

DDTIP – ANNEX B

Project Feasibility Funding (PFF)

The Project Feasibility Fund is designed to be a flexible resource that reinforces the capacity and capability within Doncaster with a focus on preparing a Place Based Investment Plan and to begin to develop the programmes and projects that will deliver the plan. Doncaster has been allocated £3.54m for this purpose from the South Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority (SYMCA).

The objectives of the Fund are:

- a) Relieve capacity constraints and improve capability;
- b) Reduce reliance on external expertise;
- c) Develop Plans into a pipeline of programmes and projects and ensure project lifecycle funding is available, particularly for revenue-based schemes.

By the end of June 2022, Doncaster will submit a request to the SYMCA for the full £3.54m to support 33 posts, primarily across Economy and Environment with support resource for Corporate Services to achieve, for example:

- 3 new local masterplans;
- A healthy corporate capital and revenue pipeline (refreshed annually) through targeting gaps in capacity and capability;
- A flexible resource fund to support business case development.

See details below:

Service Area	Deliverables	£
Business Doncaster	Additional funding to develop and enhance Business Doncaster capacity including creating additional targeted posts and extending the period of current roles where the funding is expected to cease within the two year planning time horizon. Additional specific roles are targeted towards Sector Growth, Creative and Digital, Investment Project and Innovation and Creative Content Designer. In addition, increasing the Employment support offer incorporating additional posts for Youth/into employment and extending the period of current Advance support. Also, extending the Enterprise Hub service provision following the current funding period.	778,228
Major Projects Delivery Team (Non-Transport)	Additional capacity (up to four additional Project/Programme managers) to support the immediate development and delivering of major capital projects including Levelling Up Round 1 and 2, Leisure Services and Town Deals programme delivery.	407,992
Masterplanning (Phase 2)	Support to develop future masterplans (up to three) and additional post to provide targeted resource including project management of the next tranche of Community Masterplans and wider urban design work.	213,404
Commercial Team - Project Delivery	To fund two additional posts in the Commercial Team within Design & Statutory Planned Maintenance (Property Services) to deal with project delivery of small capital schemes, below the threshold of Major Project's activity areas, including the increasing programme of works with an environmental/sustainability focus.	170,683

Service Area	Deliverables	£
Strategic Asset Management – One Public Estate (OPE) scheme management	To fund an additional post to enable delivery on the Councils ongoing and developing activities across SYMCA for OPE.	110,592
Strategic Asset Management – Investment feasibility and Strategic Acquisitions	Additional surveyor capacity (two additional posts) to enable delivery on the Councils developing requirements for strategic acquisitions and investigating feasibility of investment opportunities.	170,683
Policy and Investment	Increased capacity (3 additional posts) to lead on the development, monitoring and delivery of a Revenue and Capital Investment Pipeline linked to the Place Based Investment Plan. Concentrating on Business Plan Developments linked to pipeline proposals. Leading the development and effective implementation of people and place based campaigns and priorities to support the delivery of the partnership priorities.	297,400
Monitoring and Compliance Officer	Dedicated additional post to support the Council's monitoring and compliance of funding agreement terms and conditions.	77,279
Corporate Services Support Functions	Additional capacity within Legal, Procurement and Finance to support the delivery, monitoring and development of the pipeline and business cases.	695,424
Flexible External Resource Fund	Third party procurement to meet capacity gaps across the Council at critical points. This fund will be managed flexibly to specifically target areas/skills gaps identified and matching to the offer available in the market.	618,315
Total		£3,540,000

Projects which did not come 'above the line' will be put on the draft council revenue pipeline and will be subject to future corporate assessment and prioritisation, including investigation of other funding opportunities.

Any underspends / resources not required for individual projects, will be added to the flexible resource fund