

Date: 28 May 2025 Our Ref: RFI5057 Tel: 0300 1234 500 Email: infogov@homesengland.gov.uk

By Email Only

Dear

RE: Request for Information – RFI5057

Thank you for your request for information which was processed under the Environmental Information Regulations 2004 (EIR).

You requested the following information:

We understand from the attached 5.12.22 letter from the Minister for Housing that (as of 5.12.22) approximately £30 million remained in Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal funding which (as at 5.12.22) had not yet been released to Oxfordshire County Council ("OCC").

Please provide details of (1) the amounts that have been released to OCC since 5.12.22, and (2) the conditions that must be met by OCC to receive any outstanding portion of the £30m in 2024/25 from the H&GD Housing from Infrastructure fund from Central Government.

Please also provide any correspondence between OCC and/or other Oxfordshire authorities as members of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership with Homes England since December 2022 (1) seeking release of funds that are part of the above-referenced £30 million or (2) providing updates or other information relating to the proposed use(s) of the unreleased funding or to satisfy conditions for releasing the funding.

Response

We can confirm that we do hold some of the requested information. We will address each of your questions in turn below.

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Regulation 12(4)(a) – Information not Held

Under regulation 12(4)(a) of the EIR, Homes England may refuse to disclose information if the requested information is not held by that public authority.

When relying on Regulation 12(4)(a), Homes England must also advise details of any other public authority to whom the requestor could redirect their request to, and in accordance with this we can advise that you contact both OCC and MHCLG for further information via the links below.

https://www.oxfordshire.gov.uk/council/about-your-council/access-data-and-information/make-requestinformation

https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/ministry-of-housing-communities-local-government

Regulation 9(1) provides that an authority must provide advice and assistance to applicants and in accordance with this we can advise that Homes England does not provide Growth Deal funding. We can advise that the Oxfordshire Housing and Growth Deal is a direct funding award from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to Oxfordshire County Council (OCC) who are the accountable body for the growth deal. The deal is governed by OCC and it is within their delegation, along with the other Oxfordshire Councils, to determine how much and on what project the funding is spent therefore the release of funds lies with MHCLG. Homes England's only involvement is that we have been monitoring the £30m release.

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We can confirm that we do hold some correspondence between Oxfordshire authorities in relation to the release of the above-referenced £30 million which is contained within the attached Annex A. Please note, we only hold correspondence from the 2023 period onwards.

Some information contained with Annex A has been redacted and withheld in full under the following exceptions, we have also redacted some information as it is out of scope of your request.

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Regulation 12(5)(e) – Confidentiality of commercial or industrial information

Under regulation 12(5)(e) of the EIR, Homes England may refuse to disclose information to the extent that its disclosure would adversely affect the confidentiality of commercial or industrial information where such confidentiality is provided by law to protect a legitimate economic interest.

Four elements are required for Regulation 12(5)(e) to be engaged:

- The information is commercial or industrial in nature. The correspondence relates to the future use and spending of public funding including development potential, delivery milestones and matters under negotiation. Therefore, it is commercial in nature as it relates to commercial activity.
- 2) Confidentiality is provided by law.

The withheld information is subject to confidentiality provided by law under a common law duty of confidence. The information is subject to a common law duty of confidence because it is not trivial and not in the public domain. There is no need for the public authority to have obtained the information from another or a third party for this duty to apply.

- 3) The confidentiality is protecting a legitimate economic interest. If the confidentiality of this information was breached it would harm the ability of Homes England and third parties to develop on or dispose of land and secure works for market value. There is a legitimate economic interest in protecting the ability of Homes England and third parties to negotiate in current and future commercial agreements.
- 4) The confidentiality would be adversely affected by disclosure. Disclosure would result in third parties gaining access to commercially valuable information. Disclosure of the confidential information would harm the ability of Homes England to achieve good value for public money.

Public Interest Test

Regulation 12(5)(e) is subject to the public interest test. Once the exception has been engaged it is then necessary to consider the balance of the public interest in maintaining the exception or disclosing the information.

