

**East Midlands 2007-13 ERDF Programme – Summary of projects requiring endorsement by the LMC prior to establishment of Investment Sub Group**

**Purpose of the Paper**

This paper provides the Local Management Committee (LMC) Members with details of projects requiring endorsement by the group, in exceptional circumstances, in advance of the establishment of the Investment Sub Group. Endorsement is required to maintain programme momentum and continuity of activity for certain projects.

**Recommendation**

Members of the LMC are invited to endorse the PDT's recommendations for the projects outlined and the recommendations will then be considered and actioned by the PDT who as the Managing Authority, will process final decisions on the award of grant and issue Offer Letters in line with the East Midlands Operational programme and EC regulations.

**1. Background**

Whilst the LMC will provide strategic leadership and management for the programme the detailed approval of projects will be undertaken by the LMC Investment Sub Group. This Sub Group will be a key part of the LMC undertaking responsibilities nominated by the LMC, in particular around tasks and responsibilities laid down in Article 65 of 1083/2006;

*Consideration and approval of project selection criteria*

and 1.3 (i) of the LMC TOR;

*Consider and approve criteria for selecting ERDF projects/operations and approve any revision of those criteria according to programme need.*

The Sub Group will be chaired by the LMC Deputy Chair (Rachel Quinn) with the Head of ERDF Programme Delivery Team (PDT) acting as the deputy Chair. This will provide an important link between the work of the LMC and the Sub Group/Committee.

The sub Group/Committee will be expected to:

- Review the development of specifications and calls for activity
- Monitor recommendations from the PDT in respect of assessment of outline applications
- Endorse (or not) recommendations made in respect of full applications following completion of the formal appraisal process by the PDT

**2. Process**

To ensure ongoing momentum for the Programme and in advance of the establishment of the Investment Sub Group there are a limited number of projects that require endorsement.

These projects have all been subject to a full and complete appraisal by the PDT.

To ensure transparency for the programme and to ensure compliance with the agreed ERDF Governance processes for the English ERDF programmes going forward it is felt that these projects should be considered by the LMC. This is being suggested as an exceptional measure and to ensure ongoing project momentum and activity.

### **3. Projects for endorsement – see project summaries**

- Enterprise Inc 2
- Collaborate to Innovate
- Environmental Technology Centre 5
- Innovation fellowships IV
- Chesterfield Creating Links
- The Hive @Mansfield Proof of Concept Programme 2
- Chesterfield Cultural Renaissance Phase 1
- Connect Invored – Investment Readiness
- Teal Park
- Fit – Out of Incubation Facilities

### **4. Recommendation**

Members of the LMC are invited to:

- Endorse the above list of projects in this exceptional case prior to the establishment of the Investment Sub Group.