

**York and North Yorkshire
Devolution Joint Committee**

30th November 2022

York and North Yorkshire Brownfield Housing Fund and Net Zero Fund

1.0 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 This report sets out the details for implementing the Brownfield Housing Fund and Net Zero Fund, two investment programmes that form part of the Devolution Deal for York and North Yorkshire.
- 1.2 To highlight resource implications for the delivery of these programmes.
- 1.3 The report seeks the endorsement of the Joint Committee to proceed with the implementation of these Funds to ensure full delivery by March 2025.

2.0 Background

- 2.1 On the 1st August 2022 a Devolution Deal between the Government and the Local Authorities of York and North Yorkshire was announced. This included the award of funding:
- £7 million of funding across 2023/24 and 2024/25 to enable the area to drive green economic growth towards our ambitions to be a carbon negative region, known as '**Net Zero Fund**'; and
 - £12.7 million of devolved capital funding across 2023/24 and 2024/25 to support the building of new homes on brownfield land, known as '**Brownfield Housing Fund**'.
- 2.2 In order to ensure that these two investment programmes are delivered by March 2025, draft prospectuses have been drawn up for each of these funds. This will enable a call for proposals to be launched in December and projects to be identified, assessed and prioritised by June 2023 so that expenditure can begin in November 2023.
- 2.3 These prospectuses have been drafted in collaboration between officers at the Local Enterprise Partnership and the Local Authorities, with advice from the relevant Government Department.

3.0 Brownfield Housing Fund (£12.7m)

- 3.1 The purpose of the York and North Yorkshire brownfield housing fund is to unlock housing development on brownfield sites to enable new homes to start on site by March 2025.
- 3.2 Initially we are looking for proposals that will help to deliver the £12.7m initial funding allocation. However we would also like to build up a pipeline of further projects for future years, so we will also seek potential future housing opportunities.
- 3.3 Funding is available to both public and private sector bodies across the housing sector. These include:
- Local Authorities within York and North Yorkshire
 - Housing Associations/Registered Providers
 - Private Sector Developers (subject to Subsidy Control Compliance)
 - Any other Housing Developers (i.e. community cooperatives)

- 3.4 The funding is for capital expenditure only, and can fund a range of interventions that unlock the development of housing on brownfield land which would otherwise not happen. Eligible capital expenditure includes:
- Off site infrastructure
 - Place infrastructure such as public realm, place-making interventions
 - Site remediation and demolition to prepare sites
 - On site infrastructure
 - Direct delivery of new homes
 - Site acquisition and land assembly
 - Capacity to support any of the capital delivery activity detailed above where it is directly attributable to the creation or maintenance of a capital asset.
- 3.5 The Fund will contribute to the overall aspirations and vision for the York and North Yorkshire economy. In particular the ambition for more affordable, high quality and low carbon homes. It is proposed that priority is given to schemes that deliver the following priorities:
- Low carbon and modern methods of construction
 - Enhanced energy efficiency standards
 - Decarbonised heat measures
 - Adaptable and accessible properties to support local needs
 - Enhanced place making.
- 3.6 It should be noted, that the intervention rate has been set by Government for the Programme and, whilst the rate per scheme may vary, the average should be £14,000 per home. The target to deliver with the initial £12.7m is therefore to unlock 900-1000 homes.
- 3.7 Achieving this level of homes unlocked with the modest £14,000 average intervention per homes represents a significant risk in York and North Yorkshire, especially with the condensed delivery window of Nov 23 (when the MCA is created and funding drawn down) through to Mar 25.
- 3.8 Government are currently indicating no flexibility in the delivery window or intervention rate for the scheme, therefore to maximise the delivery potential we will operate an open call for projects across a broad range of partners to ascertain the strength of the pipeline. This call will go out in December 22 and will include a range of promotional activity including workshops for interested parties.
- 3.9 Annex A - The prospectus attached to this report sets out the details of the scheme.
- 4.0 Net Zero Fund (£7m)**
- 4.1 The purpose of the York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund is to enable the area to drive green economic growth towards our ambitions to be a carbon negative region.
- 4.2 Initially, we are looking for proposals that will help to deliver the initial £7m funding allocation. However, we will also seek to build up a pipeline of further projects for future years.
- 4.3 The aim is to enable the development and delivery of net zero projects, aligned with York and North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative. This includes £6m of capital funding and £1m of revenue funding. The capital funding will enable the delivery of net zero projects whilst the revenue funding will support the development of a future pipeline of investible net zero projects. The Fund is therefore being delivered under two programmes of activity:

Programme 1: Capital Grants for Project Delivery (£6m)

- 4.4 The fund will enable the delivery of net zero projects that otherwise would not happen. Projects will support the implementation of York and North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative, City of York's Climate Change Strategy and the forthcoming North Yorkshire Council's Climate Change Strategy.
- 4.5 Grant funding is available to public and private sector bodies within York and North Yorkshire who are wanting to deliver local net zero projects for communal or public benefit. This includes Local Authorities, Community Groups, Charities or Businesses
- 4.6 This element of the funding is for capital expenditure only, and can fund a broad range of interventions that unlock the delivery of net zero projects that otherwise would not happen. This includes:
- Installation of renewable energy generation
 - Grid connection
 - On site infrastructure
 - Low carbon equipment / machinery
 - Capacity to support any of the capital delivery activity detailed above where it is directly attributable to the creation or maintenance of a capital asset

Programme 2: Project Development Support (£1m)

- 4.7 The fund will support the development of net zero projects, from initial propositions up to full business cases. This will enable us to build an investible pipeline of projects that will make a significant contribution to delivering net zero, energy security and economic growth.
- 4.8 Funding will support project development, including initial project scoping, feasibility studies and business case development up to investor-ready stage and grants are available to public and private sector bodies operating within York and North Yorkshire, who are wanting to develop local net zero projects for communal or public benefit. These include Local Authorities and other public sector organisations, Community Groups, Charities or Businesses
- 4.9 The funding is for revenue expenditure only, and can fund a range of interventions that support net zero project development up to business case stage. Eligible revenue expenditure includes:
- Project scoping
 - Community engagement
 - Feasibility studies
 - Business case development.
- 4.10 For both Programme 1 (Capital Grants) and Programme 2 (Project Development Support) applications must contribute to the overall ambition for York and North Yorkshire to be a carbon negative economy. Projects must deliver on one or more strategic priority within York & North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative, across:
- Power
 - Heat & Buildings
 - Transport
 - Business & Industry
 - Land Use, Agriculture & Marine.

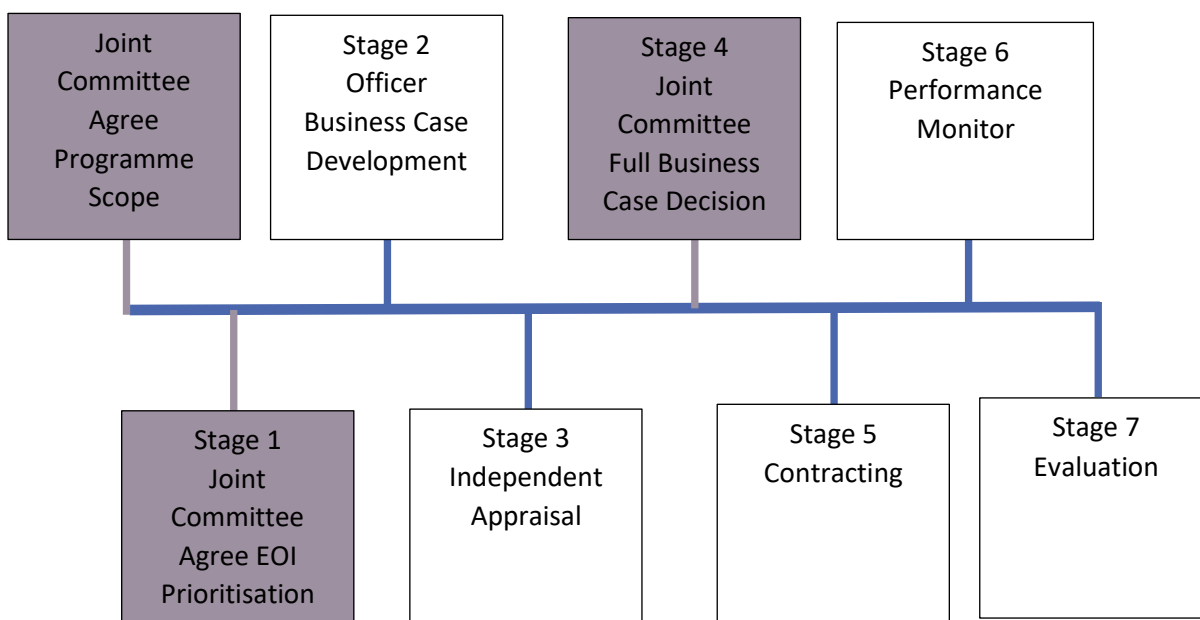
4.11 Annex B - The prospectus for these two programmes under the Net Zero Fund are attached to this report. This sets out the detail of the Fund. The intention again is to launch this Fund in December 2023 with spend to start from November/December 2023.