Under regulation 12(2) the public authority must apply a presumption in favour of disclosure, in both engaging the exception and carrying out the public interest test. In relation to engaging the exception, this means that there must be clear evidence that disclosure would have the adverse effect listed in 12(5).

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Factors in favour of disclosure

- Homes England acknowledges that there is a presumption in disclosure regarding environmental information as well as a public interest in promoting transparency in how we undertake our work and allocate public money; and
- Homes England acknowledge that there is a public interest in our commercial arrangements with third parties and how we work to progress these given it involves the spending of public money and the development of services that will affect the public.

Factors in favour of withholding

- Disclosure of information relating to the commercial arrangements, delivery milestones and reporting arrangements would adversely affect the relationship between Homes England and current and potential partners. There would be significant reputational, commercial and financial loss to Homes England and our partners as third parties could use the information to distort the market for their own gain;
- Releasing the information would negatively impact future processes and proposals for our involvement as potential partners may be deterred from collaborating with Homes England if they felt information relating to their commercial and ongoing commitments would then be released to the public domain. This would be likely to impact the ability of Government officials to make effective, informed decisions regarding allocation of public funds. This would not be in the public interest as public funds could be allocated in a way that would distort regional need for development;
- Releasing the information would reveal financial information of a third party which may in turn affect their commercial interests. The consequences of releasing data that is part of a wider ongoing matter could damage our relationships with partners and put other potential development works at risk. This would not be in the public interest as this could put potential homes in jeopardy and affect Homes England's ability to deliver against its objectives in our strategic plan; and
- Homes England has been unable to identify a wider public interest in disclosing the information requested.

Having considered the arguments for and against disclosure of the information, we have concluded that at this time, the balance of the public interest favours non-disclosure.

The full text of Regulation 12(5)(e) in the legislation can be found via the following link: <u>https://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3391/regulation/12</u>

Regulation 13 – Personal Data

We have redacted information on the grounds that in constitutes third party personal data and therefore engages Regulation 13 of the EIR.

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To disclose personal data, such as names, contact details, addresses, email addresses and personal opinions could lead to the identification of third parties and would breach one or more of the data protection principles.

Regulation 13 is an absolute exception which means that we do not need to consider the public interest in disclosure. Once it is established that the information is personal data of a third party and release would breach one or more of the data protection principles, then the exception is engaged.

The full text in the legislation can be found on the following link: <u>http://www.legislation.gov.uk/uksi/2004/3391/regulation/13/made</u>

Right to make Representations

If you are not happy with the information that has been provided or the way in which your request has been handled, you may request a reconsideration of our response (Internal Review). You can make this representation by writing to Homes England via the details below, quoting the reference number at the top of this letter.

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The Information Governance Team Homes England 2nd Floor The Lumen St James Boulevard Newcastle Helix Newcastle upon Tyne NE4 5BZ

Your request for reconsideration must be made in writing, explain why you wish to appeal, and be received within 40 working days of the date of this response (Reg 11(2)). Failure to meet this criteria may lead to your request being refused.

Upon receipt, your request for reconsideration will be passed to an independent party not involved in your original request. We aim to issue a response within 20 working days.

You may also complain to the Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) however, the Information Commissioner does usually expect the internal review procedure to be exhausted in the first instance.

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The Information Commissioner's details can be found via the following link https://ico.org.uk/

Please note that the contents of your request and this response are also subject to the Freedom of Information Act 2000. Homes England may be required to disclose your request and our response accordingly.

Yours sincerely,

The Information Governance Team For Homes England

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reg. 13 - Oxfordshire County Council < reg. 13 Oxfordshire.gov.uk> From: reg. 13 31 May 2024 11:59 Sent: reg. 13 To: RE: Growth Deal funding deadlines Subject: Thanks reg. 13 I have it in my calendar to pick up after half term too 😊 Have a good weekend reg. 13 Infrastructure Portfolio Manager | Transport & Infrastructure Environment & Place | Oxfordshire County Council County Hall | New Road | Oxford | OX1 1ND

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Hireg. 13

No response yet from DLUCH but at least acknowledged email – as reg. 13 says, they're pretty busy at the moment – but I'll chase again in a week or so.

