

Smethwick Town Deal Board 7 September 2023 at 3pm

Subject:	Project Reporting
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1. Purpose of the Report

- 1.1. To receive an update on project progress and monitoring information for the period of April - June 2023.

2. Background and Programme Update

- 2.1. As West Bromwich, Smethwick and Rowley Regis enter Phase 3 – Delivery, monitoring will be a key aspect to ensure the Accountable Body and DLUHC track progress of the fund and the projects it is delivering.
- 2.2. To ensure the Accountable Body and Town Deal Boards receive reporting on a regular basis to monitor project progress, expenditure and risks, it is a requirement set by the Programme Management Office that West Bromwich, Smethwick and Rowley Regis project leads must submit Monitoring, Evaluation and Claim Returns on a quarterly basis, as a minimum.
- 2.3. The monitoring returns relating to January – March 2023 were submitted to DLUHC on 9th June and are currently being reviewed by DLUHC. There are two payments outstanding as follows:

Project	Proposed payment date	Rationale
Grove Lane	TBC	Payment received to date £2.61m Remaining balance £1.74m will be paid following update from CPO proceedings
Midland Met Learning Campus	December 2023	Awaiting decision from Planning application

- 2.4. Board members are invited to consider the detailed project updated as per Item 7 on the Agenda. Summary to date is as follows:

- The Towns Fund spend for Qtr1 is £1,011,987 with a 23/24 forecast currently forecasted as £6,727,159

- The spend to date is summarised as follows:

DLUHC payments received to date	11,903,250.00
Spend to date	3,647,265.19
% of spend June 23	31%
Forecasted cumulative spend from March 22 to March 24	9,363,438.07
% spend	79%
Slippage to future years	21%

Should projects spend as forecasted, slippage to future years will be within the tolerance threshold on 40%.

- **Ron Davis Expansion** – Site works completed, project sourcing equipment and furniture to be installed in early September. An open day will be arranged once all equipment installed to promote the project construction completion.
- **Grove Lane** – Preparatory works initiated to start legal proceedings which can take 3+ months.
- **Rolfe Street** – Ecology surveys commenced with site works planned in October 2023
- **Midland Met Learning Campus** – Planning application submitted at the end of April 23 is expected to be considered at the October 23 Planning Committee. Change request is to be considered by Board members.
- **Smethwick Connected** – Phase 2 complete with Phase 5 brought forward to 23/24 with works on site. Project progressing ahead of original milestones.

Appendices

7a Smethwick Town Deal Reporting January – March 2023 (to be emailed as private pack)