5.0 Assurance Process

5.1 The York and North Yorkshire LEP currently operates a Green Book compliant assurance process which has been approved by DLUHC through the LEP Assurance Framework. Based on this process an interim Combined Authority process has been developed to support appraisal and decision making. Annex C - provides an overview of the process.

5.2 For the purposes of clarity, the Devolution Joint Committee will make the following decisions within the process

1. Agree the Project Scope Pack (This meeting)
2. At the Expression of Interest stage, agrees the prioritised list of shortlisted projects
3. A Full Business Plan Stage approves individual investments.



6.0 Roles and Responsibilities

6.1 In order to retain independence in the decision making process, the York and North Yorkshire LEP will undertake the programme management and appraisal function in advance of the MCA being created.

6.2 With the LEP being fully integrated into the MCA, the LEP team will be in scope for TUPE and this model will therefore support continuity of delivery and retention of skills.

6.3 Notwithstanding the above, investments decisions will be made by the Joint Committee.

7.0 Resources to Support Delivery

7.1 Once these two Funds are launched there will be resource implications in terms of the following:

- Communications – Both calls will need some level of comms to ensure they reach as wide an audience as possible. This will primarily be done through existing networks and through Local Authority contacts, however there will be some call for press releases and marketing.

- Webinars/information sessions – In order to provide potential applicants with detailed information about the Funds it is proposed to host a series of funding webinars, these will need to be set up and organised.
- Responding to calls – Open funding calls of this nature will always trigger a series of questions. These will need to be managed and responded to. This may have a significant impact on existing resources in dealing with these queries.
- Legal and Assurance – There will be some significant resource implication in receiving, assessing, appraising and responding to the applications submitted.
- Developing the business cases and projects – primarily this will be the task of the potential applicants but to ensure high quality applications some assistance and support will be required.

7.2 The level of resource required and currently available is being assessed. This will cover the next six months for the supporting the call process and will be approved by the S151 Officers in accordance with their devolved responsibilities.

7.3 It should be noted that the devolution included £378k capacity funding to support the Brownfield Programme.

8.0 Financial implications

8.1 The financial implications are set out in the body of this report.

9.0 Legal implications

9.1 The legal implications are set out in the body of this report.

10.0 Climate change Implications

10.1 There are no significant climate change implications arising from this report.

11.0 Equalities implications

11.1 There are no significant equalities implications arising from this report.

12.0 Recommendation

12.1 The Joint Committee are asked to endorse the prospectuses and process for these two Funds to enable them to progress and call for proposals.

12.2 To note the resource implications for delivering these programmes and that sign off for any expenditure will be approved by the S151 officers in accordance with their devolved responsibilities.

Contact Officer: James Farrar, Chief Operating Officer, York & North Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership

YORK & NORTH
YORKSHIRE

ANNEX A

Brownfield Housing Fund



England's first city region *and* rural powerhouse

Brownfield Housing Fund

Background

On the 1st August 2022 a Devolution Deal between the government and the local authorities of York and North Yorkshire was announced. This included the proposal to establish a York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

As a mayoral combined authority, the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority will be awarded £12.7 million of devolved capital funding across 2023/24 and 2024/25 to support the building of new homes on brownfield land.

This prospectus sets out an opportunity to bid for this funding.

Initially we are looking for proposals that will help to deliver this initial funding allocation. However we would also like to build up a pipeline of further projects for future years, so we would still like to hear from you about potential future housing opportunities.

Key Dates

Launch of call for proposals – 12th December 2022

Closing date for Expressions of Interest – Noon 20th January 2023

Shortlisting of prioritised Proposals – 24th February 2023

Full Business Case Submission – open between 1st March to 28th April 2023

Approval – From June 2023

Funding Available – December 2023

Housing starts target to be delivered by March 2025.

