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Meeting & Date:	Ideas, Infrastructure and Places Subgroup: paper in lieu of a meeting		
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1. Purpose

- 1.1. To update the Ideas, Infrastructure and Places Subgroup (IIP) on items scheduled to be discussed at its meeting in May 2022 in lieu of a meeting taking place.

2. Summary

- 2.1. Due to issues with availability, the May IIP Subgroup meeting will not take place. This paper presents a brief update on the activities which were scheduled to be discussed at the May Subgroup meeting (identified at the March 2022 meeting). The IIP Subgroup will reconvene in July and resume its normal meeting schedule. This report covers:

- 2.1.1. Porton Science Park;
- 2.1.2. Draft Plan for Growth and Business Action Plan update;
- 2.1.3. Feedback on the hydrogen study; and
- 2.1.4. Growing Places Infrastructure Fund (GPIF).

- 2.2. The update on Swindon's Towns Fund will take place at the July meeting.

3. Recommendations

The Ideas, Infrastructure and Place Subgroup is recommended to:

- 3.1. note the information presented in this update.

4. Update

- 4.1. **Porton Collaborative Innovation Centre (previously known as Porton Science Park)**

- 4.1.1. The project is a second phase of development at the Science Park at Porton Down which will consist of a Collaborative Innovation Centre and additional Grow On space for growing businesses.
- 4.1.2. The overall budget is £10.25m made up of the following contributions:
 - 4.1.2.1. £5.75m Wiltshire Council capital;
 - 4.1.2.2. £2.5m European Regional Development Fund (ERDF), including £300,000 revenue for business support; and
 - 4.1.2.3. £2m Getting Building Fund (GBF) via the SWLEP.
- 4.1.3. All the GBF monies have been drawn, meeting our local deadlines. Reclaiming costs from the ERDF is underway.
- 4.1.4. The planned completion is mid-July 2022, with construction on-site taking just under 12 months.
- 4.1.5. Following a procurement process, the business support programme is being run by SETSquared, with marketing of the programme provided by Oxentia. The first workshops are scheduled for June 2022.

4.2. Draft Plan for Growth update and Business Action Plan

On 31 March, SWLEP received its funding allocation letter from Government for 2022/23. The overall funding allocation has been reduced by 36% compared to 2021/22 affecting SWLEP core, the Growth Hub core and SAP funding.

SWLEP is required to submit a Delivery Plan for activity to be undertaken in 2021/22 by 22 June and its Delivery Plan 2022/23 by 25 November. The Plan for Growth Working Group has taken on the oversight for the development of the two delivery plans. The working group has been renamed the Delivery Plan Working Group as a result. It is meeting on 16 May to review the draft Delivery Plan for 2022/23 ahead of the May Board meeting.

The Business Action Plan 2021/22 was discussed at the March Board and demonstrated good progress across the LIS projects. The Business Action Plan will be renamed as the Delivery Plan from April 2022. The Delivery Plan will be monitored and performance reported to the Board in the same manner as the Business Action Plan has been.

4.3. Feedback on hydrogen study

The feasibility study for the site near Wroughton has been completed and discussions are underway with the Science Museum Group's Science and Innovation Park and the South West Net Zero Hydrogen Hub to understand next steps in the context of the Net Zero Hydrogen Fund and Hydrogen Business Model Fund having been announced by Government in April 2022.



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4.4. Growing Places Infrastructure Fund (GPIF)

Oversight of the GPIF programme has been move to the Business Environment Subgroup. At the March Board meeting four GPIF loans applications were approved. The loans agreements are under negotiation.