

Glasgow and Clyde Valley Cabinet**Report by Head of Programme Management Office****PMO Report – Grant Approval Report****Purpose of Report:**

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2. Background:

- 2.1 The Legal and Procurement Support Group and the Finance Group have reviewed a number of iterations of the Infrastructure Grant Agreement and the Pass Down Grant Agreement. Final versions of both have been issued to both groups.
- 2.2 The Finance Group met on 4 August and approved the final versions of both Grant Agreements. The Chief Executives' Group met on 5 August 2015 and agreed to recommend that the Cabinet agrees that the Infrastructure Grant Agreement and the Pass Down Grant Agreements are signed, to allow grant funding applied for through Business Case submission to be released.

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Update on Grant Agreements

1. Infrastructure Fund

a. **Head Grant Agreement: Scottish Government to Lead Authority**

Final draft has been circulated to Legal and Procurement Support Group and Finance Group for noting. Can be signed after Finance Group meeting on 4 August and once approval is granted by Cabinet on 18 August. Thereafter funds can be released to the Lead Authority.

b. **Pass-Down Grant Agreement: Lead Authority and Member Authorities**

Latest changes to Head Grant have been reflected in Pass-Down Grant and circulated to Legal and Procurement Support Group and Finance Group for comment. Provided no issues are raised this can also be signed after Finance Group meeting on 4 August and once approval is granted by Cabinet on 18 August. This would allow funds requested in Business Cases and approved by Cabinet to be released to individual authorities.

2. Innovation Projects

a. **Medicity Project**

i. **Head Grant Agreement: BIS to Lead Authority**

Signed in April to allow release of funds in this financial year.

ii. **Pass-Down Grant Agreement: Lead Authority to Biocity**

The following pre-conditions to giving this grant have recently been satisfied: Scottish Enterprise have recently given approval in principle to revenue funding for the Project; a letter of Undertaking from North Lanarkshire Council to the Lead Authority has been agreed; and the terms of a Parent Company Guarantee have also been agreed. The final pre-condition is receipt by the Lead Authority of Information awaited from Biocity. This was received this week and is under review. If this information is acceptable, the Pass-Down Grant can be finalised and signed. Cabinet approved grant award on 17 March 2015.

b. **Stratified Medicine Project**

The Medical Research Council awarded grant directly to the University of Glasgow. City Deal reporting and escalation mechanisms need to be formalised.

c. **Incubator Grow-On Initiative**

Once the business case currently under discussion with the Cabinet Office is approved, BIS will issue a Head Grant Agreement to the Lead Authority. The PMO can then prepare a Pass-Down Grant Agreement to Glasgow City Council. Cabinet approved grant award on 17 March 2015.

3. Labour Market Projects

a. Working Matters (Employment Support Allowance)

i. Head Grant Agreement: DWP to Lead Authority

This was signed to allow funds to be released in this financial year. It is subject to the Pass-Down Grant Agreement being entered into and agreement of a Data Sharing Protocol between DWP and the Lead Authority, which must be passed down from the Lead Authority to Member Authorities and from Member Authorities to their Service Providers. The Data Sharing Protocol has been the subject of extended negotiations with DWP and is currently awaiting their final approval.

ii. Pass-Down Grant Agreement: Lead Authority and Member Authorities

This has been drafted by the PMO and the final version circulated to the Legal and Procurement Support Group and the Finance Group, along with the Pass-Down Data Sharing Protocol, for approval. Provided no issues are raised this can also be signed after Finance Group meeting on 4 August. This would allow funds to be released to individual authorities.

b. Youth Guarantee

This is not being funded through the City Deal but via other existing arrangements, so there are no City Deal grant agreements.

c. In-Work Progression

Once the Business Case for this project has been finalised and approved, DWP will issue a Head Grant Agreement to the Lead Authority. The PMO can then prepare a Pass-Down Grant Agreement to Glasgow City Council.