TOGETHER WE CAN

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

Brownfield Housing Fund

£12.7m of funding
Unlocking **900-1000** new homes started
on site by End **March 2025**

What is the York and North Yorkshire Brownfield Housing Fund

The Purpose

The purpose of the York and North Yorkshire brownfield housing fund is to unlock housing development on brownfield sites to enable new homes to start on site by March 2025.

Priority will be given to schemes that help to deliver affordable, accessible and low carbon housing, creating sustainable and high quality places.

As part of the York and North Yorkshire Devolution Deal, we have received an allocation from the Governments Brownfield Housing Fund of £12.7m. The target with this investment is to unlock 900-1000 homes. The intervention rate necessary to achieve this target is around £14,000 per home unlocked. This intervention rate will be considered when assessing schemes but higher rates will be looked at under specific circumstances and if a strong case can be made. Other factors such as strategic fit and value for money of the scheme will also be assessed.

Who can apply for funding?

Funding is available to public and private sector bodies across the housing sector (subject to the production of a strong and compliant Business Case). Bodies include:

- Local Authorities within York and North Yorkshire
- Housing Associations/Registered Providers
- Private Sector Developers (subject to Subsidy Control Compliance)
- Any other Housing Developers (i.e. community cooperatives)

What Type of investments can be funded?

The funding is for capital expenditure only, and can fund a range of interventions that unlock the development of housing on brownfield land which would otherwise not happen.

Eligible capital expenditure could be:

- Off site infrastructure
- Place infrastructure such as public realm, place-making interventions
- Site remediation and demolition to prepare sites
- On site infrastructure
- Direct delivery of new homes
- Site acquisition and land assembly
- Capacity to support any of the capital delivery activity detailed above where it is directly attributable to the creation or maintenance of a capital asset

Meeting local Strategic Priorities.

The Fund will contribute to the overall aspirations and vision for the York and North Yorkshire economy. In particular the ambition for more affordable, high quality and low carbon homes. This will include:

- Low carbon and modern methods of construction
- Enhanced energy efficiency standards
- Decarbonised heat measures
- Adaptable and accessible properties to support local needs
- Enhanced place making

Brownfield Housing Fund

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Gateway Criteria

Every scheme must:

- Be on brownfield land (note 1);
- Evidence the rationale for public sector intervention
- Be unlocked with new home starts by 31st March 2025 (note 2)
- Achieve a minimum Benefit Cost Ratio (BCR) of 1 (note 3)
- Must be located in York and North Yorkshire (note 4)

Other Assessment Criteria?

Schemes must also:

- Contribute towards the strategic priorities of York and North Yorkshire (Regional strategic fit)
- Show evidence of local support including alignment with planning policy. Local economic, growth and housing strategies (Local strategic fit).
- Clearly address housing need including affordability and rural housing needs (Housing Need)
- Be sustainable and contributing to the regions ambition to be carbon negative (Low Carbon)
- Consider all risks and mitigating actions (Risk Analysis)
- Be deliverable with a clear plan, capacity and expertise in place to deliver the proposed scheme (Deliverability)
- Address a market failure showing a clear rationale why the scheme would not otherwise be delivered (Need for Intervention)
- Demonstrate place making and high quality homes. (Place Making)

- **Unlock Brownfield Land**
- **Support provision of affordable housing**
- **Contribute to economic growth priorities for York and North Yorkshire**
- **Enable high quality homes with great place making**
- **Deliver sustainable and low carbon housing**

Compatibility with Other Funding

We encourage co-funding of schemes where the opportunity exists. Investments through this fund should always add the maximum value and this should be clearly proven and evidenced by the applicant.

Early discussion with other funding bodies is needed to ascertain compatibility.

Notes:

Note 1: A brownfield site is an area that has been used before and tends to be disused or derelict land.

Note 2: We are also interested in building a pipeline of schemes for future funding rounds so would welcome Expressions of Interest for schemes with delivery outcomes beyond March 2025

Note 3: BCR of 1 means Benefit Cost Ratio as defined in the HM Treasury Green Book

Note 4: York and North Yorkshire means the Local Authority areas of the City of York and North Yorkshire County

York and North Yorkshire Brownfield Housing Fund

**Complete an Expression of
Interest Form by Noon 20th
January 2023**

Process

All schemes will be assessed and processed through the YNYLEP Assurance Framework.

