarvin Road (Chester)	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Balfour Beatty	Improvement to the highway to help improve traffic flow.	5,427,000	3,663,000	→	1,603,273	44	
Warrington West Programme									
Omega Local Highways Schemes phase 1 and 2b	Warrington Borough Council	Not yet appointed contractor	Highway improvements. Preferred option currently being developed.	8,815,000	4,050,000	→	-	-	First phase of works started in site at the beginning of August
Warrington West Station cycle access	Warrington Borough Council	Not yet appointed contractor	New cycle and pedestrian access to the station	345,000	250,000	→	-	-	Design work delayed again. Network Rail have now been out on site, so progress is being made. Not due to go out to tender until October.
Burtonwood Omega Path (WBC)	Warrington Borough Council	Not yet appointed contractor	This is a new 3.5m wide shared use path alongside Burtonwood Road/Clay Lane in North Warrington which aims to provide a safe, secure and attractive cycling and walking link between the west side of Burtonwood village and the commercial and employment growth areas of Omega, Gemini and Lingley Mere. The length of the proposed path is 2.4km	1,650,000	500,000	→	-	-	Construction started on site in Mid July
WW programme total				10,810,000	4,800,000		10,197,000	94	
Skills									
C&W Security Training	Youth Federation	Youth Federation	an investment in computers, servers and networking equipment to deliver cyber security training to individual learners and local businesses. The equipment will be based at the Science and Technology Facilities Council, Daresbury. The proposed business model is based on an existing facility in Salford.	297,398	17,398	→	17,398	100	The centre is now fully equipped and ready to go. E-Platform being developed to deliver on line learning
Community Learning Hubs	Warrington and Vale	Warrington and Vale	Project to provide digital equipment for use in the community by adult learners and the workforce of local businesses, situated in 'Community Digital Learning Hubs' at Northwich and Winsford libraries. The college will co-locate some of its adult and community (ACL) provision at the libraries and will augment existing learning opportunities there, primarily focusing upon digital familiarisation and upskilling.	52,525	39,038	→	39,038	100	Continuing to develop community offer. Working towards libraries opening in Sept. Project particularly important given help people will require applying for jobs.
The digital hub - Digital doorstep	CCSW in collaboration with Forward Futures	CCSW in collaboration with	an investment in portable, entry level specialist equipment to support the development of additive manufacturing and virtual and augmented reality. The equipment will be based at Cheshire College South and West's Crewe campus.	44,172	18,235	→	9,629	53	Most of the equipment now acquired. Looking at options to work with schools and businesses.
Made Digital (previously Warrington digital)	Culture Warrington	Culture Warrington	an investment in equipment to deliver coding, digital fabrication, physical computing workshops to young people and vulnerable people in schools, central and neighbourhood libraries and businesses within Warrington. The investment would build on pilot work already undertaken by LiveWire Warrington library staff and Spark at Penketh High School.	37,892	19,992	→	15,074	75	project has been successfully established and already run 4 sessions with a total of 46 participants.
21st Century Skills Lab	UTC Warrington	UTC Warrington	an investment in specialist equipment to support the development of computer network management and cyber security skills. The equipment would complement the UTC's cyber curriculum. The equipment would be located at Warrington UTC but could be moved and installed at a range of temporary sites.	39,988	19,988	↘	14,135	71	Kit still being acquired. Work on setting up lab continuing. Researching online delivery options.
Macclesfield Stem Centre	Astra Zeneca	Astra Zeneca	Investment in a STEM Centre at AstraZeneca Macclesfield to allow employees and visitors to experience AR, VR, 3D Printing and Projection Mapping. The STEM Centre will be a dedicated building and use existing underutilised space on the AstraZeneca Macclesfield site whereby employees can go to experience immersive digital content for training in digital and increase their awareness and understanding of advanced manufacturing and research.	402,420	268,420	→	147,496	55	Spending remaining funding on kit and content to improve learning. Expected to fully spend this quarter.
