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## **Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP Area Integrated Territorial Investment Board (ESI Funds Sub-Committee)**

### **Minutes of meeting held 09/01/2020 Lemon Quay House, Lemon Quay, Truro TR1 2PU**

#### **Agenda:**

1. Welcome and introduction
2. ERDF Outline Assessments Priority Axis 7
3. ERDF Export Support Update
4. Any Other Business

#### **1. Welcome and introduction**

- 1.1. The Chair welcomed members and noted apologies. A full list of apologies is shown at the end of these minutes.
- 1.2. Members were reminded that this was an extraordinary meeting to expedite the outline applications received by the managing authority for the recent ERDF PA7 Call.
- 1.3. Members were asked for declarations of interest. The following declarations of interest were noted: **Stuart Roden** – Agenda Item 2 (Truro Loops Application), **Emma Bland** – Agenda Item 2 (St Erth Multi Modal Hub Hydrogen Refuelling Project) The remaining attendees shown at the end of these minutes declared that they had no conflict of interest in any items on the agenda.

#### **2. ERDF Outline Assessments Priority Axis 7**

(Members who declared a conflict of interest, as noted under item 1.3 above, did not comment during these discussions)

- 2.1. The ERDF managing authority in conjunction with the Intermediate Body (IB) presented five assessments of the eight outline applications received in response to the September 2019 Call, for the consideration and advice from the Board. Three applications failed at gateway and are not presented.
- 2.2. The Call was for an indicative total of £5,000,000 ERDF and was oversubscribed, the total amount of outline applications received being £12,917,750.
- 2.3. The Board discussed the applications: since the total demand for ERDF investment exceeded the level of resource available for allocation it was not possible to invite all of the projects to full application that fitted with the needs of the call.
- 2.4. The Board requested that the managing authority explored whether sufficient funds were available within the priority axis to support the three applications the Board advised to invite to full application.

<b>Actions</b>	<b>By</b>	<b>When</b>
1. Managing authority to explore whether sufficient funds are available within the priority axis (or through cost value engineering of the proposed projects) to support the three applications the board advised to invite to full application.	<b>Ian Whale</b>	<b>Update at Next Board</b>

#### **Advice Received:**

**The ITI Board advised the ERDF managing authority and Intermediate Body to invite the following three projects (advised priority as listed) to full application, subject to outline assessment conditions and where specified the additional proposed conditions set out below:**

Saints Trails (Cornwall Council) – Provided a strong strategic fit and aligned well with the requirements of the call. Subject to the further conditions: (i) For the applicant to explore the viability of linking the proposed trail routes to local schools. (ii) For the applicant to explore the viability of an integrated E bike scheme for end users across the Saints Trail, Truro Loops, and Bay to Bay multi-use trail ERDF projects

Truro Loops (Truro City Council) - Provided a strong strategic fit and aligned well with the requirements of the call. Subject to the further conditions: (i) For the applicant to explore the viability of linking the proposed routes to local schools. (ii) For the applicant to explore the viability of an integrated E bike scheme for end users across the Saints Trail, Truro Loops, and Bay to Bay multi-use trail ERDF projects

Bay to Bay multi-use trail (Cornwall Council) - Provided a strong strategic fit and aligned well with the requirements of the call. Subject to the further conditions: (i) For the applicant to explore the viability of linking the proposed trail routes to local schools. (ii) For the applicant to explore the viability of an integrated E bike scheme for end users across the Saints Trail, Truro Loops, and Bay to Bay multi-use trail ERDF projects

**The ITI Board advised that the following two projects should not be invited to submit a full application:**

St Erth Multi Modal Hub Hydrogen Refuelling Project (Pure Energy Professionals) – The application was considered to be not fully formed with a weak strategic fit. The lack of detail of the site location combined with limited detail to support the demand for the technology, location and clearly identified end users provided a weak fit with the call.

West Carclaze Routes (Eco-Bos Developments Ltd) – The application provided a weak strategic fit / alignment to the call with a lack on connectivity to A30 and key transport hubs. There was a clear lack of additionality to routes that already existed or creation of connectivity / links that do not already exist.

### **3. ERDF Export Support Update**

- 3.1. The ERDF managing authority provided an overview of the potential options available to Cornwall & Isles of Scilly clarifying the extent of DIT core delivery available to beneficiary companies, and a comparison between the proposed Internationalisation Fund, international trade and export led business support project and the proposed C&IoS Trade Forum project.
- 3.2. It was clarified that the C&IoS Trade Forum project, as proposed, would not duplicate national provision and the benefits of a bespoke to generic project provision were discussed.
- 3.3. The ERDF managing authority advised that the full application appraisal of the C&IoS Trade Forum project would be completed and sent out to the Board via written procedure ASAP to seek to ensure that international trade support was maintained with Cornwall and The Isles of Scilly when the current cross-LEP project ends its provision at the end of March 2020.
- 3.4. The ERDF managing authority additionally advised that should any gaps in provision be identified when the Internationalisation Fund was launched it would seek to review and address this as necessary.

### **4. Any Other Business**

- 4.1. No further items of business were raised by members

### **Date, time and venue of future meetings:**

- Thursday 27 February 2019 Timings to be confirmed, Lemon Quay house, Truro

## Annex A

### List of Agreed Actions from [Date] [Insert LEP area] Sub-Committee Meeting

Agenda Item	Action	Action Assigned to
2	1. Managing authority to explore whether sufficient funds are available within the priority axis (or through cost value engineering of the proposed projects) to support the three applications the Board advised to invite to full application.	Ian Whale MHCLG

## Annex B Attendee List

### Cornwall and Isles of Scilly LEP Area Integrated Territorial Investment Board (ESI Funds Sub-Committee) 09/01/2020 meeting

#### Chair & Deputy Chair:

Name, title and organisation	Sector/Organisation Representing
Mark Duddridge, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local enterprise Partnership	Chair
Justin Davies, Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government	Deputy Chair – ERDF managing authority

#### Sub-Committee Members:

Name, title and organisation	Sector/Organisation Representing
Craig Dryden, Chief Executive, Council of the Isles of Scilly	Local Authority
Emma Bland, Senior impact and Partnership Development Manager, University of Exeter	Higher Education
Josie Gough, Assistant Director, Area lead – Cornwall and Isles of Scilly, Cities and Local Growth Unit	Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy
Lindsey Hall, CEO, Real Ideas Organisation	Private Sector Social Enterprise
Nathan Cudmore, Cornwall and Isles of Scilly Local Enterprise Partnership	Local Enterprise Partnership
Stuart Roden, Regional Officer, TUC South West	Trade Union

#### Others in attendance (non-members - including secretariat):

Name, title and organisation	Sector/Organisation Representing
Phill Woods, IB Team, Cornwall Council	Intermediate Body
Ian Whale, Ministry of Housing Communities and Local Government	ERDF managing authority
Sebeail Fowell, ITI Project Manager, Economic Growth Service, Cornwall Council	Observer

#### Apologies:

Name, title and organisation	Sector/Organisation Representing
Bob Egerton, Cornwall Council	Local Authority
Edwina Hannaford, Cornwall council	Local Authority
Emily Kent, Head of Economy Skills and Culture, Economic Growth Delivery Service, Cornwall Council	Local Authority
Glenn Caplin, Cornwall Council	Local Authority