

Summary of project status

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Project Name	Main Recipient	Project description	Comment	Lead Contractor	Total Cost (£)	LGF Grant (£)
LGF 1/2						
Sydney Road Bridge (Crewe)	Cheshire East Council	Replacement of the bridge at Sydney Road with a new bridge which take two lanes of traffic, plus a pedestrian path. The new bridge will reduce congestion in the area.	Project has now had to be split into phases. The power line diversion works will go ahead in April as planned but the FBC will not be ready until May. The delays have significantly impacted on spend for the year.	Network Rail and J Murphy & Sons	10,497,000	5,850,000
Crewe Green Roundabout	Cheshire East Council	Redesign of the existing roundabout to increase capacity and reduce congestion at this pinchpoint.	Started on site 29th January.	Balfour Beatty	7,423,000	3,300,000
Chester Central (Northgate and Bus Interchange)	Cheshire West and Chester Council	The project is to create a new Bus Interchange. The old bus station site will then be freed up to form part of the £380m Northgate development which will see new retail and leisure opportunities developed.	Focus of project is on land site assembly	Contractor not yet appointed for Northgate	21,000,000	13,500,000
Birchwood Pinch point	Warrington Borough Council	The scheme relates to improving access to Birchwood Park. It includes: A partial signalisation of the "dumb-bell" roundabout at the Oakwood Gate junction of Birchwood Way/Birchwood Park Avenue A bus only link connecting the Birchwood Way/Faraday Street junction with Ordnance Avenue The replacement of the Moss Gate roundabout with a higher capacity junction to eliminate traffic congestion, accessibility and road safety problems	Completed		3,620,000	2,140,000
GM & Cheshire Life Science Investment Programme	Catapult Ventures	£31m Life sciences Investment Fund.	Fund now invested £7.1m into 16 companies. Not likely to achieve all original outputs and want to renegotiate	Catapult	31,982,000	10,000,000
Reaseheath Agri Tech Centre	Reaseheath College	The National Centre for Agri-tech and advanced engineering will provide general teaching areas, workshop space, specialised facilities for robotics, tractor simulation, GPS and the most advanced agricultural engineering machines associated with precision farming, meeting current and future skills needs. In addition the project will introduce robotics to the college farm and livestock management improving animal welfare, farm productivity and reducing environmental impacts.	On site and going well	Engineering Extension - Novaplus Ltd. Agritech - Pochin Construction Ltd.	7,000,000	2,475,000
Reaseheath Learning Hub and Accommodation	Reaseheath College	The replacement of temporary residential units (180 beds) with a new 200 bed purpose built facility that will provide accommodation for approximately 320 students meeting increased demand. Addressing significant condition issues in central scientific laboratory Hub	On site and going well. Learning Hub now complete	Learning Hub - Novaplus Ltd. Accommodation - Pochin Construction Lts	9,980,000	3,556,000
Reaseheath Employer Focused Hub	Reaseheath College	Construction of new lecture theatres, teaching and break out study areas of approximately 500m2 connecting the existing HE centre with the centre point building and refurbishment of the existing building approximately 337 m2	On site. Claim received which will mean 90% of the LGF grant has been paid. 10% held back until completion	John Turner Construction Group Ltd.	2,045,000	675,000
Reaseheath Sports Science and Performance Academy	Reaseheath College	The construction of new sports facilities to deliver all year round sports provision, wider range of activities, sports science and performance laboratories, increasing recruitment and delivering higher level skills to all sports and public service learners. It will provide essential recreational facilities for 1200 residential students and the local community. The new facilities to include a sports hall a new MUGA pitch and a new 3G pitch to Sports England specifications.	On site and going well.	Sports pitches - Blakedown Sport & Play Ltd. Sports Hall - Pochin Construction Ltd.	6,000,000	2,170,000
Thornton Science Park (Chester)	University of Chester	The project is to refurbish an existing building to create an energy demonstrator. The aim of the Demonstrator is to provide a flexible platform (with office and laboratory space) for research and development, focusing on testing new and emerging technologies across all aspects of energy systems and smart grids. The initial objective is to concentrate research on emerging energy storage technologies.	Project complete. 17 staff now employed, 3/4 offices occupied. Looking to fit our floor 1 this year. Still looking for tenants for the Energy Demonstrator Hall.	N/a	16,744,000	6,800,000
M62 J8 Junction Improvements	Warrington Borough Council	The scheme involves the remodelling of the current junction to increase capacity and improve traffic flow.	On site, going very well. Due to complete in May 18.	Balfour Beatty	11,690,000	5,000,000
Centre Park Link (Warrington)	Warrington Borough Council	The Centre Park Link comprises a new highway route into the Town Centre, providing access to developable land. This involves the construction of a new bridge structure and associated highway link.	HIF grant money of £3.6m secured. Verbal agreement reached over key land. Hope to start on site in late spring.	Not yet appointed contractor	19,350,000	5,300,000
Warrington West Station	Warrington Borough Council	New train Station. The new Warrington West railway station will act as a key interchange node with two main aims, improving accessibility throughout the western and northern sectors of Warrington and servicing Chapelford Urban Village, Briarswood Village, the Omega regional employment site and the neighbouring Lingley Mere employment sites.	Sod cutting event held. Site clearance and levelling completed. Working on drainage. Still finalising platform works with Network Rail.	Network Rail	18,415,000	6,530,000

