

Assessment Criteria

Coast to Capital will use the criteria below to assess and rank outline business cases submitted by delivery bodies that request funding for a project in a six monthly call for bids.

All projects that are submitted will go through an initial review for completeness of information by the Coast to Capital programme management team, before they are submitted for due diligence and consideration by the relevant review group, Board or Committee. The programme management team will be ensuring the following in this initial sift:

- A. The project is applying for at least £500,000 and no more than £5,000,000 of LGF and this is being matched by at least 50% for non-transport projects and at least 15% for transport projects.
- B. The project does have a considerable amount, at least 30% of the LGF amount can be spent in the 16/17 financial year.
- C. Only capital expenditure, as defined in the CIPFA guidelines, is eligible for funding. Match funding can be used for revenue expenditure if required, but projects which are entirely revenue expenditure cannot be considered.
- D. Evidence of State Aid compliance.

West Sussex County Council, as the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Fund, will be part of the initial sift review alongside the programme management team.

Only projects that have passed the initial review will be submitted for due diligence and scoring against a set of criteria. Each project will be assessed against the core criteria and depending on the project theme will also be scored against criteria relevant to that type of project. The four themes include:

- Infrastructure
- Regeneration and Housing
- Skills
- Enterprise and Business

The criteria are shown below:

Core Criteria- all projects to be scored against

Criteria	Description	Score	Weighting
Strategic fit	Assessment of the strategic fit with Coast to Capital priorities within the Strategic Economic Plan, Devolution Proposals and any other Coast to Capital Strategy such as the Skills Strategy.	0-10	20%
Core outputs	Assessment against the core outputs in which funding is expected to deliver and which include: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Employment- created and/or safeguarded • Businesses assisted- financial and non-financial • Skills- new learners and/or apprentices 	0-10	30%

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • New housing units • New or refurbished learning/training floorspace • New or refurbished commercial floorspace • New roads/cycle ways • Improvement to Journey times • Carbon reductions • Private and public sector leverage 		
Value for money	Assessment of the value for money using the HMT Green Book criteria. This could include the level of match funding and wider leverage/investment, particularly the private sector investment, an assessment against the cost per job/home, Benefit Cost Ratio, Cost Benefit Analysis, need for LGF investment, deadweight and displacement. Are the costs reasonable?	0-10	20%
Deliverability	An assessment of the level and technical feasibility and the Delivery body's ability to deliver expenditure in 16/17 and complete the project in the required timescales. Delivery bodies must be able to show that strong governance structures are in place. We will also be looking for evidence of successful existing delivery, where relevant.	0-10	30%
Total		Out of 40	100%

Theme specific criteria

Infrastructure-

Criteria	Description	Score	Weighting
People and businesses positively impacted	The number of people and/or businesses that will be positively impacted by the intervention.	0-10	12.5%
Economic benefits	How does the project positively affect the level of economic activity in a given area? What will be the change in economic activity between the two scenarios; intervention or no intervention? This may be viewed in terms of business output, Gross Value Added (GVA), property values, personal income and jobs as a few examples.	0-10	12.5%

Environmental Impact	What are the environmental consequences both positive and negative of the intervention? Examples include environmental emissions to the air, water, land and resource use.	0-10	10%
Social Impact	What are the social consequences both positive and negative of the intervention? Examples include impacts on health and wellbeing, opportunities for small and medium sized firms in the supply chain, opportunities for local residents to enhance their skills and career progression prospects.	0-10	12.5%
Physical and aesthetical impact	Projects must convey a high standard of architectural quality as a prevalent form of cultural expression. Does the project make a positive and lasting contribution to the physical, human and cultural environment	0-10	10%
Follow on investment potential	Does the project have any potential to generate private, public or third sector investment over and above that directly associated with the Local Growth Fund investment where there is a demonstrable link? This should not include in-kind contributions.	0-10	10%
Disruption during period of project execution	The level of disruption to the local area during the period of project execution. For example, road closures.	0-10	12.5%
Results of public engagement	Has the project carried out public engagement? Were the results of public engagement positive or negative? If negative, what is the scale? If no public engagement has been carried out, is there a good plan for public engagement? Have businesses been engaged and will continue to be engaged throughout the life of the project.	0-10	10%
Partnership support	Does the project have the support of key partners? These may include Local Authorities, MP's, and Local Area Partnerships.	0-10	10%
Total		Out of 90	100%

