

D2N2 Investment Board Cover Sheet – 30<sup>th</sup> September 2019

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Summary and Recommendation(s)
<p>This report sets out the concluded findings of the D2N2 Pipeline Call carried out in July 2019 which requested potential replacement Local Growth Fund replacement projects in the short term and prospective medium term projects for future funding submissions.</p> <p>The Investment Board are requested to note the report and allow D2N2 officers to bring a firm recommendation to the November IB for final funding decisions.</p>

## **D2N2 INVESTMENT BOARD**

**30<sup>th</sup> September 2019**

### **D2N2 Pipeline Call**

#### **Introduction**

In July 2019, D2N2 released a call for new capital projects to be presented to the LEP and scored through a competitive process, the call was split in to two distinct elements:

- Short Term Submissions – Projects that fit within the strategic parameters of D2N2’s Local Growth Fund and could spend LGF allocations by March 2021 should any underspend become available.
- Medium Term Submissions – Projects that will be able to spend future funding between April 2021 and 2025 which fit with the longer term strategic objectives of the LEP.

Projects were invited to submit Expressions of Interest by the 26<sup>th</sup> of August.

#### **Submissions**

D2N2 has received 27 short term applications from 19 prospective project sponsors. These submissions had to focus heavily on the deliverability of projects and their ability to utilise spend in the time constraints before March 2021.

The medium term section of the pipeline call received 34 project applications from 17 prospective project sponsors. These submissions were focused around future projects that would be able to utilise whatever public funding becomes available from future funding calls.

#### **Potential Projects**

After an analysis of the call, D2N2 has identified a list of projects which scored highly on the scoring framework which means they are deemed to be low risk

in their delivery potential. These projects equate to £2.58m of funding that could be utilised before March 2021 and offer 390 jobs between them.

With the medium term submissions, D2N2 officers will work with these submissions to prepare for any instance of future funding calls and bring the projects forward to the November Investment Board.

### **Funding Position**

Following a review of the projects that currently have an allocation of Local Growth Funding, D2N2 still remains in a position with an over allocation in the programme of £4.5m subject to the outcomes of the September 2019 meeting.

It is the LEPs intention to reserve an overallocation throughout the programme of up to £4m which can be covered by the GPF allocation set aside to fund this overspend. Should projects who have outstanding allocations of funding not utilise their spend then D2N2's intention is to use up to a maximum of £4m of Growing Places Fund to bring forward new projects from the pipeline call.

D2N2 will engage with the highest scoring projects from the pipeline call process and work through an in detail analysis of their deliverability potential alongside strategic fit in order to create a pipeline of true 'shovel ready' projects that could utilise spend.

### **Recommendation**

Subject to any funding being released following the conclusion of the September Investment Board, D2N2 officers will further engage with existing and new projects to monitor their deliverability and bring forward a finalised set of recommendations for funding allocations to the November Investment Board.