The process consists of two stages:

Stage 1: Identifying a pipeline of Schemes

All potential schemes will need to complete an initial Expression of Interest form. This will be assessed, scored and prioritised based on the principles set out above. This prioritised list will form the pipeline. A reserve and longer term pipeline will also be developed.

Stage 2: Business Case Development

Applications on the prioritised pipeline will be supported to develop their schemes to produce high quality, compliant business cases.

Full business cases will be assessed and presented to the Joint Committee for the MCA. for a decision.

Once approved the grant recipient will claim funding in arrears. Progress will be monitored against agreed contract and delivery milestones and outputs delivered.

LINK to ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

How much can you apply for?

There is no set limit to the amount that can be applied for but it should be noted that the total Fund (upto March 2025) is £12.7m and the intervention rate necessary to achieve the overall target of new homes started is around £14,000 per home.

This intervention rate will be considered as part of the assessment but higher rates can be considered if a clear rationale is evidenced (for example rural housing sites, projects which are delivering net zero carbon use homes or homes designed to meet higher accessibility standards where costs are higher)

How to Apply?

Complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form and return no later than Noon 20th January 2023 to the following email address
xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

TOGETHER WE CAN

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

York and North Yorkshire

Brownfield Housing Fund

Future Opportunities

Although the main purpose of this call is to identify eligible and deliverable schemes within the parameters set out by the initial funding, we are also interested in longer term opportunities to develop future programmes to support housing development across York and North Yorkshire.

Therefore, even if you do not have a scheme that would meet the Brownfield Housing Fund criteria, we would still like to hear from you. Please use the Expression of Interest form to submit your potential proposal.

**We are keen to hear about
future opportunities**

TOGETHER WE CAN

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

Contact for more details:

TOGETHER WE CAN

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE

ANNEX B

Net Zero Fund



England's first city region *and* rural powerhouse

Net Zero Fund

£7m of funding to develop and deliver a pipeline of net zero projects

Background

On the 1st August 2022 a Devolution Deal between the Government and the Local Authorities of York and North Yorkshire was announced. This included the proposal to establish a York and North Yorkshire Mayoral Combined Authority.

As a mayoral combined authority, the York and North Yorkshire Combined Authority will be awarded £7 million of funding across **2023/24 and 2024/25** to enable the area to drive green economic growth towards our ambitions to be a carbon negative region. This prospectus sets out an opportunity to bid for this funding.

Initially, we are looking for proposals that will help to deliver this initial funding allocation. However, we would also like to build up a pipeline of further projects for future years, so we would still like to hear from you about potential future net zero projects.

The Purpose

The purpose of the York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund is to enable the development and delivery of net zero projects, aligned with York and North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative.

This includes £1m of revenue funding and £6m of capital funding. The revenue funding will support the *development* of net zero projects, and the capital funding will enable the *delivery* of net zero projects.

1. Project Development Support

For the £1m revenue funding, supporting the development of projects will enable us to build an investible pipeline of projects that will make a significant contribution to delivering net zero, energy security and economic growth.

The fund will support project scoping, community engagement, feasibility studies and business case development.

2. Capital Grants for Project Delivery

The fund will enable the delivery of net zero projects that otherwise would not happen.

The fund will provide capital grants to Local Authorities and community groups to deliver net zero projects.

TOGETHER WE CAN

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

Net Zero Fund – Project Development

£1m of funding to support the development of net zero projects – from idea to investor-ready

What is the York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund?

The Purpose - Project Development Support

The fund will support the development of net zero projects, from initial propositions up to full business cases. This will enable us to build an investible pipeline of projects that will make a significant contribution to delivering net zero, energy security and economic growth.

Funding will support project development, including initial project scoping, feasibility studies and business case development up to investor-ready stage.

Who can apply for funding?

Grants are available to public and private sector bodies operating within York and North Yorkshire, who are wanting to develop **local net zero projects for communal or public benefit**.

Bodies include:

- Local Authorities and other public sector organisations
- Community Groups
- Charities
- Businesses

What Type of activities can be funded?

The funding is for revenue expenditure only, and can fund a range of interventions that support net zero project development up to business case stage.