The Digital Hub - Project 4.0	Cheshire College South and West	Cheshire College South and West	Investment in a digital hub employing cutting edge technology including Virtual Reality, Augmented Reality, Robotics and Additive Manufacturing that would be based in a central and fully accessible Digital Hub on College campuses. A proportion of the equipment that is readily portable will be incorporated into a mobile learning centre that will deliver the opportunity to engage with the technology and the desired reskilling and upskilling.	2,230,749	913,648	→	124,526	14	Project continues to suffer delays. Tenders due end of August and early September
Automatic Milking dairy	Reaseheath College	Reaseheath College	Investment in a new automatic milking dairy to provide training, upskilling and reskilling and education in digitalisation, robotics and data-driven dairy management. A key part of this is the creation of a Centre for Dairy Automation and Robotic Milking.	736,000	656,000	→	73,330	11	Building work has commenced. Tender process underway. ITT now issued but later than expected. Project not expected to complete until March so very little scope for slippage
The Controlled environment Food Production Centre	Reaseheath College	Reaseheath College	Facility to develop precision horticulture through controlled environment food production.	450,000	340,000	↗	-	-	

Specialist equipment to transform Digital and advanced manufacturing skills	Macclesfield College	Macclesfield College	New Digital Hub to provide Agile Project Mgt training, cyber security, coding and robotics.	1,124,912	521,615	→	278,062	53	Project has really progressed during the last quarter. Some kit still needs to be procured. Work on printer room commenced. Expect to be fully spent by the end of next qtr. and more importantly operational from September. Looking at further developing online offer.
High Performance Private cloud	UOC	UOC	Investment in client server computing environment for use by industry and education.	1,968,308	893,005	→	147,204	16	Servers ordered. Looking at working with Reaseheath and WVR. Not bought van yet as dealers have been closed. Now appears to be focussing more on schools rather than businesses. Have confirmed that they should be able to acquire all kit in the next qtr.
IOTA	Carpe Diem	Carpe Diem	skills lab to train participants in their STEM confidence and raise aspirations across new technology and advanced engineering.	398,560	118,800	→	118,800	100	Kit acquired but returning some as not easy to clean and looking at replacing with more appropriate kit. Delivery to move to online until Lockdown eases.
AMET centres - Warrington Campus and Vale Royal campus	Warrington and Vale Royal	Warrington and Vale Royal	Advanced manufacturing and Engineering Centres. The Centres will enhance the skills of prospective and current employees though the training is the use of specialist equipment.	1,369,000	656,000	↗	96,583	15	Had forecast all equipment would be acquired by end of August. Still agreeing specification of kit. Likely to be slippage.
Computers for schools	Various schools	Various schools	Funding to provide laptops to schools to lend to students with no access to a computer at home	30,000	30,000	→	-	-	Offer letters issued to all. Not all returned.
specialist equipment to transform digital skills in C	Warrington Vale Royal	WVR, CCSW, UTC	The ACT hub and spokes aim to assist the industry to build high quality, smart, green and efficient building infrastructures, faster, cheaper and more sustainably than ever before.	571,500	260,000	→	-	-	Offer letter issued. Stated cannot sign based on current terms and don't expect project to complete until Jan 21
specialist equipment to widen access to technology	Cheshire College South and West	CCSW, Macclesfield College	To purchase equipment which will support and develop businesses, educational establishments, and communities within the Cheshire & Warrington LEP region in their use of and adoption of digital skills and new technologies.	270,500	125,000	→	-	-	Offer letter issued
Energy Innovation									
Low carbon Energy Efficient grant	Blue Orchid	Various	Energy Audit and Grant programme for SMEs	1,415,030	695,000	→	101,778	15	Applications worth 79% of the funding available now received. COVID had some impact on delivery but not likely to be an issue. Grant manager appointed. Audits on site now possible. Had applications worth 87% of the funding available.
Project Vanguard	Storengy	TBC	Green Hydrogen Generation and refuelling station at Middlewich refuse truck depot. Four vehicles to be converted to Hydrogen. Refuelling services to be made available to NW hydrogen alliance members.	1,035,000	345,000	→	269,123	78	Construction started on site.
Netzero Cheshire	EA Technology	EA Technology	Development of a net carbon-zero smart energy building. Including ground sources heat pump, LED lighting, PVs, 20 EV charging points	753,000	335,000	↗	-	-	Scope of project has changed. LGF required reduced by £35k
Delivering network visibility in Cheshire's Energy Innovation district	SP energy networks/Ea Tech	EA Technology	Collecting data from 673 sub stations to help understand constraints and trade variable loads	1,364,100	825,084	→	43,754	5	First 70 units built. First will be installed by end of month, with 10% expected to be installed by August. Will then be able to start using data and disseminate information to energy community.
