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Dear Councillor

The next meeting of the **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE** is at **6.30pm** on **THURSDAY, 5 APRIL 2018** at the **TOWN HALL, CHURCH STREET, CLITHEROE.**

I do hope you can be there.

Yours sincerely

CHIEF EXECUTIVE

To: Committee Members (copy for information to all other members of the Council)
Directors
Press

AGENDA

Part I – items of business to be discussed in public

1. Apologies for absence.
- ✓ 2. To approve the minutes of the last meeting held on 1 February 2018 – copy enclosed.
3. Declarations of Pecuniary and Non-Pecuniary Interests (if any).
4. Public Participation (if any).

DECISION ITEMS

5. Presentation by Steven Cochrane – Regenerate Lancashire.
- ✓ 6. Transport for the North – Consultation – report of Chief Executive – copy enclosed.

INFORMATION ITEMS

- ✓ 7. Capital Programme 2018/19 – report of Director of Resources – copy enclosed.
- ✓ 8. Revenue Monitoring 2017/18 – report of Director of Resources – copy enclosed.
- ✓ 9. Update on Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) – report of Chief Executive – copy enclosed.
- ✓ 10. Lancashire Business Exhibition – report of Chief Executive – copy enclosed.
- 11. Reports from Representatives on Outside Bodies (if any).

Part II - items of business **not** to be discussed in public

None.

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 5TH APRIL 2018
title: TRANSPORT STRATEGY CONSULTATION
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: CRAIG MATTHEWS

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To receive information on the Strategic Transport Plan for the North.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Council Ambitions - In addition to Ribble Valley Borough Council striving to meet its three ambitions, it also recognises the importance of securing a diverse, sustainable economic base for the Borough.
- Community Objectives – The issues highlighted in this report contribute to the objectives of a strong and sustainable economy in the Borough.
- Corporate Priorities - Delivery of services to all.
- Other Considerations – None.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 On Monday 15th January 2018, The House of Commons approved regulations for Transport for the North to become the first Sub-national Transport Body in England. Following the successful approval from the House of Lords on the 18th December 2017, and will come to force from April 2018.

2.2 Transport for the North (TfN) was created as a pan-Northern Partnership Board of civic and business leaders from across the North, working with Highways England, Network Rail, High Speed 2 (HS2) Ltd and the Department for Transport. With the support of the business and academic communities, and is tasked with setting out the requirements of the pan-Northern transport network through a Strategic Transport Plan for the North.

3 INFORMATION

3.1 A draft Strategic Transport Plan (STP) has since been developed to show the spatial and modal scope for transport investment across the North of England to 2050, together with expected costs and benefits. The STP is currently subject to public consultation until mid-April 2018, and has been created with regard to other relevant initiatives, including the Northern Powerhouse.

3.2 The STP will become a statutory document. This report outlines the content of the STP and proposes an outline of a response from the Council. It is intended to coordinate this response with a complementary response being prepared for submission by Lancashire County Council as the strategic transport authority for the County.

- 3.3 As part of this, the consultation draft Long Term Rail Strategy (LTRS) sets out Transport for the North's (TfN) vision for the ongoing transformation of the North of England's railways, covering the period up until 2050. It describes how the network should be improved to realise its potential to support and facilitate a growing and more vibrant Northern economy, and to enhance the North's quality of life, in an environmentally sustainable way.
- 3.4 The strategy has also established a set of Conditional Outputs and, associated with these a set of Desirable Minimum Standards, which consider and reflect the needs of both passenger and freight services across the entirety of the North's railway network. After the consultation exercise has been concluded and the responses considered, this LTRS will supersede the Long Term Rail Strategy that was endorsed by Rail North Association in 2015.
- 3.5 The full draft Strategic Transport Plan is available from the Transport for the North's website (98 pages) at www.transportforthenorth.com along with a series of assessments that the draft Strategic Transport Plan has been subject to. The full ISA documentation is also available on the Transport for the North's website (103 page report, 482 pages of appendices and a 45 page Habitats Regulations Assessment).
- 3.6 The structure of the STP focuses on spatial corridors across the North, with modal sections (particularly road and rail). In order to deliver the objectives for these corridors a series of specific modal initiatives are also referenced in the Plan. Northern Powerhouse Rail (NPR) is a key element of the STP and is probably the most significant. Alongside HS2 Phase 2 (linking Birmingham with Leeds and Manchester), it aims to transform rail travel across the North offering much faster, more frequent and more reliable rail links between the main urban areas of the North and Manchester Airport, as well as other significant centres.
- 3.7 Alongside these other significant centres. The emerging Vision for NPR in the STP includes the following: -
- A new line between Liverpool and the HS2 Manchester Spur via Warrington.
 - Capacity at Manchester Piccadilly for around eight through services per hour.
 - A new Trans Pennine rail line that connects Manchester and Leeds via Bradford
 - Significant upgrades along the corridor of the existing Hope Valley line between Sheffield and Manchester via Stockport.
 - Leeds to Sheffield delivered through HS2 Phase 2B and upgrading the route from Sheffield.
 - Leeds to Newcastle via HS2 junction and upgrades to the East Coast Mainline.
 - Significant upgrades to existing line from Leeds to Hull (via Selby) and Sheffield to Hull (via Doncaster).
- 3.8 Some maps illustrating these transport corridors are attached at Appendix A of this report. NPR will be subject to further scheme development and TfN will complete a Strategic Outline Business Case by the end of 2018. Alongside, and complementary to NPR, is a Long Term Rail Strategy which is discussed in the Plan and which will

