

Oxfordshire Growth Deal and City Deal Programme Reports

Purpose of report

- 1) To update the Growth Board on progress with the City and Growth Deal projects agreed with government

Recommendation

That the Growth Board note the report and appendix

Background- Operating Plan Update

- 2) The Operating Plan Progress Report (appendix 1) is compiled by OxLEP on behalf of the Growth Board and provides an update covering the outturn period to March 2017. The figures reported are generally a quarter in arrears due to reporting cycles. The reporting of outputs and outcomes is now aligned with government's official LOGASnet reporting requirements.
- 3) The projects are RAG status coded plus "Blue" to denote completed:



- i. Projects requiring action – none



- ii. Projects requiring monitoring – Listed below



- iii. Projects on track – noted



- iv. Project completed

Operating Programme Progress updates 2016/17 Outturn- Projects flagged as amber- requiring monitoring

- a) **Apprenticeship Programme – This has an amber rating** flagged because although Oxfordshire is doing better compared with SE region and National Programmes our 525 Apprentice target may not be achieved. We are negotiating with SFA to recalibrate the base year which was set nationally and reflected an "off trend" spike in uptake. External factors such as the change in University tuition fees in 2012 (£9k) may also have had an impact in increasing take up in that year setting an unrealistic base line assessment.
- b) **Oxford Flood Alleviation Scheme** - The Amber Status reflects the ongoing work on the remaining work to close the current £4.4 million funding gap.
- c) **Access to Enterprise Zone - Featherbed Lane**: The current project plan is dependent on land purchase, hence amber status

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