E-port Net Zero	Cheshire Energy Hub	Cheshire Energy Hub, EA Technology, SPEN	The project is to complete a detailed study to inform a capital programme of investment for a net zero cluster.	928,600	718,600	→	11,900	2	Project steering group established.
Warrington Smart Grid	Pure Leapfrog Lillypad CIC	tbc	The project pilot will involve the installation of 160 energy storage assets (10 electric batteries and 150 heat batteries) and 40 energy optimisation Smart Boxes across Warrington. The majority of these will be into social housing working with the Council for deployment in their existing and newly proposed ECO housing stock but a number also into SMEs.	535,109	353,551	→	-	-	Awaiting first report/
Hy-Net	Progressive Energy	tbc	The HyNet project is a major decarbonisation infrastructure scheme in development since 2016 which will deliver the UK's first low carbon industrial cluster. THE funding will go towards further development work for the project.	830,316	447,760	→	-	-	Project team established.
Aircorn and LoraWAN deployment	Westwood Limited	Westwood Limited	The primary goal of the project is to facilitate green energy sources and reduce carbon emission for the natural gas network. The deployed equipment provides a higher density of monitoring and control equipment for injecting Hydrogen and or bio-Methane into the gas grid.	484,240	231,417	→	22,029	10	First units currently being built. CADENT confirmed participation in project.
Canalside EV charging scheme	Cheshire West and Chester Council	tbc	Commercial Electric Vehicle Charging Hub at Canalside Depot in Ellesmere Port which is located on Canalside Industrial Estate within the Cheshire Science Corridor Enterprise Zone.	200,000	200,000	↗	-	-	Awaiting pricing details from contractor so offer letter not yet issued.
Joint Cheshire and Warrington Sustainable Travel Access Fund									
Chester Road	Warrington Borough Council	tbc	Pedestrian and cycle route along Chester Road. Will link to Centre Park Link (another LGF scheme) and link into the Trans Pennine Way.	900,000	600,000	↗	67,990	11	Start of works delayed until after cabinet meeting approval of contractor in November.
TPT Upgrade	Warrington Borough Council	tbc	To widen and upgrade the Trans Pennine trail which is a tourist attraction as well as a link between residential and employment sites.	900,000	600,000	↗	27,697	5	Contractor not due to be approved until October. May be tight to achieve all spend by end of March
Wilmslow Strategic Cycle and Walking route	Cheshire East Council	tbc	Upgrading of pedestrian and cycle links between Royal London site and Wilmslow. Fill gaps in the off-road route between Wilmslow and key employment sites Inc. Alderley Park, Waters and Manchester Airport Enterprise Zone. Total route length to be upgraded is 2.7km	950,000	900,000	→	94,657	11	Detailed design progressing. Public consultation carried out. Likely to be impacted by COVID.
Northwest Crewe Cycling and Walking Link	Cheshire East Council	tbc	Extending a cycling and walking path linking Crewe and Nantwich, the Bentley employment site, Leighton Hospital and residential areas. NR widening bridge at Boulderstone Bridge, this project will link into the widened bridge.	1,850,000	700,000	→	175,059	25	Planning application delayed partly due to COVID and capacity issues.
A5117 Cycle Route, Ellesmere Port	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Ringway Jacobs	4.5km cycleway linking Ellesmere Port and Chester.	602,000	380,000	→	35,187	9	Final design and construction drawings being progressed. Project expected to be on site this quarter.
Ellesmere Port Canal Towpath	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Canals and River Trust	Enhancement of 2.2km of canal towpath between A41, Ellesmere Port and Chester to shared use.	4,379,000	680,000	→	182,760	27	Expected to be on site in September.
Sutton Way Boulevard, Ellesmere Port	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Ringway Jacobs	1 mile new shared pathway which will link the town centre with the western fringe and residential areas and provide a link to Chester by joining up with Stoney Lane.	1,024,000	640,000	→	543,672	85	Pathway complete. Planting will be finished in Autumn.
