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16 March 2015

Dear William,

**DCLG BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH No. 31/2452**

I am writing further to our offer letter of the 17 December 2014 securing funding for the Science Vale Enterprise Zone. As requested, we are amending the milestone payments set out in the original letter to the new milestone payments below.

Payment will now be made against the following profile:

March 2015 (£7,000,000 in total as follows)

- Completion of the transfer of land cost to project and Heads of Terms signed between Vale Council and MEPC with condition that payments to MEPC are authorised subject to locally agreed milestones being met in accordance with South Oxfordshire and Vale of White Horse District Council procedures.

All other expectations and conditions in the letter of the 17 December 2014 remain the same.

I am copying this letter to Anna Robinson, Strategic Director, South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council and James Dipple, CEO at MEPC.

Yours sincerely,

**HELEN EDWARDS**



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17 December 2014

William Jacobs  
Head of Finance and S151 officer  
South Oxfordshire District Council &  
Vale of White Horse District Council

Sent by email only

Dear William,

**DCLG BUILDING FOUNDATIONS FOR GROWTH FUNDING**

I would like to take this opportunity to formally congratulate you and MEPC on securing funding for the Science Vale Enterprise Zone through the Department for Communities and Local Government's (DCLG) £100m Building Foundations for Growth capital grant fund.

The offer is made subject to assurance being provided that a suitable mechanism is in place to ensure the project is State Aid compliant while delivering the expected outputs defined in the approved business plan.

As set out in the original prospectus and subsequent letter dated 29 January 2014, we will pay out the funds in tranches to an agreed profile, subject to project milestones set out in the business case being met. As such, we expect payments will be made against the following profile:

January 2014. £1,250,000 following completion of detailed design, LDO submission/ approval and transfer of land cost to project

February 2015. £5,750,000 following tender returns, selection of contractor and completion of JCT advance payment bond

No funding will be available after 31 March 2015.

I am grateful that you and MEPC have agreed to publicise critical milestones throughout the year. DCLG is keen to work with you to maximise communications opportunities in 2014 /15.

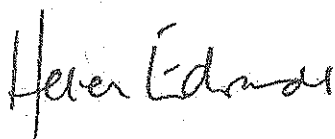
Grant funding will be paid in two instalments through a section 31 Grant Determination of the Local Government Act 2003 to Vale of the White Horse District Council as the nominated accountable body. This is a capital grant and that you have agreed with MEPC a clawback agreement as set out in **Annex A**.

DCLG expects that progress will be reported through the usual Enterprise Zone quarterly monitoring return, which is already in operation and will capture data on jobs and floorspace delivered in the Zone.

In order to trigger payments, when you have met relevant milestones please confirm this in writing by email to Richard Turl at DCLG ([Richard.turl@communities.gsi.gov.uk](mailto:Richard.turl@communities.gsi.gov.uk) Tel 0303 444 3216). We shall be processing payments through BACS payments.

I wish you every success in delivering the proposals set out in your bid. I am copying this letter to Anna Robinson, Strategic Director, South Oxfordshire District Council and Vale of White Horse District Council and Andrew Barlow, Commercial Director at MEPC.

Yours sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Helen Edwards". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'H'.

**HELEN EDWARDS**  
Director General, Localism and Deputy Permanent Secretary

**Enterprise Zones (Science Vale Oxford) Building Foundations for Growth CAPITAL GRANT DETERMINATION: (2014/15): No 31/2452**

The Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government ("the Minister"), in exercise of the powers conferred by section 31 of the Local Government Act 2003, makes the following determination:

**Citation**

1) This determination may be cited as the Enterprise Zones (Science Vale Oxford) Building Foundations for Growth Capital Grant Determination (2014/15) 31/2452

**Purpose of the grant**

2) The purpose of the grant is to provide support to local authorities in England towards expenditure lawfully incurred or to be incurred by them.

**Determination**

3) The Minister determines as the authorities to which grant is to be paid and the amount of grant to be paid, the authorities and the amounts set out in **Annex A**.

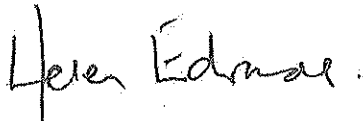
**Grant Conditions**

4) Grant paid to an authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003, as set out in **Annex B**.

**Treasury consent**

5) Before making this determination in relation to local authorities in England, the Minister obtained the consent of the Treasury.

Signed by authority of the Parliamentary Under Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government.



Helen Edwards  
Director General, Localism

17<sup>th</sup> December 2014

**Annex A**

<b>Enterprise Zone</b>	<b>Authority to which grant to be paid</b>	<b>Amount of grant to be paid (capital) (£)</b>	<b>Total Amount of grant to be paid (£)</b>
Science Vale Oxford	Vale of White Horse	7,000,000	7,000,000

## Annex B

1. In this Annex "capital grant", in relation to an authority, means the amount of grant identified as capital grant in relation to the authorities in **Annex A**.
2. Capital grant paid to an authority under this determination may be used only for the purposes that a capital receipt may be used for in accordance with regulations made under section 11 of the Local Government Act 2003.
3. The Chief Executive and Chief Internal Auditor of each authority which receives capital grant under this grant determination are required to sign and return to the policy team a declaration, to be received no later than 31 March 2015, in the following terms:

"To the best of our knowledge and belief, and having carried out appropriate investigations and checks, in our opinion, in all significant respects, the conditions attached to the Enterprise Zones (Science Vale Oxford) Building Foundations for Growth Capital Grant Determination (2014/15) [No. 31/2452] have been complied with".

4. If an authority fails to comply with any of the requirements of paragraphs 3 and 4, the Secretary of State may-
  - a. reduce, suspend or withhold grant; or
  - b. by notification in writing to the authority, require the repayment of the whole or any part of the grant.
5. Any sum notified by the Secretary of State under paragraph 4(b) shall immediately become repayable.