seek to integrate NPR and HS2 with the existing rail infrastructure. A key objective will be to ensure good connectivity and to meet the capacity, frequency, reliability and resilience needs of both passenger and freight customers, whilst minimising costs and contributing towards broader initiatives such as tackling climate change.

3.9 As stated earlier, it is proposed that a consultation response from the Council should put forward incorporating the following issues: -

- **Enhanced services to Blackburn and Manchester** - Rail traffic towards Blackburn and wider areas from and to Clitheroe is growing (284,000 passengers in 2016 –17) and has recovered from delays in recent years associated with improvement works on the line between Blackburn and Bolton which has enabled regular half hourly services from Blackburn to Manchester to be established after several years of detailed work. It should also be borne in mind that numbers are likely to grow further as new committed housing development in the Clitheroe and wider area is built out.

Recent discussions indicate that there may be support for an extension of the current half hourly Blackburn to Manchester service through to Clitheroe, with possible additions of late services to allow Ribble Valley users to use public transport to access late night events in Manchester. This would build on current services and evidence that already exists, and was recognised within, the current franchise, such as likely increased patronage

- **New services towards Hellifield** – Restoring passenger services on the railway line from Clitheroe to Hellifield. The Clitheroe to Hellifield line closed in 1962. The reopening of the line would lead to the restoration of links from Clitheroe to Skipton, Leeds and Bradford to the east as well as Lancaster and Carlisle to the west coast mainline.

The proposal to press for the restoration of passenger services to Hellifield was made at the last meeting of the Economic Development Committee This plan forms part of the council's approved proposals to drive the Ribble Valley economy to create more jobs, and further strengthen tourism opportunities and improve connectivity in the Ribble Valley and to locations further afield. It is also likely that any initial studies may require further subsequent detailed studies before any final case could be made and such a process would be over a significant period of time.

3.10 A briefing event on this matter was held at County Hall in Preston on Wednesday 28 February 2018, which was attended by the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee and the Councils' Regeneration Officer. The briefing summarised the work TfN have undertaken to date, as well as how Lancashire can benefit from this vision. The consultation closes on 17 April 2018.

4 RISK ASSESSMENT

4.1 The approval of this report may have the following implications

- Resources – None.
- Technical, Environmental and Legal – None.
- Political – None.

- Reputation - The matters covered in this report link with the Council's objectives of a sustainable economy and thriving market towns.