Major Transport Schemes									
Poynton Relief Road	Cheshire East Council	Grahams construction	Poynton Relief Road is a proposed 3km single carriageway road scheme to the west of Poynton with the primary aims of relieving village centre congestion and regenerating the north of the borough.	50,657,000	5,600,000	↘	5,600,000	100	All funding secure. Due to be on site in October.

Congleton Link Road	Cheshire East Council	Graham Construction	A new 5.5km road for Congleton to reduce congestion and support town centre regeneration. The Congleton Link Road would join the A534 Sandbach Road (to West of Congleton) with the A536 Macclesfield Road (to the North of the town).	90,743,268	7,709,543	→	7,709,543	100	Project progressing well after COVID delays.
Completed LGF schemes									
Birchwood Pinch point (Warrington East Phase 1)	Warrington Borough Council	Balfour Beatty	The scheme aims to improve access to Birchwood Park. It includes: Signal improvements at junction of Birchwood Way/Birchwood Park Avenue A bus only link connecting the Birchwood Way/Faraday Street junction with Ordnance Avenue The replacement of the Moss Gate roundabout with a higher capacity junction to eliminate traffic congestion, accessibility and road safety problems	4,986,000	2,140,000		2,140,000		Completed
M62 J8 Junction Improvements	Warrington Borough Council	Balfour Beatty	The scheme involves the remodelling of the current junction to increase capacity and improve traffic flow.	11,690,000	5,000,000	→	5,000,000		Completed June 18
Chester Central (Northgate and Bus Interchange)	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Graham Construction	The project is to create a new Bus interchange. The old bus station site will then be freed up to form part of the £380m Northgate development which will see new retail and leisure opportunities developed.	21,637,682	13,500,000	→	13,500,000		Completed May 17
Thornton Science Park (Chester)	University of Chester	Wilmot Dixon Construction	The project is to refurbish an existing building to create an energy demonstrator. The aim of the Demonstrator is to provide a flexible platform (with office and laboratory space) for research and development, focusing on testing new and emerging technologies across all aspects of energy systems and smart grids. The initial objective is to concentrate research on emerging energy storage technologies.	17,382,500	6,800,000	→	6,800,000		Completed May 17
Reaseheath Employer Focused Hub	Reaseheath College	John Turner Construction Group Ltd.	Construction of new lecture theatres, teaching and break out study areas of approximately 500m2 connecting the existing HE centre with the centre point building and refurbishment of the existing building approximately 337 m2	1,889,307	674,850	→	674,850		Project complete and operational
Reaseheath Agri Tech Centre	Reaseheath College	Engineering Extension - Novaplus Ltd. Agritech - Pochin Construction Ltd.	The National Centre for Agri-tech and advanced engineering will provide general teaching areas, workshop space, specialised facilities for robotics, tractor simulation, GPS and the most advanced agricultural engineering machines associated with precision farming, meeting current and future skills needs. In addition the project will introduce robotics to the college farm and livestock management improving animal welfare, farm productivity and reducing environmental impacts.	7,457,972	2,475,000	→	2,475,000		Project complete and operational
Reaseheath Sports Science and Performance Academy	Reaseheath College	Sports pitches - Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd. Sports Hall - Pochin Construction Ltd.	The construction of new sports facilities to deliver all year round sports provision, wider range of activities, sports science and performance laboratories, increasing recruitment and delivering higher level skills to all sports and public service learners. It will provide essential recreational facilities for 1200 residential students and the local community. The new facilities to include a sports hall a new MUGA pitch and a new 3G pitch to Sports England specifications.	6,169,154	2,169,750	→	2,169,750		Project complete and operational
Crewe Green Roundabout	Cheshire East Council	Balfour Beatty	Redesign of the existing roundabout to increase capacity and reduce congestion at this pinch point.	7,750,000	3,300,000	→	3,300,000		Completed October 18.
