

BERKSHIRE LOCAL TRANSPORT BODY (BLTB)

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PART I

Item 9: Thames Valley Berkshire Local Growth Deal 2015/16 to 2020/21

Purpose of Report

1. To report on the progress of the [Thames Valley Berkshire Local Growth Deal](#)ⁱ, with particular reference to the schemes included in the Transport Packages of the [Strategic Economic Plan](#)ⁱⁱ.
2. The government subsequently announced [further support to Thames Valley Berkshire](#)ⁱⁱⁱ. Growth Deal 2 included four new transport schemes worth a total of £7.5m, taking the headline figure for transport schemes to £102.1m. This report provides progress reports on all schemes, whether announced in GD1 or GD2.
3. £14.7m was approved for spending in 2015/16 and, following a successful review of year 1, £17.0m is approved for spending in 2016/17. The remainder has an indicative approval over four future years 2017/18 to 2020/21 with a provisional profile.

Recommendations

4. That you note the progress made on the schemes previously given programme entry status, as set out in Appendix 1

Other Implications

Financial

5. Thames Valley Berkshire LEP has been granted further freedoms and flexibilities in managing the Growth Deal Capital Programme. This means that we will receive an annual allocation of capital within which it will be our responsibility to manage the allocation to individual schemes. This is a positive development for TVB LEP and recognises the confidence that government has in our governance arrangements.
6. The government has confirmed the allocation of funding for 2016/17 and there is a provisional profile for payments in the financial years 2017/18 -2020-21.

Table 1: Available Finance for Transport Schemes in TVB Growth Deal

£m	2015/16 – 2020/21
LTB previously approved	14.5
Growth Deal 1	56.1
Growth Deal 1 “DfT Major Schemes”	24.0
Growth Deal 2	7.5
Total	102.1

7. The profile and status of the available money in each year is as follows:

Table 2: Growth Deal Financial Allocation for 2015/16

£m	2015/16	2016/17	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Combined Growth Deal 1 and 2 and LTB Allocation Approved	14.7	17.0	-	-	-	-	31.7
Growth Deal 1 (DfT Major Schemes) indicative)	-	-	24.0				24.0
Combined Growth Deal 1 and 2 and LTB Allocation indicative profile	-	-	14.0	17.9	12.8	1.7	46.4
Total	14.7	17.0	70.4				102.1

8. Table 3 sets out the final allocation of scheme finance for 2015/16 and 2016/17 and the provisional allocation for future financial years, which are subject to alteration following the government’s confirmation of the Growth Deal funding profile.

Table 3 – Growth Deal 1 and 2: Confirmed and provisional allocations to schemes

SEP Ref	Scheme Name		Status	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	£m
2.01	Newbury: King’s Rd Link Road	GD 1	Full approval	-	1.000	1.340	-	-	-	2.340
2.02	Bracknell: Warfield Link Road	GD 1	On site	3.500	-	-	-	-	-	3.500
2.03	Newbury: London Rd Industrial Estate	GD 1	On site	0.500	1.400	-	-	-	-	1.900
2.04	Wokingham: Distributor Roads	DfT major	Programme entry	-	-	1.200	7.640	13.150	2.010	24.000
2.05	Newbury: Sandleford Park	GD 2	Programme entry	-	-	0.800	0.600	0.600	-	2.000
2.06	Reading: Green Park Railway Station	GD 1	Full approval	-	-	3.200	3.200	-	-	6.400
2.07	Bracknell: Coral Reef	GD	On site	2.100	-	-	-	-	-	2.100

SEP Ref	Scheme Name		Status	15/16	16/17	17/18	18/19	19/20	20/21	£m
	Roundabout	1								
2.08	Slough: Rapid Transit Phase 1	GD 1	On site	3.100	2.500	-	-	-	-	5.600
2.09.1	Sustainable Transport: NCN 422	GD 1	Full Approval	-	1.000	1.500	1.700	-	-	4.200
2.09.2	Sustainable Transport: A4 Cycle	GD 1	Full Approval	-	0.483	-	-	-	-	0.483
2.10	Slough: A332 improvements	GD 1	On site	1.267	1.433	-	-	-	-	2.700
2.11	Reading: South Reading MRT Ph 1	GD 1	Full Approval	-	1.970	2.530	-	-	-	4.500
2.12	Reading: South Reading MRT Ph 2									
2.13	Reading: Eastern R'ding Park and Ride	GD 1	Programme entry	-	-	0.900	2.000	-	-	2.900
2.14	Reading : East Reading MRT	GD 1	Programme entry	-	-	-	5.400	10.200	-	15.600
2.15	Bracknell: Martins Heron Roundabout	GD 1	Programme entry	-	-	1.400	-	-	-	1.400
2.16	Maidenhead: Station Access	GD 1	Programme entry	-	-	1.750	5.000	-	-	6.750
2.17	Slough: A355 route	GD 1	On site	2.275	2.125	-	-	-	-	4.400
2.18*	not used	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.19*	Bracknell: Town Centre Regeneration Infrastructure	GD 2	On site	2.000	-	-	-	-	-	2.000
2.20*	not used	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
2.21*	Slough: Langley Station Access Improvements	GD 2	Programme entry	-	-	1.500	-	-	-	1.500
2.22*	Slough: Burnham Station Access Improvements	GD 2	Full approval recommended	-	2.000	-	-	-	-	2.000
	Not yet allocated	LTB		-	3.089	-	-	1.135	1.603	5.827
	Grand Total			14.742	17.000	16.120	25.540	25.085	3.613	102.100

*these schemes are not described in the SEP

Risk Management

9. The delegation of programme management responsibilities to the LEP brings additional risk. The well-established scrutiny given by both BST(O)F and BLTB meetings is designed to mitigate that risk.