Total possible score for Infrastructure is 130

Regeneration and Housing -

Criteria	Description	Score	Weighting
Area of site reclaimed, redeveloped or assembled	What is the area of land that will be directly improved by the project? Is it now suitable for development where previously it was unattractive to develop or is the land now fit for use by removing physical constraints to development or improving the land for end use; providing services to open it up for development, e.g. provision of utilities or service roads	0-10	10%
People and businesses positively impacted	The number of people and/or businesses that will be positively impacted by the intervention.	0-10	10%
Follow on investment potential	Does the project have any potential to generate private, public or third sector investment over and above that directly associated with the Local Growth Fund investment where there is a demonstrable link? This should not include in-kind contributions.	0-10	10%
Economic benefit	How does the project positively affect the level of economic activity in a given area? What will be the change in economic activity between the two scenarios; intervention or no intervention? This may be viewed in terms of business output, Gross Value Added (GVA), property values, personal income and jobs as a few examples.	0-10	10%
Environmental Impact	What are the environmental consequences both positive and negative of the intervention? Examples include environmental emissions to the air, water, land and resource use.	0-10	10%
Social Impact	What are the social consequences both positive and negative of the intervention? Examples include impacts on health and wellbeing, opportunities for small and medium sized firms in the supply chain, opportunities for local residents to enhance their skills and career progression prospects.	0-10	10%
Physical and aesthetical impact	Projects must convey a high standard of architectural quality as a prevalent form of cultural expression. Does the project make a positive and lasting contribution to	0-10	10%

	the physical, human and cultural environment?		
Disruption during period of project execution	The level of disruption to the local area during the period of project execution, for example, noise impact.	0-10	10%
Results of public engagement	Has the project carried out public engagement? Were the results of public engagement positive or negative? If negative, what is the scale? If no public engagement has been carried out, is there a good plan for public engagement? Have businesses been engaged and will continue to be engaged throughout the life of the project.	0-10	10%
Partnership support	Does the project have the support of key partners? These may include Local Authorities, MPs, and Local Area Partnerships.	0-10	10%
Total		Out of 100	100%

Total possible score for Regeneration is 140

Skills-

Criteria	Description	Score	Weighting
Economic benefits	How does the project positively affect the level of economic activity in a given area? What will be the change in economic activity between the two scenarios; intervention or no intervention? This may be viewed in terms of business output, Gross Value Added (GVA), property values, personal income and jobs as a few examples.	0-10	10%
Environmental Impact	What are the environmental consequences both positive and negative of the intervention? Examples include environmental emissions to the air, water, land and resource use.	0-10	10%
Social Impact	What are the social consequences both positive and negative of the intervention? Examples include impacts on health and wellbeing, opportunities for small and medium sized firms in the supply chain, opportunities for local residents to enhance their skills and career progression prospects.	0-10	10%

People and businesses positively impacted	The number of people and/or businesses that will be positively impacted by the intervention.	0-10	10%
Disruption during period of project execution	The level of disruption to the local area during the period of project execution. For example, impact on students.	0-10	10%
Follow on investment potential	Does the project have any potential to generate private, public or third sector investment over and above that directly associated with the Local Growth Fund investment where there is a demonstrable link? This should not include in-kind contributions.	0-10	10%
Increase in employability/ conversion to employment	Does this project increase the employability of learners? What is the conversion rate expected from learner to employment and what is the quality of this employment?	0-10	10%
Relevance to employment needs in the area	Does this project address the relevant employment needs for this area?	0-10	10%
Results of public engagement	Has the project carried out public engagement? Were the results of public engagement positive or negative? If negative, what is the scale? If no public engagement has been carried out, is there a good plan for public engagement? Have businesses been engaged and will continue to be engaged throughout the life of the project?	0-10	10%
Partnership support	Does the project have the support of key partners? These may include Local Authorities, MPs, and Local Area Partnerships.	0-10	10%
Total		Out of 100	100%

Total possible score for Skills is 140

Enterprise and Business-

Criteria	Description	Score	Weighting
Economic Benefit	How does the project positively affect the level of economic activity in a given area? What will be the change in economic activity between the two scenarios; intervention or no intervention? This may be viewed in terms of business output, Gross	0-10	12.5%

	Value Added (GVA), property values, personal income and jobs as a few examples.		
Environmental Impact	What are the environmental consequences both positive and negative of the intervention? Examples include environmental emissions to the air, water, land and resource use.	0-10	12.5%
Social Impact	What are the social consequences both positive and negative of the intervention? Examples include impacts on health and wellbeing, opportunities for small and medium sized firms in the supply chain, opportunities for local residents to enhance their skills and career progression prospects.	0-10	12.5%
Follow on investment potential	Does the project have any potential to generate private, public or third sector investment over and above that directly associated with the Local Growth Fund investment where there is a demonstrable link? This should not include in-kind contributions.	0-10	12.5%
Business growth	Does this intervention help with business growth in terms of a 20% increase in turnover and employment over the next 3-5 years?	0-10	12.5%
People and businesses positively impacted	The number of people and/or businesses that will be positively impacted by the intervention.	0-10	12.5%
Results of public engagement	Has the project carried out public engagement? Were the results of public engagement positive or negative? If negative, what is the scale? If no public engagement has been carried out, is there a good plan for public engagement? Have businesses been engaged and will continue to be engaged throughout the life of the project.	0-10	12.5%
Partnership support	Does the project have the support of key partners? These may include Local Authorities, MPs, and Local Area Partnerships.	0-10	12.5%
Total		Out of 80	100%

Total possible score for Enterprise and Business is 120