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D2N2 Investment Board – October 2023

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Summary and Recommendations
<p>The Board are asked to note the progress report on the D2N2 Capital programme.</p> <p>The paper also gives an update on the Early-Stage Angel Investment Fund.</p>

D2N2 INVESTMENT BOARD**October 2023 D2N2 Capital Programme Update****Introduction**

This paper provides an overview of the LEPs Low Carbon Growth Fund Programme, including an update on progress against the financial targets for this year.

Low Carbon Growth Fund progress update

Following the approval of 7 projects on to the Low Carbon Growth Fund capital programme the LEP has to date approved 4 projects through the Investment Board and has a further project for approval at this meeting.

Smartparc Low Carbon Heating and Cooling – The project has progressed well with spend and the infrastructure for the scheme has begun to take shape. The project will be linked to new occupiers on site to establish new low carbon heating and cooling for the developments when they come on site.

PPROHLET – Since the last meeting LEP officers have received an update from the University of Nottingham who have confirmed that the supply of goods and equipment has increased in recent months. The University will be submitting expenditure details to the LEP in coming months and has seen an increase in activity.

Springvale Hydrogen – The project has seen some delays for the procurement of specialist hydrogen equipment as supply chains continue to delay delivery of procured goods. These however are being resolved and assembly has ramped up in the last 2 months on the project.

Hydrogen Waste Collection – The project previously encountered issues with regards to the supply of Hydrogen which have now been resolved. The waste collection vehicles are now in service and are recording data from the trial to be reported back to the Investment Board when ready.

Hydrogen Buses – D2N2 are continuing to work with the Bus company to try and develop the project. A deadline of the end of October has been stated for the project to make a decision and a verbal update will be brought to this meeting.

Heat Pump and Green Skills – The project was approved at the September Investment Board meeting and has now progressed to the grant offer stage. LEP officers are working through the procurement process with the project sponsor to ensure that the process has been completed in line with the approval.

Mine Water Heat – The project had a pre compliance approval for £200,000 worth of funding agreed at the September Investment Board. The project is currently working through contracting processes and will begin the testing imminently.

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Early-Stage Angel Investment Fund

The LEP has now had three expressions of interest submitted as part of the procurement process for ESAIF. A scoring panel was brought together to review the submissions individually and then met to jointly evaluate the projects and give a recommendation from a quality perspective. The project now sits with the procurement and legal teams to confirm who the successful body to deliver the fund will be.

Following on from the confirmation, the LEP officers will work with the successful body to discuss the creation of the fund and how this is likely to be marketed to target the businesses that we will look to support. The LEP will look to engage in launch events and envisages that these will be held in the new year once the formal legal proceedings have been established for the fund.

Low Carbon Growth Fund Budget.

Appendix 1 shows the budget for the Low Carbon Growth Fund and the spend that has been recorded to date on the 7 projects.

Appendix 1

Low Carbon Growth Fund	Actual to date	Budget	Budget			
Project		2022/2023	2023/2024	Total	Status	Promoter
SmartParc Low Carbon Heating and Cooling	1,200,000.00	1,200,000.00		1,200,000.00	Approved at September Investment Board	SmartParc Segro Spondon Ltd
Heat Pump Skills Academy		100,000.00	400,000.00	500,000.00	At this August Investment Board	Bolsover District Council
PPROHLET		1,200,000.00		1,200,000.00	Approved at September Investment Board	University of Nottingham
The Sixes-H2 Buses			1,500,000.00	1,500,000.00		Trent Barton
Mine Water Heat			900,000.00	900,000.00	At this August Investment Board	Bolsover District Council
Hydrogen Fuelled Waste Collection	114,305.90	310,000.00		310,000.00	Approved at July Investment Board	South Derbyshire District Council
Springvale Hydrogen	718,009.50	718,009.50		718,009.50	Approved at July Investment Board	Bloom Development Ltd
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