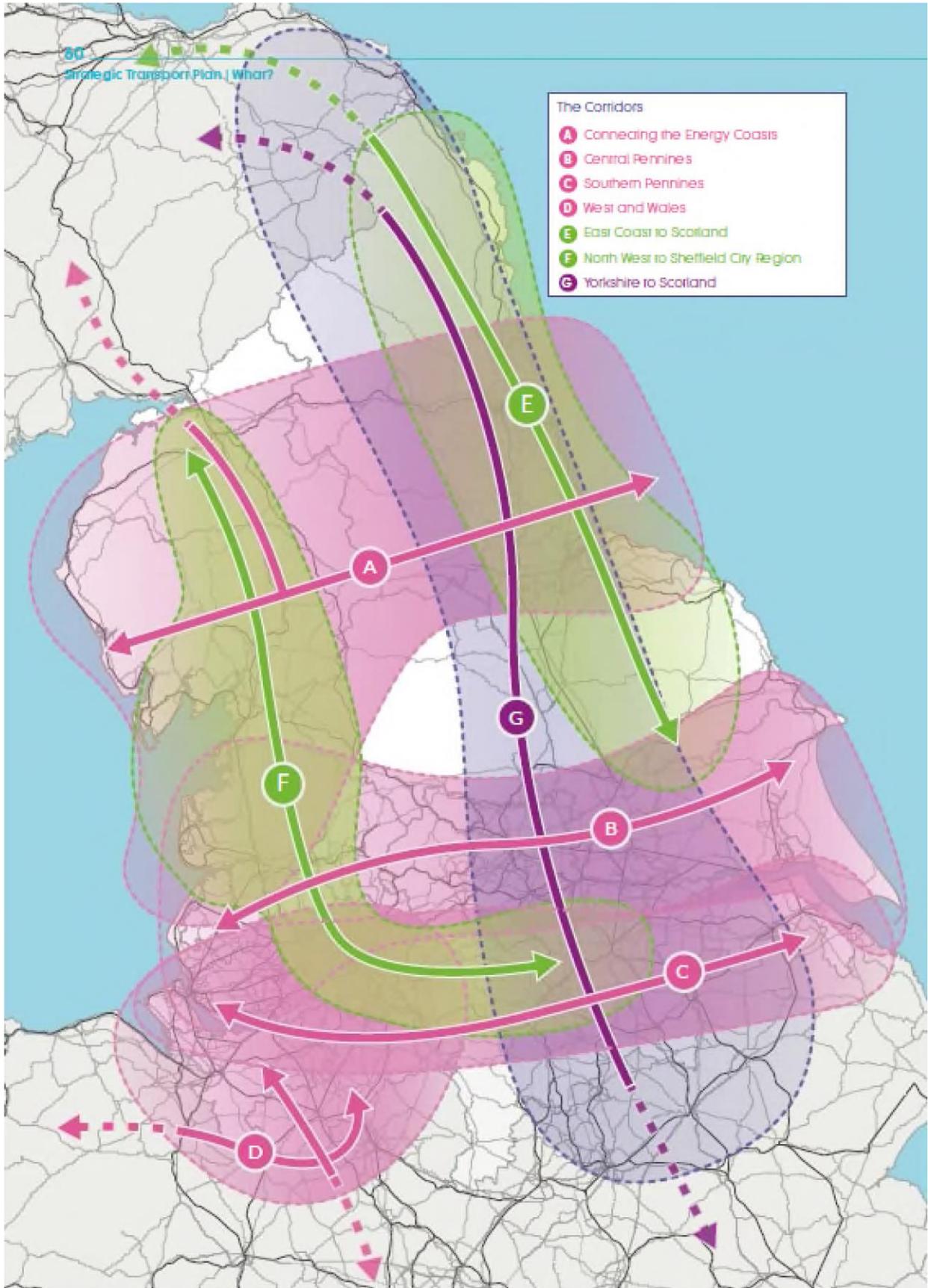
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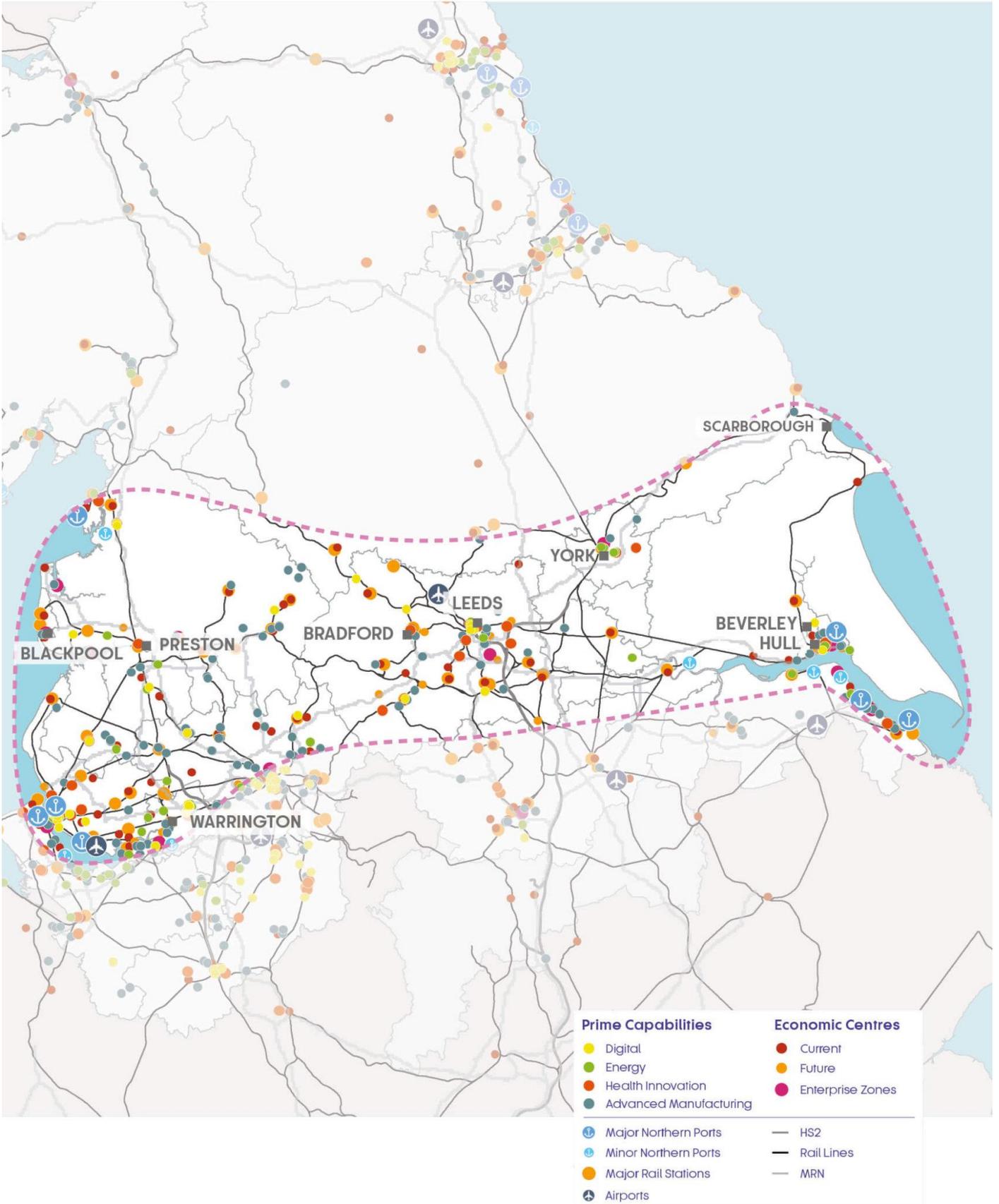
- 5.1 Instruct the Chief Executive to prepare and submit the Council's formal response to the STP consultation referring to the issues laid out in section 3.7 of this report, and in consultation with the Chairman of the Economic Development Committee.