Ellesmere Port Central Development Zone	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Development of one estate for the following services: Council, GPs, DWP, Fire, Police and Ambulance services. The new building/s will be built on the site of the existing council offices freeing up sites to be developed for housing and commercial activities.	Procuring masterplanning work. Updating business plan to be complete by end of March.	Perfect Circle leading on design work	35,000,000	8,332,000
Ellesmere Port and Chester Campus remodelling	South Cheshire College	The project is to reconfigure the teaching and learning spaces at the Ellesmere Port and Chester Campuses. This is following an Ofsted report which gave the college an Inadequate grading. This was due in part, to the open design and layout of teaching spaces meant that learning is often disrupted by noise from other parts of the building.	Phase 1 completed. Design work for phase 2 ongoing and works due to take place over summer	Wilmot Dixon Construction	3,500,000	3,198,000
LGF 3						
Crewe High Speed-ready Heart Town Centre Regeneration Programme	Cheshire East Council	The overall scheme is £67m and will see significant remodelling of the town centre, including the demolition and relocation of the existing bus station and the creation of a new shopping arcade. The business case put forward concentrates on the elements to be funded through LGF and the Cheshire East Council, which are, the Bus Station, new multi-story car park, public realm and reconfiguration and updating of the markets.	Design work progressing.	Not yet appointed contractor	69,000,000	10,000,000
Unlocking Winsford Industrial expansion Land	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Infrastructure works to open up the site for redevelopment to create new commercial and industrial buildings with associated jobs.	Planning application being developed and final business case being worked on.	Not yet appointed contractor	5,000,000	3,800,000
Tarvin Road (Chester)	Cheshire West and Chester Council	Improvement to the highway to help improve traffic flow.	Appraisal of business case due to be submitted beginning of March for consideration by P&I.	Not yet appointed contractor	5,427,000	3,663,000
Warrington East Highways Improvements	Warrington Borough Council	A five part scheme of traffic improvements to open up development sites and improve traffic flow.	Design work continuing on what is a five part scheme. Require £2m of Enterprise Zone funding which will need to be cash flowed and is causing some concern at WBC	Not yet appointed contractor	13,500,000	6,900,000
Omega Local Highways Schemes phase 2 (Birchwood)	Warrington Borough Council	Highway improvements. Scheme options currently being developed.	Design work continuing. Early stages of development still. OBC not expected until October.	Not yet appointed contractor	6,465,000	4,300,000
Skills	TBD	Skills strategy to be developed before projects defined.	Work ongoing to shape call process.	n/a	5,000,000	5,000,000
Energy Innovation	TBD	Energy strategy being developed before projects are defined.	Energy Strategy being finalised. Call process to be developed thereafter	n/a	4,151,070	4,151,070
Joint Cheshire and Warrington Sustainable Travel Access Fund	TBD	Call out for projects. Projects will need to show that they reduce traffic and increase use of sustainable travel. Examples includes, cycleways and greenways.	Submissions have been received from each of the Local authorities. Discussions being held over whether schemes can be reduced to bring in line with funding available.	n/a	7,750,000	5,000,000
Major Transport Schemes						
Poynton Relief Road	Cheshire East Council	Poynton Relief Road is a proposed 3km single carriageway road scheme to the west of Poynton with the primary aims of relieving village centre congestion and regenerating the north of the borough.	Issues with scheme costs which are now £19m above original budget. Impacting on CPO process.	Not yet appointed contractor	38,000,000	16,400,000
Middlewich Bypass	Cheshire East Council	To deliver a highway scheme which functions as a proper By-Pass to deliver the traffic solution for Middlewich and all the Council's requirements	Works progressing through preliminary design phase and towards submission of planning application in June '18.	Not yet appointed contractor	58,483,982	46,780,000
Congleton Link Road	Cheshire East Council	A new 3.5 mile road for Congleton to reduce congestion and support town centre regeneration. The Congleton Link Road would join the A534 Sandbach Road (to West of Congleton) with the A536 Macclesfield Road (to the North of the town).	Tenders being assessed. Project expected to complete OBC in June for submission to LEP and DfT.	Not yet appointed contractor	90,743,268	45,000,000
A500 dualing	Cheshire East Council	Dualing the A500 from m6 j16 to Meremoss roundabout	Site surveys undertaken. Traffic modelling work ongoing.	Not yet appointed contractor	57,000,000	45,000,000
GPF						Loan (£)
Cheshire Green Employment Park	Cheshire Green Employment Park Limited	Infrastructure works to open up the site for redevelopment to create new commercial and industrial buildings with associated jobs.	On site and going well.	Jones Bros Civil Engineering	14,000,000	3,200,000