Ellesmere Port and Chester Campus remodelling	South Cheshire College	Wilmott Dixon	The project is to reconfigure the teaching and learning spaces at the Ellesmere Port and Chester Campuses. This is following an Ofsted report which gave the college an Inadequate grading. This was due in part, to the open design and layout of teaching spaces meant that learning is often disrupted by noise from other parts of the building.	3,791,198	3,198,000	→	3,198,000		Project complete and operational
Reaseheath Learning Hub and Accommodation	Reaseheath College	Learning Hub - Novaplus Ltd. Accommodation - Pochin Construction Ltd	The replacement of temporary residential units (180 beds) with a new 200 bed purpose built facility that will provide accommodation for approximately 320 students meeting increased demand. Addressing significant condition issues in central scientific laboratory Hub	11,244,158	3,582,315	→	3,582,315		Project complete and operational
Sydney Road Bridge (Crewe)	Cheshire East Council	Network Rail and J Murphy & Sons	Replacement of the bridge at Sydney Road with a new bridge which take two lanes of traffic, plus a pedestrian path. The new bridge will reduce congestion in the area.	10,452,553	5,850,000	↘	5,850,000		Project complete and operational
Chef's Whites Academy	Macclesfield College	no contractor	The LGF grant will be used to buy equipment to enable the college to set up the Chef's Whites Academy and run courses from September 2019. The course is expected to create apprentice opportunities for 40 students.	200,000	25,000		25,000		Course started. 11 students enrolled. More expected next year.
Warrington West Station	Warrington Borough Council	Balfour Beatty	New train Station. The new Warrington West railway station will act as a key interchange node and serve residential properties within the north and west of Warrington and improve accessibility to the Omega and Lingley Mere employment sites.	20,524,000	6,530,000		-		Project completed. Station opened in December 19
Warrington East Highways Improvements	Warrington Borough Council	Balfour Beatty	A five part scheme of traffic improvements to open up development sites and improve traffic flow.	13,500,000	6,900,000	→	6,900,000		Complete
Total committed and spent				402,651,111.00	127,107,466.00		106,025,829.97		

GPF				Loan (£)				
Cheshire Green Employment Park Limited	Cheshire Green Employment Park Limited	Jones Bros.	Infrastructure works to open up the site for redevelopment to create new commercial and industrial buildings with associated jobs.	14,000,000	3,650,000		3,200,000	Phase 1 and 2 infrastructure works completed. Land revalued. Number of plots now sold.
Glasshouse, Alderley Park	Bruntwood	Workspace and GMI	Refurbishment of a previously owned Astra Zeneca building into new office space.	27,800,000	3,873,000		2,726,498	Opened in February
New Bridge Road Sub Station	Peel Investment	LEAP utilities	New 10 Mva Sub station to facilitate £70m of investment in the creation of new cardboard manufacturing plant and open up 5 EZ sites for development premises	1,737,816	590,857		590,857	work completed and operational
Aviator	Redsun Developments Ltd	Cadex	125k sqft industrial Unit	10,786,918	1,701,418		803,778	Complete
Helix Phase 2	Gaerwen Properties	Portal	3 industrial units totalling 30k sqft	3,728,223	659,347		-	Scheme is complete. Awaiting final claim
Newport Rhino	Andrews4 Property	Portal	82k sqft European HQ of Rhino properties	6,187,228	792,670		792,670	Complete and occupied
Business Restructuring Grants	Blue Orchid	Blue Orchid	Grant programme to help businesses reponse to COVID	500,000	500,000		222,222	Fund over subscribed. Waiting list. All funding likely to be defrayed in coming weeks.