CRAIG MATTHEWS
REGENERATION OFFICER

MARSHAL SCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For further information please ask for Craig Matthews, extension 4531.





RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 7

meeting date: 5 APRIL 2018
title: CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19
submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
principal author: ANDREW COOK

1 PURPOSE

- 1.1 To inform members of the schemes which have been approved for inclusion in this Committee's 2018/19 capital programme.

2 BACKGROUND

- 2.1 As members will be aware, there were no new schemes proposed for the 2018/19 to 2022/23 capital programme for this Committee. However, at its meeting on 1 February 2018, this Committee did approve the movement of the Economic Development Initiatives capital scheme budget from 2017/18 to 2018/19.
- 2.2 The capital programme proposals for all Committees, including capital schemes moved from 2017/18 to 2018/19, have since been reviewed by Budget Working Group and Corporate Management Team in order to arrive at an affordable programme for 2018/19 to 2022/23. Following recommendation by a special meeting of Policy and Finance Committee on 6 February 2018, Full Council approved the Council's five year capital programme for 2018/19 to 2022/23 on 6 March 2018.
- 2.3 The Council's overall capital programme for the five year period 2018/19 to 2022/23 totals £6,624,860 for all committees. The total for this Committee is £100,000 over the five year life of the programme. All of the £100,000 for this Committee relates to the 2018/19 financial year.

3 CAPITAL PROGRAMME 2018/19 – APPROVED SCHEMES

- 3.1 For this Committee there is one approved scheme in the 2018/19 capital programme. This is the Economic Development Initiatives scheme, totalling £100,000, which has been moved from 2017/18 to 2018/19. Further information for this scheme is shown in **Annex 1**.
- 3.2 The Head of Regeneration and Housing will complete regular capital monitoring progress sheets for this scheme, which will be reported to members regularly.

4 CONCLUSION

- 4.1 This Committee has a 2018/19 capital programme of one scheme, totalling £100,000.

SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

ED4-18/AC/AC
7 March 2018

For further background information please ask for Andrew Cook.
BACKGROUND PAPERS – None

Economic Development Initiatives

Service Area: Regeneration

Submitted by: Colin Hirst

NOTE – This scheme budget has been moved from 2017/18 to 2018/19 as no appropriate economic development opportunities were funded from this scheme in 2017/18.

