

Criteria for Prioritisation of Projects to be included in the Local Investment Plan

For inclusion in the list a positive assessment is required on the following criteria:

A) Deliverability

1. Likely to start within 5 years?
2. Planning problems can be overcome (including grant of outline planning permission)
3. Viability problems (including land ownership and assembly) can be overcome

B) Strategic fit (from Priorities in the emerging draft LIP endorsed by SPIP in December 2009)

1. Supports economic growth
2. Delivers new housing, including affordable housing
3. Achieves regeneration and / or tackles deprivation
4. Contributes to meeting strategic infrastructure needs

Details of Prioritisation Assessment Process

The officer team from the councils and HCA have applied the following assessment process to come up with the lists of priority projects included in the draft LIP.

Some examples of completed assessment record sheets are attached.

The detailed assessment work is on going at February 2010, and in many cases information required for full assessment will need to be built up over time. Nevertheless the assessment process has been sufficient to determine the lists included in the draft LIP.

The process is analytical, but also requires a degree of judgement. There is no attempt to "score", and the assessments cannot be treated as providing a completely objective method of prioritisation.

Methodology

Firstly, looking at individual schemes / projects / programmes:

Stage 1

Is the scheme deliverable in the short term 2010 – 2015?

- Will there be a start within the next 5 years?
- What pump priming, grant or infrastructure investment is needed within the next five years to get it going?
- Within this look at the 'ready-ness' for a project to get going, include viability, does it have planning permission, is the landowner interested?]

Stage 2

What does the scheme offer in respect of its strategic fit / linkages?

- Does it deliver national or regional priorities?, e.g. SEP or RES.
- Does it deliver HCA national or regional priorities?
- Does it deliver individual LA priorities as set out in their Community Strategy and Corporate Plans?
- Does it deliver the shared objectives of all of the Oxfordshire authorities as agreed at SPIP at the end of 2009? – i.e. Economy, Housing, Regeneration, (Strategic) Infrastructure? (set out in section 6 of the LIP emerging draft)

(Stages 1 and 2 apply the assessment criteria set out. Subsequent stages add supporting assessment information).

Stage 3

What does the scheme deliver?

- No of homes / affordable homes / % of affordable homes?
- Economic development / no of jobs?

Stage 4

Does the scheme deliver wider benefits? (i.e. more than just the standard items to mitigate the impact of the development)

- Is the scheme a catalyst for other development / regeneration?
- Transport / green transport benefits?
- Provision of social infrastructure?
- Other forms of additionality (e.g. environmental gain)?
- For example does it unlock another site / provide a vital link in a road scheme etc?

Stage 5

What is the overall level of investment required?

Stage 6

Does the scheme offer value for money?

- This is a commentary, not a calculation.

Then looking at the County-wide list of projects as a whole:

Stage 7

Does the priority list deliver a range of projects which cover all of the agreed objectives?

- Does the priority list have a reasonable geographical spread?
- Does it cover urban and rural areas? etc