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| 04/01/2021                       | Black Country LEP Assurance Framework          | Approval of the revised Black Country LEP Assurance Framework, included as an interactive Attachment 1 to this report.   | Papers TBC – Simon Neilson<br><a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Walsall Council  | 23/06/2021                 |
| 10/05/2021                       | IT Digital Skills and Innovation               | Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with PTP Ltd, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the IT Digital Skills and Innovation project with delivery to continue up to the 2024/25 financial year.                  | Papers TBC – Simon Neilson<br><a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Walsall Council  | 23/06/2021                 |
| 10/05/2021                       | Black Country Digital Strategy                 | Approval for the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to enter into a Grant Agreement with the Black Country Consortium Ltd to develop Black Country Digital Strategy, initially funded from within the Growing Places revenue budget, and where applicable and eligible, recharged to the Black Country Digital Fund. | Papers TBC – Simon Neilson<br><a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Walsall Council  | 23/06/2021                 |
| 06/04/2021                       | Constitution and timetable of meetings 2021/22 | Approve the timetable of meetings for 2021/22.<br><br>Approve the amendments to the BCJC Constitution and Terms of Reference.<br><br>Approve the amendments to the BCJC Working Protocols.   | Helen Paterson<br><a href="mailto:ChiefExecutive@walsall.gov.uk">ChiefExecutive@walsall.gov.uk</a>           | Dudley MBC<br>Sandwell MBC<br>Walsall MBC<br>City of Wolverhampton Council | 23/06/2021                 |
| 06/04/2021                       | Local Growth Fund (LGF) Programme changes      | Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley College, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded  | Papers TBC – Simon Neilson<br><a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Walsall Council  | 28/07/2021                 |

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|                                  | <p>Dudley Advanced Construction Centre</p> <p>Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 Project</p> <p>Bilston Urban Village</p> | <p>elements of the Dudley Advanced Construction Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track 1 project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> <p>Approval for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Bilston Urban Village project with delivery to continue in the 2021/22 financial year.</p> |  |                 |                            |
| 10/05/2021                       | Local Growth Fund – Growth Deal Programme   | Approval of the year end position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all changes to the Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2020/21 Growth Deal   | Papers TBC – Simon Neilson<br><a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Walsall Council | 28/07/2021                 |

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|                                  | Approval of the 2020/21 Programme Spend  | <p>allocation expenditure, requests approval for various changes detailed in Attachment 1 of the report.</p> <p>Approval of the Very Light Rail Test Track project expenditure in 2020/21 (currently funded from Growth Deal) is charged to the Getting Building Fund, to utilise unspent 2020/21 budgets allocated to the Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre project.</p> <p>Approval of the Growing Places Fund (utilised to over-programme Growth Deal) is used to fund the Very Light Rail National Innovation Centre project costs in 2021/22, as the variance represents slippage rather than underspend. This will ensure that the Getting Building funds allocated to the Black Country in 2020/21 are fully utilised.</p> |  |                 |                            |
| 10/05/2021                       | Land and Property Investment Fund<br><br>Programme Approval of the 2020/21 Programme Spend | Approval of the current position of the Land and Property Investment Fund Projects, reflecting all changes to the Land and Property Investment Fund Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2020/21 allocation.   | Papers TBC – Simon Neilson<br><a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Walsall Council | 28/07/2021                 |
| 10/05/2021                       | Getting Building Fund –<br><br>Programme Approval of the 2020/21 Programme Spend           | Approval of the current position of the Getting Building Fund Projects, reflecting all changes to the programme throughout   | Papers TBC – Simon Neilson<br><a href="mailto:Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk">Simon.Neilson@walsall.gov.uk</a> | Walsall Council | 28/07/2021                 |

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|                                  |              | <p>the year and, to maximise the 2020/21 Getting Building Fund allocation expenditure.</p> <p>Approval of the Very Light Rail Test Track project expenditure incurred in 2020/21 on the Local Growth Fund (LGF) programme can be used to claim any programme underspend to ensure that the Getting Building fund allocated to the Black Country in 2020/21 is fully utilised.</p> |  |                 |                            |