10. There will be an element of risk for scheme promoters who invest in developing their schemes to full business case stage in accordance with the approved [Assurance Framework](#)^{iv}. However, there is also risk involved in not developing the schemes; that risk is that any reluctance to bring the schemes forward will result in any final approval being delayed or refused.

11. The risks associated with each scheme are monitored locally and one of the 22 currently has a “red” risk rating. Table 4 shows the current risk rating of the seven schemes due to start on site in 2015/16.

Table 4: Risk Rating of schemes with a 2015/16 start

	Scheme	Current status	RAG rating	Notes
2.02	Bracknell: Warfield Link Road	On site, ahead of schedule	Green	No issues
2.03	Newbury: London Rd Industrial Estate	On site, on schedule	Green	No issues
2.07	Bracknell: Coral Reef Roundabout	Completed on site - ahead of schedule	Green	Junction working well
2.08	Slough: Rapid Transit Phase 1	On site, on schedule	Green	No issues
2.10	Slough: A332 improvements	On site, on schedule	Green	No issues
2.17	Slough: A355 route	On site, on schedule	Green	No issues
2.19	Bracknell: Town Centre Regeneration Infrastructure	LEP funded elements completed on site on schedule	Green	Main Town Centre works continuing to April 2017

Table 5: Risk Rating of Schemes with a 2016/17 Start

	Scheme	Current status	RAG rating	Notes
2.01	Newbury: Kings Road Link Road	Start on site due September 2016	Green	Network Rail on site with associated railway overbridge, start on site slipped 4 months
2.09.1	Sustainable Transport: NCN 422	Start on site due April 2016	Green	No issues
2.09.1	Sustainable Transport: A4 Cycle	Start on site due September 2016	Green	RBWM element discontinued. Slough element on track
2.11 and 2.12	Reading: South Reading MRT phases 1 and 2	Start on site due July 2016	Green	No issues
2.22	Slough: Burnham Station Access Improvements	Start on site due August 2016	Green	No issues

12. “Red” Schemes: there are no schemes with a current risk rating of Red.

Human Rights Act and Other Legal Implications

13. The [Assurance Framework](#)^{iv} referred to above identifies the steps that scheme promoters should take in order to secure financial approval from the LTB. There are, in effect, two layers of scheme approval. The first, and primary layer rests with the scheme promoter (all the schemes referred to in this report are being promoted by Local Authorities). In order to implement the schemes in question, each promoter will need to satisfy themselves that all the legal implications have been considered and appropriately resolved. The secondary layer of approval, given by the LTB, is concerned with the release of funds against the detailed business case. The arrangements for publication of plans via the LEP and promoters' websites, the arrangements for independent assessment and the consideration of detailed scheme reports are appropriate steps to ensure that any significant Human Rights Act or other legal implications are properly identified and considered.

Supporting Information

14. There is a detailed progress report on each of the programme entry schemes at Appendix 1 to this report.

Monitoring and Evaluation

15. The Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for the Thames Valley Berkshire Growth Deal has been prepared with advice from government. In addition to the need for transport scheme promoters to collect and publish monitoring and evaluation reports that comply with DfT guidance for capital schemes, there will be requirements to cooperate with the overall monitoring and evaluation plan for the Growth Deal.
16. The difference between the two processes is that one concentrates on the transport impacts and the other on the economic impacts. The basic information required from each scheme promoter is set out in paragraph 6 of each scheme pro-forma (see Appendix 1). This requirement is less onerous for schemes under £5m Growth Deal contribution, and runs to much more detail for the larger schemes.
17. For most schemes there will be little or no additional Growth Deal monitoring burden beyond that already signalled. Extra effort may be required to comply with the standard set out in the Monitoring and Evaluation plan which is "accurate, timely, verified and quality assured monitoring data". For particular schemes mentioned by name in the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan (see list below) there will be a separate discussion about the duties on the scheme promoter:

- 2.01 Newbury: King's Road Link Road
- 2.04 Wokingham: Distributor Roads Programme
- 2.06 Reading: Green Park Railway Station
- 2.08 Slough: Rapid Transit Phase 1
- 2.14 Reading: East Reading Mass Rapid Transit

Background Papers

Each of the schemes referred to above has a detailed pro-forma summarising the details of the scheme. Both the SEP and LTB prioritisation processes and scoring schemes are also available background papers. The Monitoring and Evaluation Plan for TVB Growth Deal is available on request from the LEP.

ⁱhttps://www.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/327587/35_Thames_Valley_Berkshire_Growth_Deal.pdf

ⁱⁱ The TVB Strategic Economic Plan is available from thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk/Strategic_Economic_Plan

ⁱⁱⁱ <http://thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk/NewsDetails/163102m-expansion-of-growth-deal-boosts-local-plan-for-thames-valley-berkshire-economy-19917>

^{iv}<http://thamesvalleyberkshire.co.uk/Portals/0/FileStore/StrategicInfrastructure/StrategicInfrastructure/BLTB/Assurance%20Framework%20for%20Berkshire%20Local%20Transport%20Body%2014%20November%202013.pdf>