Thanks

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Senior Partnership & Business Development Manager (Markets, Partners, Places) reg. 13

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Hi^{reg. 13}

Apologies, things are a little hectic at the moment. I'll look over this and get something back next week.

reg. 13

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Hi^{reg. 13}

Hope you're well. Are you able to come back to me please on the email below from Oxfordshire County Council?

Many thanks

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From: reg. 13 Sent: Thursday, May 23, 2024 1:22 PM To: reg. 13 levellingup.gov.uk Subject: FW: Growth Deal funding deadlines

Hi^{reg.} 13

Hope you're well. Please see email below from OCC – can you please confirm that this is your understanding also. reg. 12(5)(e)

Thanks

reg. 13



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Dear ^{reg. 13}

Further to our conversation on the 25th April regarding the reg. 12(5)(e)



Trust this captures our discussion.

Kind regards

reg. 13

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From: Sent: To: Subject: reg. 13 12 June 2024 10:48 reg. 13 FW: Growth Deal funding deadlines

Hireg. 13

Hope you're well. Please see below the email I received from reg. 13 I have contacted reg. 13 and asked when an alternative person will be in place but given the election, I would assume we won't hear from them until post election. I can keep chasing though.

Thanks





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Hi ^{reg. 13}
Firstly, please accept my sincere apologies for being so out of the loop on this, it has been such a busy period that I haven't been able to dedicate the time to this that I should have.
Separately, I reg. 13 will no longer be the main point of contact on this programme. I have prepared a handover and @reg. 13 cc'd is the key contact for the time being whilst an alternative can be identified in the team to support on this. Once someone has been identified they will be in touch on next steps, conditions and the final payment requirement. There may be some work to do with new Ministers on this as well but a new contact will confirm.
Best Wishes reg. 13

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From: Sent: To: Subject: reg. 13 - Oxfordshire County Council <reg. 13 Oxfordshire.gov.uk> 03 January 2024 15:20 reg. 13 RE: Last DLUCH payment to OH&GD

Hi^{reg. 13} reg. 13

We've looked back and we received the last £30m on 24 August 2021.

Hope that's helpful but let me know if you need anything else. We are working on the H&GD update as at the end of December 2023 so will share that shortly.

Best wishes,

reg. 13

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Hi^{reg. 13}

Happy New Year – hope you had a good break.

Hopefully a quick question - could you please confirm when you received the last £30m from DLUCH for the housing and growth deal please?

Many thanks

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Hi^{reg. 13}

Tried to call you regarding below / are you able to meet or have a brief call regarding the "spent" vs "delivered" funding?



Kind regards

reg. 13

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From: reg. 13 - Oxfordshire County Council Sent: Monday, July 15, 2024 12:54 PM To: reg. 13 homesengland.gov.uk Subject: FW: Infrastructure Advisory Group Draft Papers

Hi ^{reg. 13}

Are you available for a chat before the IAG meeting later? Just want to make sure my understanding / reg. 13 understanding below / your interpretation is all aligned.

Thanks

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Hi

I spoke to as I mentioned I had a meeting with her. She seemed to understand the position re. spend and said she would recommend to MHCLG that the previous position that the deal is monitoring spend and housing delivery rather than the infrastructure itself needing to complete by March 2025 should continue i.e. spend including transfer to another party even if delivery of the kit runs beyond. She said as monitoring officer for the deal she would still want to understand the timelines for the delivery of infrastructure even if running beyond the March 2025 background. Out of Scope

Hopefully she confirms the same to you. Happy to meet with her jointly if needed down the line if you do not get a formal confirmation.

Thanks reg. 13

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Are you available for a call today?

The finances are reported by finance, and are as per the way they have this recorded – easier to explain over the phone.

Regarding the city cycling and peds schemes, again this is easier to explain over the phone.

I am still waiting on Homes England (and DLUHC) to confirm the position on spent vs delivered, and was told to wait until after the General Election. I am due a conversation with representative from DLUHC on this.

I am free between 10-11am and again between 2-3pm, will send you an invite to a teams meeting.