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Project	Total project cost (£)	Intervention rate (%)	Total grant	Paid in 15/16	Paid in 16/17	Paid in 17/18	Paid in 18/19	Paid 19/20	Paid 20/21	Paid to date	Profiled 20/21	Profiled q1 20/21	Actual Q1 20/21	Profiled q2 20/21	Actual Q2 20/21	Profiled q3 20/21	Profiled q4 20/21	Total	Comment	
LGF1/2																				
BEIS funding Profile				14,520,000	45,787,235	7,920,938	7,521,336				4,712,629							84,452,230		
Balance c/f (defrayed by CEC)				-	-	19,718,528	19,744,168				4,148,115									
Total Balance (profile +c/f)				14,520,000	45,787,235	27,639,466	27,265,504				8,860,744									
Completed Projects																				
Housing Fund Revenue (CWAC)	7,500,000	100.00	7,500,000	7,500,000						7,500,000								7,500,000		
DFT Tail majors including Crewe Green Link Road	25,747,350	18.64	4,800,000	4,800,000						4,800,000								4,800,000		
Chester Central	21,637,682	62.39	13,500,000	6,287,993	7,212,007	-	-			13,500,000								13,500,000		
Thornton Science Park	17,382,850	39.12	6,800,000	2,500,000	4,300,000	-	-			6,800,000								6,800,000		
Birchwood Pinchpoint	4,986,000	42.92	2,140,000	2,140,000						2,140,000								2,140,000		
M62 J8 Junction Improvements (Omega)	10,921,000	45.78	5,000,000		2,476,986	2,523,014	-	-		5,000,000								5,000,000	Complete	
Reaseheath Agri Tech Centre	7,457,972	33.19	2,475,000	835,000	1,069,000	447,250	123,750	-		2,475,000								2,475,000	Complete	
Reaseheath Employer Focused Hub	1,889,307	35.72	674,850	41,000	412,000	188,108	33,743	-		674,851								674,851	Complete	
Reaseheath Sports Science and Performance Academy (osprey)	6,169,154	35.17	2,169,750	330,000	1,179,000	552,263	108,488	-		2,169,750								2,169,750	Complete	
Reaseheath Learning Hub and Accommodation	11,244,158	31.86	3,582,315	927,000	1,685,000	791,200	179,116	-		3,582,315								3,582,315	Complete	
Ellesmere Port and Chester Campus remodelling	3,791,198	84.35	3,198,000			955,797	2,242,203	-		3,198,000								3,198,000	Complete	
Crewe Green Roundabout	7,750,000	42.58	3,300,000		381,480	962,527	1,955,993	-		3,300,000								3,300,000	Complete	
Macclesfield College - Chef's Whites Academy	200,000	12.50	25,000					14,427	10,573	25,000								25,000		
Sydney Road Bridge	10,452,553	55.97	5,850,000		800,000	1,367,646	3,097,200	585,154		5,850,000								5,850,000	Complete	
Warrington East Highways Improvements	13,355,000	51.67	6,900,000			1,510,255	2,019,877	3,369,868		6,900,000								6,900,000	Complete	
Live Projects																				
GM & Cheshire Life Science Investment Programme	31,982,000	31.27	10,000,000	1,459,007	2,269,702	3,273,616	1,628,659	1,369,011		10,000,000	0	-	-					10,000,000	Updated May 19 to show LGF being used to pay CEC's payments including those paid by CEC in 18/19	
Warrington Waterfront (Centre Park Link)	19,891,000	26.65	5,300,000		2,383,532	1,804,104	582,364			5,300,000								5,300,000	Updated April 19	
Ellesmere Port Central Development Zone	17,392,000	47.91	8,332,228				361,413	1,704,207	347,177	2,412,797	6,266,608	1,301,171	347,177	1,914,834		1,851,767	851,659	8,332,228	Updated June 20 to reflect delay to start of the programme	
Poynton Relief Road	50,700,000	11.05	5,600,000				5,040,000		560,000	5,600,000	560,000	560,000						5,600,000	Final payment pushed into q1 as not required to be spent in 19/20	
Total LGF 1/2 spend	237,201,873	35.77	84,847,143	14,520,000	24,168,707	14,375,778	17,387,233	7,568,813	907,177	78,927,712	6,826,608	1,861,171	907,177	1,914,834		1,851,767	851,659	84,847,143		
Funding defrayed on CEC projects					21,618,528															12,073,850
LGF3			Indicative allocation / Profile																	
BEIS funding Profile						10,348,178	8,494,566				20,192,577							61,549,115	615,491	
Crewe indoor and outdoor market improvements/	3,900,000	58.73	2,290,457			480,269	324,471	2,772,851	1,287,133	2,290,457	1,287,133	-	1,287,133	-				2,290,457	project finished ahead of revised profile for 19/20 reducing risk for final year.	
