

**European Structural and Investment Funds (2014-2020)
Growth Programme for England**

ESI Funds Growth Programme Board

GPB 2015/12/16 Item 11

Forward Look *(Please note this paper should be printed on A3)*

Purpose:

To provide the updated forward plan for members.

Recommendations:

That the Growth Programme Board:

1. Notes the range of activities and work streams within; and
2. Puts forward suggestions for additional areas for inclusion.

Summary:

- The Forward Look is a standing item paper at each meeting to help capture and plan the range of activities the Board will consider as the formal Programme Monitoring Committee during 2015, and in to 2016.
- The plan details those activities which will be both a requirement of the GPB as Programme Monitoring Committee under the Common Provision Regulations or specific programme Regulations, alongside a range of further areas which have been identified by Managing Authorities and BIS. (Those items marked with an asterisk (*) are required to be considered under Regulations.)
- The GPB are invited to comment on the content and give their views on areas of activity it might be useful to cover at future meetings.

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Growth Programme Board Forward Look

Month	Meeting Date	Key Activities / Work Streams to be considered by the Growth Programme Board	What else may need consideration here?	Standing items	Possible	Other Activities Underway /possible During Period
2015						
Dec	Weds 16 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spending Review – opportunities and risks for the ESI Fund Growth Programme Progress on devolution and intermediate bodies Partnership Working Review Performance Management Reporting format – (ESF) Communications – launch and programme activity across funds Equalities – lessons from 2007-13 Evaluation Plan (for approval) * 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of previous meeting; progress on agreed actions Progress on programmes (& any relevant news) Calls progress Forward Look 		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications, Outline and Full Assessments Contracts negotiated/ issued LEP area ESIF Strategies finalised (Jun -Dec) Formal approval of Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) strategies
2015-2016						
Dec 2015 – Mar 2016						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Applications, Outline and Full Assessments Contracts negotiated/ issued National Sub-committees established and holding initial meetings <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ (i) Equality and diversity, Employment, Skills and Social Inclusion (including impact of CLLD and Opt Ins, Smart Specialisation (innovation) ➤ (ii) Communications, Sustainable Urban Development, Sustainable Growth & Development (including low carbon, climate change, environment & sustainable transport, SME Competitiveness (including ICT and FIs) ➤ (iii) Performance & Dispute resolution, Evaluation Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) activity underway
2016						
Mar	Thurs 24 th	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Strategic updates (e.g. devolution deals and IB status) First reports received from National Sub-committees Partnership Working Review update and discussion 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> [Jan/Mar] consideration of Annual Implementation Report* Strategic alignment with other funds Any major projects, Joint Action Plans, Financial Instruments, and Ex Ante Conditionality actions outlined - including any actions to be taken* 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Minutes of previous meeting; progress on agreed actions Progress on programmes (& any relevant news) Calls progress Performance progress (spend and targets) Forward Look 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Training point – <i>Lessons / achievements of 07-13; ways of working; performance management; CLLD; SUD?</i> Return to December's discussion on Spending Review (opportunities and risks) if needed The Atlantic Strategy 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Performance Management process begins - performance reporting starts
Mar-Dec						<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Further round of calls launched (April)

Please note that this is a working document and subject to change