Kind regards

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I was just looking at the draft IAG papers including the HGD update.

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	It was confirmed by Homes England a while ago that

the original position of money coming to city did county as spend for Growth Deal still so nothing has changed.

The City Cycle scheme funding is shown as complete but still with some spend in 24/25 so unclear what is going on there. Again this has been shown as spent normally as the money had been passed to the city. Is this money county retained?

Is it possible for this to be looked at and amended before it goes to the member IAG and onto FOP?

Thanks reg. 13

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Subject: Infrastructure Advisory Group Draft Papers

Hi All,

I hope this email finds you all well.

Kindly find attached the draft papers for the Bus Service Improvement Plan (BSIP) and the Home from Infrastructure Programme (HFI) update for the upcoming IAG Meeting scheduled on the 17th of July 2024. Please not that the Net Zero Route Map (NZRMAP) Programme Tracker would be circulated as soon as it is ready. Additionally, the Oxfordshire Infrastructure Strategy (OxIS) update is anticipated to be a verbal update from reg. 13

I kindly request that you review these papers diligently and come prepared for the report review meeting on Monday, the 8th of July 2024. Your timely review and input would be greatly appreciated as we prepare for the upcoming meeting.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. Should you have any questions or require further information, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Kind regards, reg. 13

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Future Oxfordshire Partnership Assistant Democratic Services Officer South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council Email: reg. 13 @southandvale.gov.uk Website: https://futureoxfordshirepartnership.org/ reg. 13



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Great news				
Shall we have a catch up after that ? or if helpful I can join too				
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Just to let you know that I reached out to another MHCLG contact that I have and by luck it turns out that they have been given Oxfordshire to cover so am meeting him reg. 13 this Friday to give him background on the Deal and what decisions need to be made.

Thanks

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Senior Partnership & Business Development Manager (Markets, Partners, Places)

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Hi ^{reg. 13}

Without the funding the project cannot go ahead, and we would need to seek further funding, none available in the capital programme / budget.

Hence making it shovel ready by achieving planning and utility diversions within the growth deal deadline.

Kind regards

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Just a quick question – reg. 12(5)(e)

I've got a meeting scheduled with my AD on Thursday to escalate this.

Thanks

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Let me know if this might suit



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То:	reg. 13	reg. 13	
Subject:	Re: Oxfords	hire Growth Deal an	dOut of Scope

Hi

I cannot do that time but happy for you to meet without me and ^{reg. 13} and I can catch up later in the day.

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Thanks

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Subject: Re: C	xfordshire G	rowth	Deal and	Out of Scope	

Hi^{reg. 13}

Thanks for the e-mail. Thursday at 9.30 would be my preference for a call. reg. 13

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Subject: RE: Oxfordshire Growth Deal and Out of Scope					

Hi^{reg. 13}

I met with MHCLG on Friday. It might be worth a quick phone call. I am hoping to speak to reg. 13 either tomorrow morning or Thursday morning – reg. 13

. I had offered - Weds morning 9.30-11am or Thursday 9.30-10.30? Can you make either of these dates/times?

Thanks

reg. 13

reg. 13

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Hi^{reg. 13}

Hope you are well?

I was wondering if you have yet had a response from MHCLG re the issue of whether the Growth Deal funding transferred to the City Council counts as spent as per the previous sum transferred. We are keen to move on with the project and to have certainty re this would help.

If you need have any further information re the project and the progress please let me know.

reg. 13

reg. 13 | Regeneration Manager | Regeneration & Economy Oxford City Council | Oxford Town Hall | St Aldate's | Oxford | OX1 1BX reg. 13

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From:reg. 13Sent:31 July 2024 09:39To:reg. 13Subject:RE: Ox Housing Deal

Hi – sorry I assumed you meant a call tomorrow morning before the 9.30 one not today. I've just got in and am around for a call if you want to send a teams invite again.

Thanks

reg. 13

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Hi^{reg. 13}

Thanks for understanding.

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Would it be possible to have a conversation before meeting with them though to understand MHCLG's position?

