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Gill Hamer
Chief Executive
The Marches LEP

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By email

Dear Gill,

Getting Building Fund 2021-22 payment

I am writing to confirm the arrangements for the 2021-22 Getting Building Fund (GBF) grant payment of £7,000,000 to be made by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government ('MHCLG') to Shropshire County UA ('the Council') as the Accountable Body for The Marches LEP on or around 20 May. The agreed allocation was split equally between the two financial years on the understanding that you have the freedoms and flexibilities to manage capital spend between programmes.

Funding Requirements

Use of funding should be used to fulfil the following requirements:

1. Continue to be used to support the GBF projects agreed between you and the Government.
2. We expect that all funding allocated in the financial year 2021-22 would be expended by 31 March 2022. We expect that you and your Accountable Body will use the freedom and flexibilities that you have to manage your capital budgets between programmes. Any changes to previous agreed projects must be confirmed in writing with the Department via a change request.
3. To be deployed solely in accordance with decisions made through the local growth assurance framework agreed between the LEP and the Accountable Body. This must be compliant with the standards outlined in the National Local Growth Assurance Framework.
4. That you track project progress against core metrics and outcomes, in line with monitoring and reporting as highlighted in the Getting Building Fund data submission guidance. To also provide quarterly monitoring reports to update on progress and track performance against agreed outputs.
5. That the LEP and Accountable Body will communicate the on-going outcomes and outputs of their Getting Building Fund projects, following the branding guidance to ensure that local people understand how Government money is being spent.

Monitoring

Throughout the delivery period the Cities and Local Growth Unit's area team will liaise with you on a regular basis. From time to time they may inspect GBF funded projects and may require additional information from you to enable us to monitor progress.

Other

Councils and Combined Authorities are reminded that, as accountable bodies for their LEPs, they are responsible for ensuring that expenditure is spent in accordance with all applicable legal requirements. This includes, for example, subsidy control and public procurement law.

The LEP and Accountable Body are also reminded of their responsibilities under the Public Sector Equality Duty as set out in Section 149 of the Equality Act 2010 and should have regard to these requirements when awarding GBF funding.

Towards the end of each financial year we will hold an Annual Performance review meeting. This will be used to gain assurance the programme is on track.

I am copying this letter to the Section 151/73 officer for your Accountable Body and to your Cities and Local Growth Unit Area Lead.

Yours Sincerely,

Steven Greenwood

Deputy Director- Funding Delivery, Cities and Local Growth Unit