Brief Description of the Scheme:

The project is to establish a general source of pump-priming and pre-investment funding to support the delivery of the Council's economic priorities. The bid particularly seeks to support our high growth sectors in the provision of land and premises or tourism infrastructure where applicable. The Council needs to be able to develop and respond to initiatives that will support delivery of business growth. In order to develop schemes, funding needs to be available to undertake works in areas such as valuation and feasibility assessments, due-diligence, initial planning and design work. As projects progress funding needs to be available to support acquisition, marketing and development. Specific funding for land or premises would be the subject of separate bids as required.

Projects include identifying options to deliver employment land, schemes to support high growth business opportunities and necessary infrastructure to support our rural business base including Tourism.

Revenue Implications:

Unspecified - General revenue costs would be anticipated to be contained within existing budgets.

Timescale for Completion:

Key milestones would depend upon the individual projects developed.

Any Risks to Completion:

No expenditure will take place if there are no appropriate economic development initiatives to support.

Capital Cost:

2018/19 £
100,000

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No 8

meeting date: 5 APRIL 2018
 title: REVENUE MONITORING 2017/18
 submitted by: DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES
 principal author: AMY JOHNSON

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To let you know the position to the end of February of this year's revised revenue budget as far as this committee is concerned.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities:

- ❖ Community Objectives – none identified.
- ❖ Corporate Priorities – to continue to be a well managed Council providing efficient services based on identified customer need and meets the objective within this priority, of maintaining critical financial management controls, ensuring the authority provides council tax payers with value for money.
- ❖ Other Considerations – none identified.

2 FINANCIAL INFORMATION

2.1 Shown below, by cost centre, is a comparison between actual expenditure and the revised estimate for the period. You will see an overall overspend of £3,713 on the net cost of services.

Cost Centre	Cost Centre Name	Net Budget for the full year £	Net Budget to the end of the period £	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period £	Variance £	
ALBNM	Albion Mill	6,670	2,460	7,314	4,854	A
INDDV	Economic Development	128,810	8,257	7,019	-1,238	G
TURSM	Tourism and Events	98,480	27,452	27,549	97	G
	Net Cost of Services	233,960	38,169	41,882	3,713	

2.2 The variations between revised budget and actuals have been split into groups of red, amber and green variance. The red variances highlight specific areas of high concern, for which budget holders are required to have an action plan. Amber variances are potential areas of high concern and green variances are areas that currently do not present any significant concern.

Key to Variance shading	
Variance of more than £5,000 (Red)	R
Variance between £2,000 and £4,999 (Amber)	A
Variance less than £2,000 (Green)	G

2.3 We have then extracted the main variations for the items included in the red shaded cost centres and shown them with the budget holder's comments and agreed action plans, in Annex 1.

2.4 The main variations for items included in the amber shaded cost centres are shown with budget holders' comments at Annex 2.

3 CONCLUSION

3.1 The comparison between actual and revised budgeted expenditure shows an overall overspend of £3,713 on the net cost of services.

AMY JOHNSON
SENIOR ACCOUNTANT

DIRECTOR OF RESOURCES

ED5-18/AJ/AC
21 March 2018

BACKGROUND WORKING PAPERS

Revised Estimates approved by Committee
Economic Development Committee budget monitoring working papers 2017/18

For further information please ask for Amy Johnson.

Economic Development Committee Budget Monitoring – Red Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the period	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period	Variance	Indicator	Reason for Variance	Action Plan as agreed between the Budget Holder and Accountant
ALBNM/88051	Albion Mill/Land Rents	-28,740	-28,740	-23,586	5,154	R	Rent outstanding for one quarter in relation to one tenant, plus lower than estimated rent received in relation to outstanding rents for two previous tenants.	The management company responsible for the units will continue to pursue outstanding rent payments.

Economic Development Committee Budget Monitoring – Amber Variances

Ledger Code	Ledger Code Name	Budget for the Full Year	Budget to the end of the period	Actual including Commitments to the end of the period	Variance	Indicator	Reason for Variance
TURSM/3263	Tourism and Events/Publicity	22,620	22,620	25,079	2,459	A	Additional expenditure incurred in the promotion of the Ribble Valley at a Manchester Wedding Fayre. To be offset by sponsorship of the fayre by local hotel venues - invoices for the sponsorship raised in March.