Kind regards

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Hireg. 13

Sorry that you're not feeling well. Yes of course we can rearrange – I can do Weds morning 9.30-11am or Thursday 9.30-10.30?

Thanks

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Hi ^{reg. 13}

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Are you able to move this meeting to tomorrow / Thursday?

Kind regards

reg. 13

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Hi^{reg. 13}

Would you have some time this week to discuss Growth Deal and final tranche claims?

Below a couple of options:

Today at 3pm Tomorrow at 11am

Otherwise next week looking better.

Kind regards

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Hi^{reg. 13}

Apologies for the direct approach, I saw your name at the Future Oxfordshire Partnership public meeting. Would you have some time to discuss Growth Deal funding and some of our funding agreements with 3rd Parties, as well as the claims process for the final £30m?

reg. 13

but next Tuesday or Thursday have got some time. See below options



Kind regards

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Subject:	RE: H&GD - fir	nal tranche drawdown (£30m)

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I am continually chasing MHCLG – a catch up with just you and I wouldn't solve anything as it's their money and their funding criteria – and I already know your position (unless it's changed since we last spoke).

I had in my diary to chase again this morning so I will do that now and copy you in – hopefully that will generate a response.

Thanks

reg. 13



Hi reg. 13

Do you have anything further on this for me? Or can we have a catch up without MHCLG?

Kind regards

reg. 13

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Hireg. 13

Hope you're well. Drawdown is something that MHCLG need to advise on as they are holding the funding and they set the conditions on the drawdown. I will email^{reg, 13} again, as I have been doing. I know he was potentially moving roles so this may be why he is not responding. I will try him again and suggest some

dates/times for a meeting next week, including yourself. Can you let me have your availability for next week please.

Thanks

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Thank you for your email.

Whilst I hoped to provide you with quick answers on your points below we are looking at gathering all communication to give you a clear picture of what has been agreed and in which format we have been reporting on a quarterly basis (following a conversation with DHLUC / MHCLG on housing delivery outputs).

Will get back to you in more detail on Monday.

Kind regards

reg. 13

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Thank you for the meeting on 4 December at which you updated me on the current position with the Oxfordshire Growth Deal.

You explained that Oxfordshire County Council is keen to unlock the final tranche of £30m from the £150m allocation for infrastructure expenditure.

reg. 12(5)(e)

I also said that we would need a description of the activities that had been supported by the £30m allocation together with a brief description of the outputs that had been delivered through that tranche. I understand that the £30m instalment is part of the larger allocation of £150m so I accept that it may not be possible to identify precisely what the latest tranche has delivered, but we do need a broad estimate of the key outputs.

Finally, I noted that the letter of 2 May 2023 from Oxfordshire's finance director stated that the final tranche of ± 30 m was due to be paid in ^{reg. 12(5)(e)}. You **reg. 13** thought that was a typo and that the letter should have stated the money was due in ^{reg. 12(5)(e)}. I would be grateful if you could confirm that is the case.

Happy to discuss further.



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From: Sent: To: Subject: reg. 13 22 January 2025 14:07 reg. 13 - Oxfordshire County Council RE: Oxford Growth Deal

Thanks^{reg, 13} for all the info... hopefully that provides reg. 13 with what he needs.

Kind Regards

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Hi again,

See also the following letter dated November 2017.

oxfordshire-housing-and-growth-deal-letter-from-secretary-of-state-to-oxfordshire-growth-board

Thank you,

reg. 13

reg. 13 Head of Corporate Finance

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Subject: RE: Oxford Growth Deal

Hi^{reg. 13} and reg. 13

I'm not sure if you have this already but the original outline agreement that underpins the £150m funding for infrastructure to unlock key housing sites is available here: <u>Oxfordshire housing deal-GOV.UK</u>. £120m grant funding has been received by the council in line with that agreement with the final £30m subject to the conditions in the letter dated December 2022.

reg. 12(5)(e)

An update on the actual spend, confirmation of the use of the recycled funds, updated housing delivery for Q3, and the final use of the remaining \pounds 30m grant funding for Housing & Growth Deal schemes will be shared ahead of the meeting of the Future Oxfordshire Partnership on reg. 12(5)(e). reg. 12(5)(e)

I hope that's helpful but please can you let me know if you have any questions or would like me to look back for any other documents.

