

**SUBMISSION OF APPLICATION FOR FUNDING TO UK COMMUNITY RENEWAL FUND AND
LEVELLING UP FUND**

COMMENTS FROM THE OVERVIEW AND SCRUTINY MANAGEMENT BOARD

At its meeting on 17 June 2021, the Overview and Scrutiny Management Board considered the report and unanimously agreed to support the recommendations to the Leader of the Council.

The following points were raised:

For consideration for the submission of the bids:

- Improvements to the A16 were important. The A16, an essential route from the north to the south of Lincolnshire, was not designed for growth when it was originally built. As a result of additional routes connecting onto the A16, the road was now regularly congested due to the volume of traffic. The Government needed to be mindful of planning for growth when allocating funding.
- It was recognised that this was a partnership project, with the County Council working with the Greater Lincolnshire Local Enterprise Partnership and other partners, and was also part of an economic recovery strategy which should be welcomed. All of the projects would be delivered as part of a partnership strategy to tackle growth and recovery, particularly as a result of Covid-19 and the UK's exit from the European Union. In addition, the bids clearly show that they would contribute substantially to delivering the economic recovery strategy.

For consideration by the Council:

- Some infrastructure projects were not originally designed with growth in mind. Going forward, infrastructure designs should plan for future expansion purposes, such as to avoid traffic congestion. When designing new capital investments, the Council should consider whole life costs and long term growth, while making sure that the Council would not have to finance long term improvements to respond to growth. The Board advised that some lobbying of the Government might be necessary for a review of the planning system and additional funding, as it was becoming increasingly difficult for the County Council to fund more and more associated projects due to a reduction in funding.
- Information on the four District Council's Levelling Up Fund bids would have been useful so that they could have been supported, if appropriate, by the County Council.

- Monitoring the performance of those organisations who had requested finance would be important. This would ensure that the achievement of outcomes was monitored and managed within projects.