Eligible revenue expenditure includes:

- Project scoping
- Community engagement
- Feasibility studies
- Business case development

Meeting local Strategic Priorities.

The Fund will contribute to the overall ambition for York and North Yorkshire to be a carbon negative economy. Projects must deliver on one or more strategic priority within York & North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative, across:

- Power
- Heat & Buildings
- Transport
- Business & Industry
- Land Use, Agriculture & Marine

See further details XXX.

York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund – Project Development

Process

All schemes will be assessed and processed through the YNYLEP Assurance Framework.

There will be two opportunities to apply for funding for the development of net zero projects:

1. Round one - First application window

Launch of project development fund – XXX December 2022

Closing date for applications - XXX February 2023

Approval – XXX May – June 2023

Funding Available – November 2023

Project completed by March 2025 (or sooner?)

2. Round two - Second application window

Launch of round two project development fund – XXX September 2023

Closing date for applications - XXX November 2023

Approval & Funding Available from – XXX February 2024

Project completed by March 2025.

Applications will be assessed and presented to the Joint Committee for the MCA for a decision.

Once approved the grant recipient will claim funding in arrears. Progress will be monitored against agreed contract and delivery milestones and outputs delivered.

LINK to ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

TOGETHER WE CAN

How much can you apply for?

There is no set limit to the amount that can be applied for but it should be noted that there is £1m revenue funding available for project development.

How to Apply?

For the first round of funding, complete an application form and return no later than XXX February 2023 to the following email address xxxxxxxxxxxxxx.

Net Zero Fund – Project Delivery

£6m of funding to unlock the delivery of net zero projects

What is the York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund?

The Purpose – Capital Grants for Project Delivery

The fund will enable the delivery of net zero projects that otherwise would not happen. Projects will support the implementation of York and North Yorkshire’s Routemap to Carbon Negative, York’s Climate Change Strategy and the forthcoming North Yorkshire Council’s Climate Change Strategy.

Who can apply for funding?

Grant funding is available to public and private sector bodies within York and North Yorkshire who are wanting to deliver local net zero projects for communal or public benefit (subject to the production of a strong and compliant Business Case).

Bodies include:

- Local Authorities
- Community Groups
- XXX

What Type of activities can be funded?

The funding is for capital expenditure only, and can fund a range of interventions that unlock the delivery of net zero projects that otherwise would not happen.

Eligible capital expenditure could be:

- Installation of renewable energy generation
- Grid connection
- On site infrastructure
- Low carbon equipment / machinery
- Capacity to support any of the capital delivery activity detailed above where it is directly attributable to the creation or maintenance of a capital asset

Meeting local Strategic Priorities.

The Fund will contribute to the overall ambition for York and North Yorkshire to be a carbon negative economy. Projects must deliver on one or more strategic priority within York & North Yorkshire’s Routemap to Carbon Negative, across:

- Power
- Heat & Buildings
- Transport
- Business & Industry
- Land Use, Agriculture & Marine

York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund – Project Delivery

**Complete an Expression of
Interest Form by Noon 20th
January 2023**

Process

All schemes will be assessed and processed through the YNYLEP Assurance Framework.

The process consists of two stages:

Stage 1: Identifying a pipeline of projects

All potential schemes will need to complete an initial Expression of Interest form. This will be assessed, scored and prioritised based on the principles set out in the Assessment Criteria. This prioritised list will form the pipeline. A reserve and longer term pipeline will also be developed.

Stage 2: Business Case Development

Applications on the prioritised pipeline will be supported to develop their schemes to produce high quality, compliant business cases.

Full business cases will be assessed and presented to the Joint Committee for the MCA. for a decision.

Once approved the grant recipient will claim funding in arrears. Progress will be monitored against agreed contract and delivery milestones and outputs delivered.

LINK to ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK

How much can you apply for?

There is no set limit to the amount that can be applied for but it should be noted that there is a total of £6m available within the fund.

How to Apply?

Complete an Expression of Interest (EOI) form and return no later than Noon 20th January 2023 to the following email address
xxxxxxxxxxxxxx

Key Dates

Launch of project delivery fund – XXX December 2022

Closing date for Expressions of Interest – Noon 20th January 2023

Shortlisting of prioritised Proposals – 24th February 2023

Full Business Case Submission – open between 1st March to 28th April 2023

Approval – From June 2023

Funding Available – December 2023

Project completion by March 2025.

