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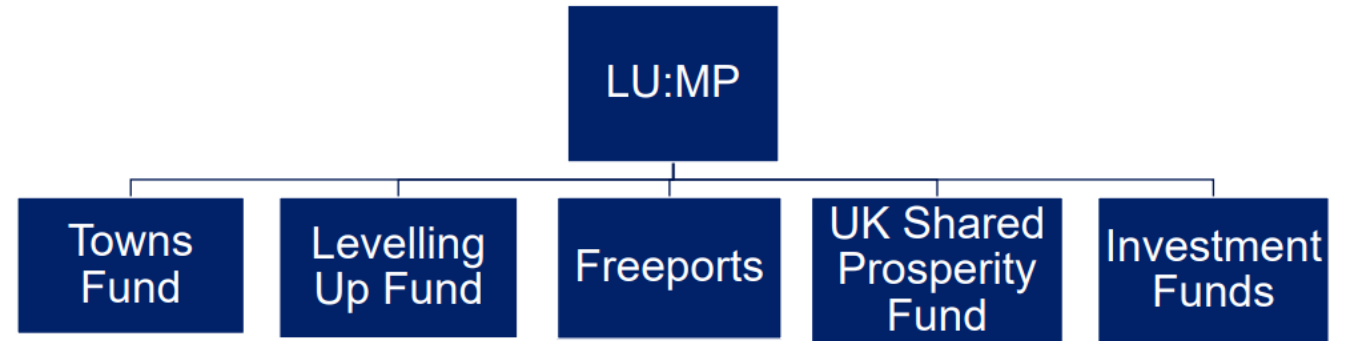
Crawley Town Deal Board Towns Fund Programme Update

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Towns Fund Overview



“Drive the economic regeneration of towns to deliver long term economic and productivity growth”

- £2.2bn Town Deals shared between 101 towns.
- 101 Town Deal Boards up and running.
- 684 Project Business Case ‘Summary Documents’ received, including 6 Full Business Cases.

Challenges Identified Across Other Towns

- Rising costs and funding shortfalls
- Procurement including tender response
- Supply chain issues and delays
- Governance
- Capacity (people and skills)
- P/politics
- Stakeholder management (balancing multiple stakeholders and managing expectations)
- Subsidy control
- Time delays

Opportunities

Catalyst for leveraging match funding and further investment, and economic, behavioural and cultural change.

Project Status

Innovation Centre

- Fit out beginning summer 2023. Opening summer 2024.

Invest in Skills

- Equipment purchase '23/24, construction of IoT Spring '24 to July '25.

Green Infrastructure Grants

- Consultants CLT started grants delivery. LEC principles analysis to finalise.

Eastern Gateway Commercial Quarter

- CBC working with WSCC - tender for feasibility plan. Include old Town Hall.

Town Centre Bus Station

- Will be starting work on current designs to RIBA Stage 3.

Manor Royal Gigabit

- Seeking DLUHC approval. Next steps to seek expertise for specific tender.

TC Cultural Quarter

- Pop up events programme underway. Explore use of (meanwhile) spaces.

Manor Royal Business Environment

- One Micro Park delivered. Next set of detailed designs being drawn up.

Green Homes Retrofit

- Cavity wall insulation completed in 418 flats. May bring work forward.

Financial Forecasts and Expenditure

| # | Project | Forecast 2023/24 | Spend |
|----|---|---------------------|-----------------|
| 1A | Innovation Centre | £822,004 | £56,406 |
| 1B | Invest in Skills | £1,600,000 | £0 |
| 1C | Green Tech Infrastructure Business Grants | £1,050,233 | £0 |
| 1D | Eastern Gateway Commercial Quarter | £50,000 | £0 |
| 2A | Town Centre Bus Station | £97,866 | £0 |
| 2B | Cycle Route MR – Gatwick | £0 | £0 |
| 3A | MR Gigabit Scheme | £106,505 | £0 |
| 4A | TC Cultural Quarter | £213,041 | £8.387 |
| 4B | Manor Royal Business Environment | £500,000 | £0 |
| 4C | Green Homes Retrofit Prog. | £1,120,882 | £272,636 |
| | PROJECTS TOTAL | £5,560,530 | £337,429 |

More Financial Freedom

- Michael Gove announced “that towns will be free to make output, outcome and funding changes up to a threshold of 30% without having to seek any department approval at all.” This is a cumulative flexibility on a local basis.
- He said the government would “increasingly move towards” the use of allocation rather than competition for funding— although he added he believed “an element of competition in the allocation of funds can help encourage innovation”.
- Michael Gove announced that 10 local authorities will be chosen as simplification pathfinder pilots to test the streamlined delivery of capital funding.
- He said 10 local authorities would be able to spend their existing funding pots from the towns fund, levelling up fund and future high streets programme “more flexibly” and all councils with money from these funds will have more flexibility over their projects.