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 5TH APRIL 2018

title: RURAL DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMME FOR ENGLAND 2014-2020

submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE

principal author: CRAIG MATTHEWS

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To receive an update regarding the Rural Development Programme.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Council Ambitions – The Council recognises the importance of securing a diverse, sustainable economic base for the Borough. The work of the Rural Development Programme aims to support this.
- Community Objectives – The issues highlighted in this report will contribute to objectives of a sustainable economy and thriving market towns.
- Corporate Priorities - Delivery of services to all.
- Other Considerations – None.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 The Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE), also referred to at European level as LEADER, is jointly funded by the European Union and the Department for Environment, Food and Rural Affairs (DEFRA). The aims of the programme are to safeguard and enhance the rural environment, improve the competitiveness of the agricultural sector and foster sustainable and thriving rural businesses and rural economies across England.

2.2 The LEADER scheme is part of the Rural Development Programme for England (RDPE) and is also partly funded by the European Agricultural Fund for Rural Development (EAFRD). The aim of LEADER is to create jobs and help businesses grow, which will then benefit the rural economy. LEADER is a French acronym, which roughly translates as 'Liaison among Actors in Rural Economic Development'.

2.3 In the previous Rural Development Programme, there were 28 Ribble Valley businesses and other local organisations that received financial support, and the Councils' Regeneration Team worked with Lancashire County Council and other Lancashire Districts on the current RDPE strategy, which will run up to 2020.

3 INFORMATION

3.1 The RDPE provides money for projects to improve agriculture, the environment and rural life. Funding goes to schemes to such things as improving the environment, increase the productivity of farming and forestry and growing the rural economy.

- 3.2 To meet European Commission requirements, programme delivery in sub-regional areas such as Lancashire is overseen by Local Action Groups (LAGs). In Lancashire, as with the previous programme, 3 LAGs have been established to manage the RDPE programme of activity, with other elements also being delivered by Natural England and the Forestry Commission:
- **Lancashire North & Bowland** - (includes the rural areas of Lancaster, Ribble Valley, part of Pendle and part of Wyre).
 - **Lancashire West** - (includes the rural areas of Fylde, West Lancashire, Preston and parts of Wyre).
 - **Lancashire Pennine Moors** – (includes the rural areas Chorley, South Ribble, Blackburn with Darwen, Rossendale, Hyndburn, Burnley and part of Pendle. Also contains the adjacent Greater Manchester rural populations of Bolton, Bury, Wigan and Rochdale).
- 3.3 The Lancashire LEADER website which is hosted by Lancashire County Council, continues to receive enquiries and can be found at www.lancashire.gov.uk/rural-development. A database of over 800 groups, businesses, stakeholders and partners has also been created to receive regular updates about the programme.
- 3.4 The last meeting of the Lancashire North & Bowland LAG was held on Wednesday 7th March 2018 in the Tithebarn at Browsholme Hall in Ribble Valley. To date there have been 18 businesses benefitting from the scheme (10 based in Ribble Valley) along with another 11 projects awaiting decision for approval from the LAG. There are also a further 18 projects currently in development.
- 3.5 A copy of the Lancashire North & Bowland LDS is in the Members Room on Level C in the Council Offices. Each LAG area has different characteristics; therefore, the calls for projects for each theme may differ slightly depending upon the geographical area. Further details explaining these can be found on the Factsheet attached at Appendix A to this report along with a map showing the Lancashire North & Bowland LAG area at Appendix B.

CRAIG MATTHEWS
REGENERATION OFFICER

MARSHAL SCOTT
CHIEF EXECUTIVE

For further information please ask for Craig Matthews, extension 4531.

LEADER Lancashire

Rural Funding *fact sheet*

What is LEADER?

LEADER (a French acronym that translates as 'Liaisons among actors in the rural economy') is an EU programme that aims to provide funding for businesses and organisations looking to begin or expand their operations in rural areas. What separates it from other funding programmes is that it is delivered locally rather than nationally, with decisions on how and where the grant money is spent being made by an appointed Local Action Group (LAG) of key representatives from various organisations in the local area. Your Lancashire LEADER Team and LAGs benefit from a wealth of experience in a range of sectors and are here to help you with your application process.

As with any grant funding programme, the language and rules surrounding it can be daunting, but we hope this fact sheet goes some way towards helping you understand the programme's requirements, which in turn will help you when submitting an outline application.

LEADER Themes

LEADER funds must support one or more of the following themes:

- Increasing Farm Productivity
- Micro/Small Enterprises & Farm Diversification
- Rural Tourism
- Rural Services
- Culture & Heritage
- Increasing Forestry Productivity

A proportion of each LEADER area's funding has been allocated to a priority, to ensure a fair spread of funding across all types of organisations in the area.