Best wishes,

reg. 13

reg. 13 Head of Corporate Finance

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Hi<mark>reg. 13</mark>

Hope you're well. I have tracked down some people here that were part of the growth deal conversations from the beginning – one from Homes England (reg. 13 and reg. 13 (who used to work for MHCLG).

Both have confirmed that there was no business case. Oxfordshire submitted a bid with options (attached) and the Ministry then approved a version of these options as the basis for the growth deal. Government ministers signed off on the deal and senior civil servants signed off on the light touch process. ^[66,13] believes that it was reg. 13 as the DG who signed this off so there should be some notes or minutes of meetings saved in your departments files to confirm what he signed off on. He also thinks the Government Minister that signed off could have been reg. 13 but he's not sure.

So, there was no business case but the deal was formed on the back of the Oxfordshire bid which had a number of options. I think you will need to try and find some evidence in your files about what was actually signed off.

Thanks

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Hi^{reg. 13} have you had any luck finding a business case for the Oxford Growth Deal?

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Hi<mark>reg. 13</mark>

I don't think we have a copy. I will check again with colleagues that have since moved teams who worked in Oxfordshire to see if they know but I'm doubtful... I will come back to you asap.

reg. 12(5)(e)

Thanks

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Hi^{reg. 13} I wondered if you could send me the business case for the Oxford Growth Deal. It doesn't appear to be available in the Department and it is need before any grant payment can be authorised. Thank you

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Hireg. 13 thank you for this, which is helpful.

Can I just clarify with you when you expect to be able to provide the evidence to support the next grant claim. Your message below suggests that you won't be able to provide this evidence until late March. Is that correct? I think that is likely to be far too late if we are aiming to make payment in this financial year.

I'm checking when the deadline for submission of that evidence is likely to be, but it's likely we would need it by the end of this month to allow time to get the necessary clearances. I'll get back to you with an actual deadline but in the meantime, it would be helpful if you could clarify exactly what you intend to submit and by when, and whether there is any scope to shorten those timescales.



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The update for Q3 2024/25 will confirm that all recycled funds have now been returned to the programme and spent. We will also confirm the actual scheme expenditure that we are now claiming against the £30m remaining grant funding.

The reporting format that we've agreed with ^{reg.13} previously has been used for the public FOP meetings so we intend to share the information in that format (<u>Annex 1</u> and <u>Annex 2</u> for Q2 are available here). For the quarter 3 and quarter 4 reporting we will add an extra column to Annex 1 to show the schemes/expenditure that the remaining £30m is being claimed against and can provide a reconciliation of the spend and use of recycled funds. We will also share slides with you that describe the relevant works (whose primary purpose is to support housing and growth).



Thank you,

reg. 13

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Head of Corporate Finance and Deputy Section 151 Officer

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Dear reg. 13 and Reg 13

Thank you again for meeting with us this morning. As promised I'm attaching the file that I shared that shows the spend as at the end of January plus the $\pounds^{(e, 12(5))}$ that we previously agreed could be retained for safety audits reg. 12(5)(e).

As discussed it would be hugely preferable from an accounting (and cash flow) point of view if you were able release the whole £30.0m now to avoid the need for a large accrual at both ends at year end, but if that's not possible the actual spend that we are claiming to the end of January is $f^{\text{res.12(5)(6)}}$. Once the $f^{\text{res.12(5)(6)}}$ is added the total claim at the end of January is $f^{\text{res.12(5)(6)}}$.

The final column shows the remaining spend of $\pounds^{reg. 12(5)(e)}$ that we are expecting to incur in the final two months of the year, including a $\pounds^{reg. 12(5)(e)}$ payment relating to part of the cost of Grove Airfield School (that relates to new housing in Grove). The funding released by including the school would then be used to fund the Access to Witney and Tramway Schemes in reg. 12(5)(e) so that those can both be completed as planned to support housing delivery.

Thanks again,

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