



HM Government



Towns Fund

Transition Stage - Progress Update

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Business Case Phase

Documents for eight of the ten projects, were submitted to the Towns Fund/DLUHC Feb - May 2022:

- **1A – Crawley Innovation Centre**
- **1B – “Invest in Skills for Crawley”**
- **1C – Green Tech Business Infrastructure and Grants**
- **1D – Commercial Eastern Gateway Design**
- **2A – Crawley Bus Station Transformation**
- **4A – Crawley Town Centre Cultural Quarter**
- **4B – Manor Royal Business Environment Improvements (Micro-Parks)**
- **4C – Crawley Homes Green Retrofitting**

- The business cases for the remaining two projects to be completed by the end of October:
- **3A Manor Royal Gigabit Connectivity** – To further assess the fast-changing commercial Telecoms marketplace.
- **2B Town Centre-Manor Royal-Gatwick cycle route (2B)** – Crawley Growth Programme (CGP) match funding under review.

DLUHC Project Review and Monitoring

To date seven projects have successfully passed through government (DLUHC) review and CBC await written confirmation.

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The first Monitoring & Evaluation report (period to 31st March) has been submitted to DLUHC this month. No reporting for the main 10 projects at this stage. Further reporting on a six-monthly basis.

The Evolving Role of the Town Deal Board

- The Town Deal Board has led Crawley through the tasks of producing the **Town Investment Plan** and then the **business cases**.
- The role of the Towns Deal Board will change as we move from project proposals to **project delivery**.
- As a programme board, it will provide the **strategic oversight** to ensure the town is being true to the vision and objectives set out in the Town Investment Plan.
- It will be ‘looking at the ‘whole town’ impacts and **identifying strategic opportunities** across projects, such as around skills and net zero carbon’.
- Set up **quarterly meetings** for project progress, to coincide with monitoring requirements and for review, with additional meetings as required.

Transition to Project Delivery

Finance

- The financial expenditure profiled this year is close to £4.0 million (18.9% of the programme) for the whole Towns Fund programme. This will be reduced following the re-profile the Manor Royal Gigabit project.

Milestones

- Examples of early milestones: The establishment of project boards/structures; public engagement; design work, pre-planning discussions; procurement of contractors or advisors, etc.

Outputs/Outcomes

- Local reporting will be on a quarterly basis. Reporting to DLUHC is on a six/twelve-month basis.
- Examples: Number of jobs, size of refurbishment, number of learners, footfall/attendance at events, grants provided, CO2 saved.
- Baseline evidence will be required e.g. photos.

Risks

- The overarching risk is the approval of all projects and release of funding.
- A risk register is provided for each project for regular review.
- Major changes to projects will need to be approved locally and then reviewed for endorsement by DLUHC.
- A fundamental risk across all towns is the increase in the cost of materials.