The Local Action Group

As LEADER is intended to be a locally-delivered grant

funding programme, all funding decisions are made by elected members of the Local Action Group, or LAG Executive. The LAG Executive consists of a range of local representatives from each of the LEADER priorities, as well as a spread of expertise from both public and private sectors.

Though a project may successfully pass through the outline application procedure, it is ultimately up to the LAG Executive to decide which projects to fund on the basis of value for money and the benefits they will bring to the local area. While a project may be fully eligible, the LAG's duty to ensure that the funding goes as far as possible means that no project is guaranteed to receive funding.





When Funding can be Claimed

Grant funding can only be claimed in arrears, so you must be able to pay for your project in the short-term, as grant payments will only be made once the work being claimed for has been completed and paid for. If you are claiming grant funding for items purchased using a hire- or lease-purchase agreement, you must have made all outstanding payments against the items and own them outright before any grant money can be paid.

Grant Rates

These vary depending on the organisation applying for the grant and the LEADER Priority under which their project sits, but the typical grant amount available is 40% of the total eligible project costs, with the rest of the money coming from other private sources – it cannot come from other public sources.

However, non-profit organisations may find that a greater amount of their eligible project costs can be covered – please ask the Lancashire LEADER Team for guidance.

Eligibility

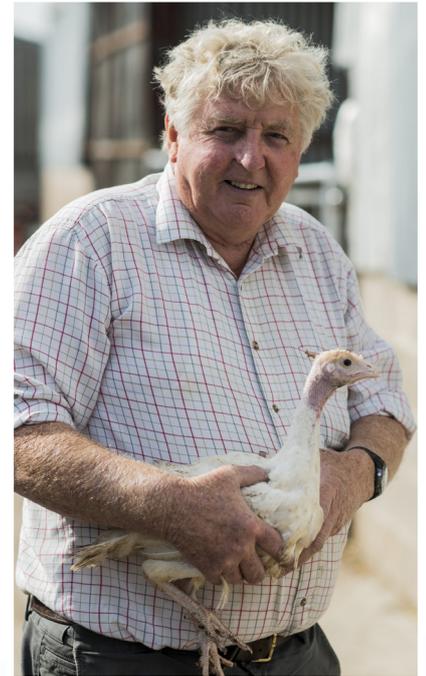
Not every cost associated with a project will be eligible for LEADER funding, but your Programme Manager will work with you to assess which of your costs are eligible and which are not. As a general rule, LEADER funding is intended for immovable, capital items and it cannot be used for salaries, printed marketing materials, licences or in-kind contributions to the project.

You also cannot apply for funding to fulfil legal obligations of an existing operation – for example, an existing café could not request funding purely to

build an accessible WC, but a completely new build project that included an accessible WC as part of a project, would be eligible.

The rules around eligibility can be complex and will vary depending on which LEADER Priority your project falls under, but a full list of ineligible costs will be included in the LEADER Applicants' Handbook and the Lancashire LEADER Team will be happy to advise you. Projects must be located in an eligible rural postcode.

Please contact the LEADER Team to check the postcode.



Application Process

One of our Programme Managers will work with you to help develop your project and complete an Outline Application, and if successful you will be invited to submit a full application. If your full application is eligible, it will then be presented to the LAG and a decision will be made within 40 working days of the closing date of your submission.

Jobs

The success of the LEADER programme is primarily measured on the jobs that are created as a result of the funding. These jobs are quantified by the number of full-time equivalent (FTE) positions created, which are defined as jobs requiring at least 30 hours per week. However, part-time jobs can be counted e.g. two 15-hour roles would constitute one FTE position.



Grant Amounts

The LEADER programme has a minimum grant amount of at least £6,000, for details on individual themes minimum grant amounts please check the relevant handbook for further information.

Each LAG has allocated the funding to the different priorities according to their local area. Each LAG also has outputs to achieve and again the outputs are slightly different in each geographical area. Further details are available overleaf.