TOGETHER WE CAN

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

Net Zero Fund

York & North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative – Strategic Priorities

Power

1. Increase low carbon energy generation - including Solar PV, onshore wind, anaerobic digestion and hydropower.
2. Improve energy infrastructure
3. Accelerate Carbon Capture, Utilisation & Storage (CCUS) deployment and ensure hydrogen readiness

Heat & Buildings

1. Retrofit buildings at scale to reduce energy demand
2. Phase-out fossil fuel use
3. Future-proof new buildings - including energy efficiency measures, low carbon heating solutions and bio based construction methods
4. Ensure hydrogen readiness

Transport

1. Increase active travel
2. Decarbonise and increase use of public transport
3. Enable the shift to low carbon vehicles - including

shared ownership/mobility schemes, electric vehicles (EVs), electric bikes and other micro mobility devices

4. Enable cleaner logistics

Business & Industry

1. Improve energy and resource efficiency of business operations
2. Decarbonise heat and power supply - including electrification, fuel-switching to bioenergy, district heat networks and renewables installation
3. Develop cleaner logistics
4. Move towards circular business models and sustainable supply chains

Land Use, Agriculture & Marine

1. Improve productivity to reduce emissions - including low carbon technologies, improved management of rivers and streams, and creating resilient, sustainable food supply chains
2. Increase storage of carbon in our landscapes - including increasing regenerative agriculture, tree and hedgerow planting, restoring peatland
3. Enhancing marine and coastal ecosystems to improve carbon sequestration.

TOGETHER WE CAN

York and North Yorkshire Net Zero Fund

ASSESSMENT CRITERIA

Gateway Criteria

Every scheme must:

- Support net zero (note 1);
- Provide communal or public benefit (note 2)
- Evidence the rationale for public sector intervention
- Be delivered and funding drawn down by 31st March 2025 (note 3)
- Must be located in York and North Yorkshire (note 4)

Assessment Criteria?

Schemes will also be assessed against the following criteria:

- 1. Regional Strategic Fit** Contribute towards the strategic priorities within York and North Yorkshire's Routemap to Carbon Negative, as outlined on the previous page. These strategic priorities are set out across the region's high-emitting sectors of Power, Heat & Buildings, Transport, Business & Industry, Land Use, Agriculture & Marine. Projects must support the delivery of at least one strategic priority. The full document can be found [here](#).
- 2. Local Strategic Fit** Show evidence of local support including alignment with Local Authority Climate Change Strategies (i.e., York Climate Change Strategy, North Yorkshire Council's Climate Change Strategy), Local Area Energy Plans and planning policy.
- 3. Impact** Show evidence of expected impacts of the project, including: Greenhouse Gas (GHG) Emissions reduction or sequestration; renewable energy generation; economic

and social benefits (e.g., creation of high quality jobs, community wealth building).

3. Risks Consider all risks and identify mitigating actions.

4. Deliverability Be deliverable with a clear plan, capacity, expertise and additional funding (where required) in place to deliver the proposed project within the timescales of the fund.

5. Need for Intervention Projects must address a market failure and provide a clear rationale why the project would not otherwise be delivered.

Compatibility with Other Funding

We encourage co-funding of schemes where the opportunity exists.

Investments through this fund should always add the maximum value and this should be clearly proven and evidenced by the applicant.

Early discussion with other funding bodies is needed to ascertain compatibility.

Notes:

Note 1: Net zero refers to reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and achieving a balance between greenhouse gas emissions and greenhouse gas removals.

Note 2: Communal or public benefit refers to **XXX**

Note 3: We are also interested in building a pipeline of schemes for future funding rounds so would welcome Expressions of Interest for schemes with delivery outcomes beyond March 2025

Note 4: York and North Yorkshire means the Local Authority areas of the City of York and North Yorkshire County.

TOGETHER WE CAN

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

York and North Yorkshire **Net Zero Fund**

Future Opportunities

Although the main purpose of this call is to identify eligible and deliverable schemes within the parameters set out by the initial funding, we are also interested in longer term opportunities to develop future programmes to support housing development across York and North Yorkshire.