Congleton Link Road	89,600,000	8.60	7,709,543					5,000,000	2,709,543	7,709,543	2,709,543	2,709,543	2,709,543					7,709,543	Congleton Link Road now included so that money can be transferred from CHSRH	
Unlocking Winsford Industrial expansion Land	10,900,000	34.86	3,800,000	-	-	220,000	189,041	2,226,039	86,885	2,721,964	1,164,920	736,000	86,885	238,920		190,000	86,884	3,800,000	Updated June 20	
Tarvin Road	5,427,000	67.50	3,663,000				285,990	1,309,164	14,682	1,609,836	2,067,846			14,682	260,457	625,098	1,167,609	3,663,000	Updated June 20	
Warrington West Programme																				
Omega Local Highways Schemes phase 1	4,100,000	74.76	3,065,000																	updated 11.09.18. needs confirming by WBC
Warrington West Station	20,524,000	31.82	6,530,000		1,900,000	3,167,429	809,571			5,877,000								5,877,000	Updated April 19	
Warrington West Station cycle access	345,000	72.46	250,000																	
Burtonwood Omega Path (WBC)	1,650,000	30.30	500,000																	CPO process underway. Profile updated Jan 19
Omega Phase 2b	2,350,000	41.91	985,000																	
WW programme payment								4,320,000		4,320,000	1,133,000			1,133,000					5,453,000	10% payment held back until Omega on site
sub-total	28,969,000	251	11,330,000		1,900,000	3,167,429	809,571												11,330,000	
Skills																				
Macclesfield Stem Centre (Astra Zeneca)	402,420	66.70	268,420					147,496		147,496	120,924	120,924							268,420	on profile Over claims Q4. Adjust in q2
Reaseheath College - automatic dairy	736,000	89.13	656,000					29,245	44,085	73,330	626,755	41,000	44,085	205,000		335,000	42,415	656,000	Profile updated June 20 from RH profile	
Livewire Warrington - Made digital	37,892	52.76	19,992					15,074		15,074	4,918	4,918							19,992	on profile
Warrington and Vale Royal college - community digital Hubs	52,463	74.41	39,038					39,038		39,038									39,038	E62 underspend which isn't required. Rest now claimed.
Youthfed - C&W Security Operations Centre (SOC) Training Academy	297,398	5.85	17,398					17,398		17,398									17,398	fully spent as of end of March 21
UTC Warrington	39,988	49.98	19,988					13,000	1,135	14,135	6,988	1,300	1,135	4,200		600	1,382	19,988	updated June 20 from UTC profile	
The Digital Hub - Digital Doorstep (CCSW)	44,172	41.28	18,235					8,362	1,267	9,629	8,606	9,873		1,267	8,606			18,235	updated June 20	
Digital Hub - Project 4.0 (CCSW)	2,230,749	40.96	913,648					124,526		124,526	789,122	400,000		389,122				0	913,648	
Reaseheath College - Controlled Env. Food production Centre	340,000	100.00	340,000							340,000				166,000		117,000	57,000	340,000	Updated June 20 from RH profile	
UOC - High Performance Private Cloud	1,218,005	73.32	893,005						200,778	200,778	893,005	100,000	200,778	370,000		128,597	193,630	893,005	Updated July 20	
Carpe Diem - IOTA	398,560	29.81	118,800					118,800		118,800									118,800	Full claim as can't reclaim vat
AMET Centres - Warrington Campus and Vale Royal Campus	1,369,000	47.92	656,000					96,583		96,583	656,000	106,000	96,583	92,000		229,000	132,417	656,000	Updated June 20	
Macclesfield College - Specialist digital and advanced manufacturing equip	1,124,912	46.37	521,615					266,289		266,289	521,615	321,615	266,289	200,000			532,578	521,615	Updated June 20	
Computers for schools	30,000	100.00	30,000							30,000				30,000					30,000	
Digital Skills in Construction	571,500	45.49	260,000							260,000						260,000			260,000	
specialist equipment to widen access to technology and digital skills	270,500	46.21	125,000							125,000						125,000			125,000	
Unallocated			102,861							102,861								102,861	102,861	
Sub total	9,163,559	54.56	5,000,000					512,940	610,137					1,456,322		1,203,803	193,328			
Energy Innovation																				
C&W Business Energy & Efficiency Programme	1,415,030	49.12	695,000					53,607	48,171	101,778	641,393	50,000	48,171	150,000		200,000	193,222	695,000	Updated May 19	
Storengy - Project Vanguard	1,035,000	33.33	345,000					26,512	242,611	269,123	318,488	240,000	242,611	78,488				345,000	Updated February 20	
EA Technology - Netzero Cheshire	570,000	52.63	300,000							300,000	6,000	6,000		130,000		199,000	35,000	300,000	Updated June 20	
EA Tech - Delivering network visibility in Cheshire's Energy Innovation district	1,364,113	60.49	825,084																	