Notional funding allocations

Lancashire West	Lancashire North and Bowland	Lancashire Pennine Moors
Farming Total budget (approx.) £384,498 Average Grant size £48,062 Number of projects x 8	Farming Total budget (approx.) £201,031 Average Grant size £40,206 Number of projects x 5	Farming Total budget (approx.) £175,840 Average Grant size £43,960 Number of projects x 4
Enterprise Total budget (approx.) £512,664 Average Grant size £25,633 Number of projects x 20	Enterprise Total budget (approx.) £536,083 Average Grant size £26,804 Number of projects x 20	Enterprise Total budget (approx.) £527,522 Average Grant size £26,376 Number of projects x 20
Tourism Total budget (approx.) £128,165 Average Grant size £42,721 Number of projects x 3	Tourism Total budget (approx.) £268,041 Average Grant size £29,782 Number of projects x 9	Tourism Total budget (approx.) £234,454 Average Grant size £39,075 Number of projects x 6
Culture & heritage Total budget (approx.) £64,083 Average Grant size £64,083 Number of projects x 1	Culture & heritage Total budget (approx.) £134,020 Average Grant size £26,804 Number of projects x 5	Culture & heritage Total budget (approx.) £58,613 Average Grant size £58,613 Number of projects x 1
Basic Services Total budget (approx.) £128,165 Average Grant size £64,082 Number of projects x 2	Basic Services Total budget (approx.) £134,020 Average Grant size £22,336 Number of projects x 6	Basic Services Total budget (approx.) £117,227 Average Grant size £39,075 Number of projects x 3
Forestry Total budget (approx.) £64,083 Average Grant size £64,083 Number of projects x 1	Forestry Total budget (approx.) £67,010 Average Grant size £22,336 Number of projects x 3	Forestry Total budget (approx.) £58,613 Average Grant size £29,306 Number of projects x 2

We have been awarded the funding in Euros. Each year we will be allocated an amount based upon the exchange rate that year. Therefore the funding could increase or decrease depending upon the exchange rate.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of the Lancashire LEADER programme, please do not hesitate to e-mail ruralfunding@lancashire.gov.uk or call Karen Lawrenson on

01772 538797 or Louise Kite on **01772 534134**

www.lancashire.gov.uk/rural-development



Lancashire North and Bowland

Lancashire North and Bowland
 Total Population: 118,440
 Rural Population: 93,240
 Urban Population: 25,200

-  Lancashire Market Towns
-  LAG Areas
-  Urban
-  Areas of outstanding natural beauty
-  Lancashire Market Towns (Urban)
-  Lancashire West
-  Lancashire North and Bowland
-  Pennine Moors

RIBBLE VALLEY BOROUGH COUNCIL REPORT TO ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE

Agenda Item No.

meeting date: 5TH APRIL 2018
title: LANCASHIRE BUSINESS EXPO 2018
submitted by: CHIEF EXECUTIVE
principal author: CRAIG MATTHEWS

1 PURPOSE

1.1 To receive information on the Lancashire Business Expo 2018.

1.2 Relevance to the Council's ambitions and priorities

- Council Ambitions - In addition to Ribble Valley Borough Council striving to meet its three ambitions, it also recognises the importance of securing a diverse, sustainable economic base for the Borough.
- Community Objectives – The issues highlighted in this report contribute to the objectives of a strong and sustainable economy in the Borough.
- Corporate Priorities - Delivery of services to all.
- Other Considerations – None.

2 BACKGROUND

2.1 Business events provide important opportunities for businesses to come together to meet each other and obtain information and learn about the various strands of business support available to help address a broad range of business requirements in order to help them thrive and succeed. There is a calendar of such events that take place across Lancashire and the North West to enable businesses to participate in these, either targeted towards sector specific areas or supporting a much broader business base.

2.2 These are provided through a varied range of organisations and in recent years a number of business networking organisations have established themselves across the County. An organisation called Shout Network is one such provider of these activities and host events at venues across Lancashire for businesses to meet, collaborate and build relationships that benefit their business.

3 INFORMATION

3.1 The Lancashire Business Expo was held at the Guild Hall in Preston on Friday 2nd March 2018. It is an annual business to business exhibition, organised by Shout Network with the support of a number of organisations in Lancashire including BOOST, UCLan, Preston Guild Hall, the NHS Health Academy and Zebra Marketing and PR. Information can be found at www.lancashirebusinessexpo.com.

3.2 Ribble Valley Borough Council exhibited at the event, where representatives of the Councils' Regeneration Department were on hand to meet Lancashire business

people and provide information on developing their business activities in the Ribble Valley.

- 3.3 The event has received very positive feedback from both exhibitors and visitors and has now become Lancashire's biggest business exhibition. Representatives of the Councils' Regeneration Department spoke with many attendees throughout the day, circulating information about the Ribble Valley as the place for business as well as tourism information and other related Council activities to support business, such as support and funding availability, property and land availability for example.
- 3.4 Now in its fourth year, the exhibition was visited by around 3,000 delegates and around 160 organisations, including other local authorities, held exhibition space. This provided a platform for many organisations throughout the areas business community to network, promote their benefits, build relationships and of course create new business. The event also offered delegates the chance to attend keynote sessions from leading Lancashire figures, sharing their experience and knowledge to inspire people to develop their businesses. Some images from the event are attached at Appendix A of this report.

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