Therefore, even if you do not have a scheme that would meet the Net Zero Fund criteria or timelines, we would still like to hear from you. Please use the Expression of Interest form to submit your potential proposal.

**We are keen to hear about
future opportunities**

TOGETHER WE CAN

YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

Contact for more details:

TOGETHER WE CAN

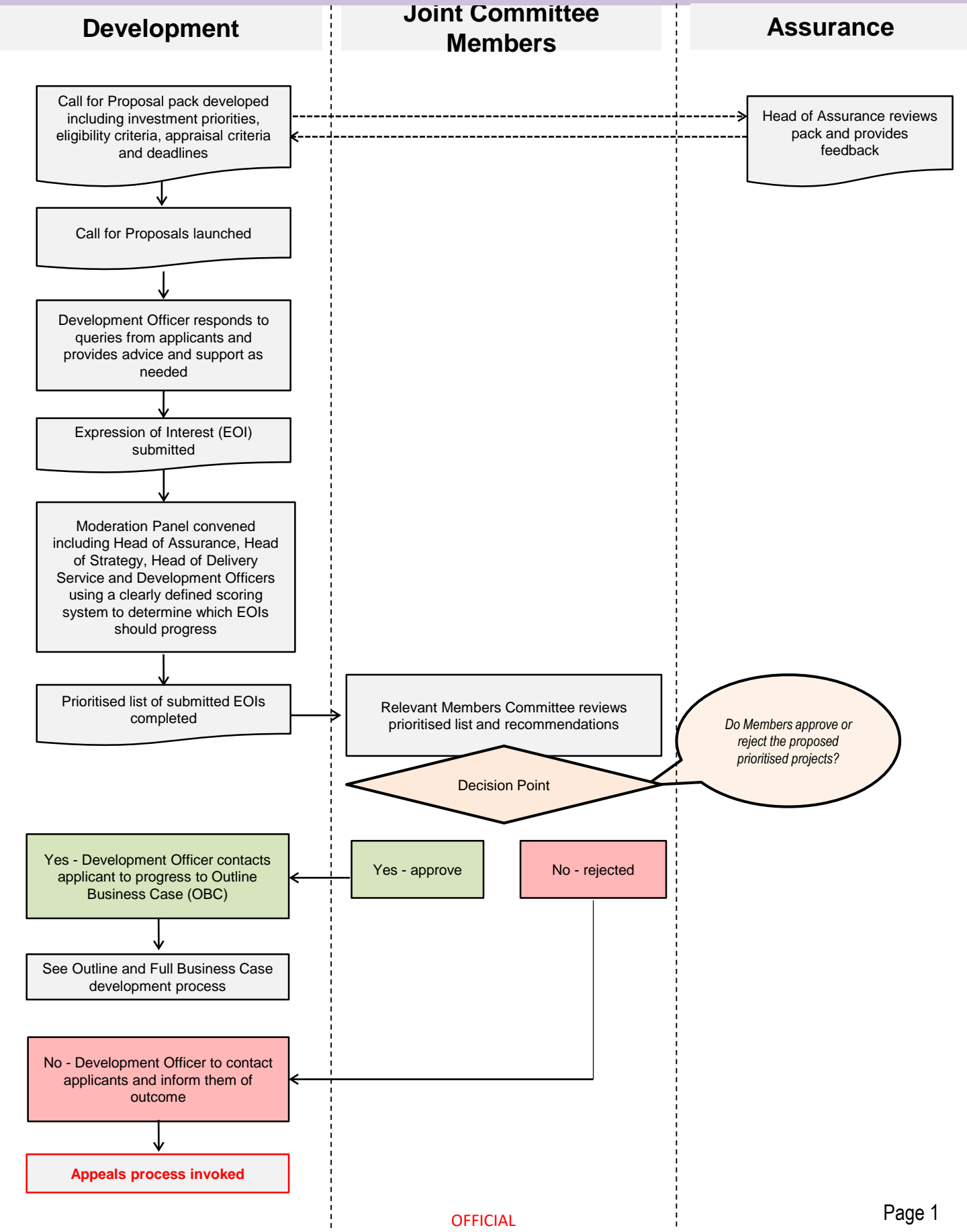
YORK & NORTH YORKSHIRE
DEVOLUTION

York & North Yorkshire Combined Authority

Standard Assurance process



Prospectus and call for proposals (40 days)

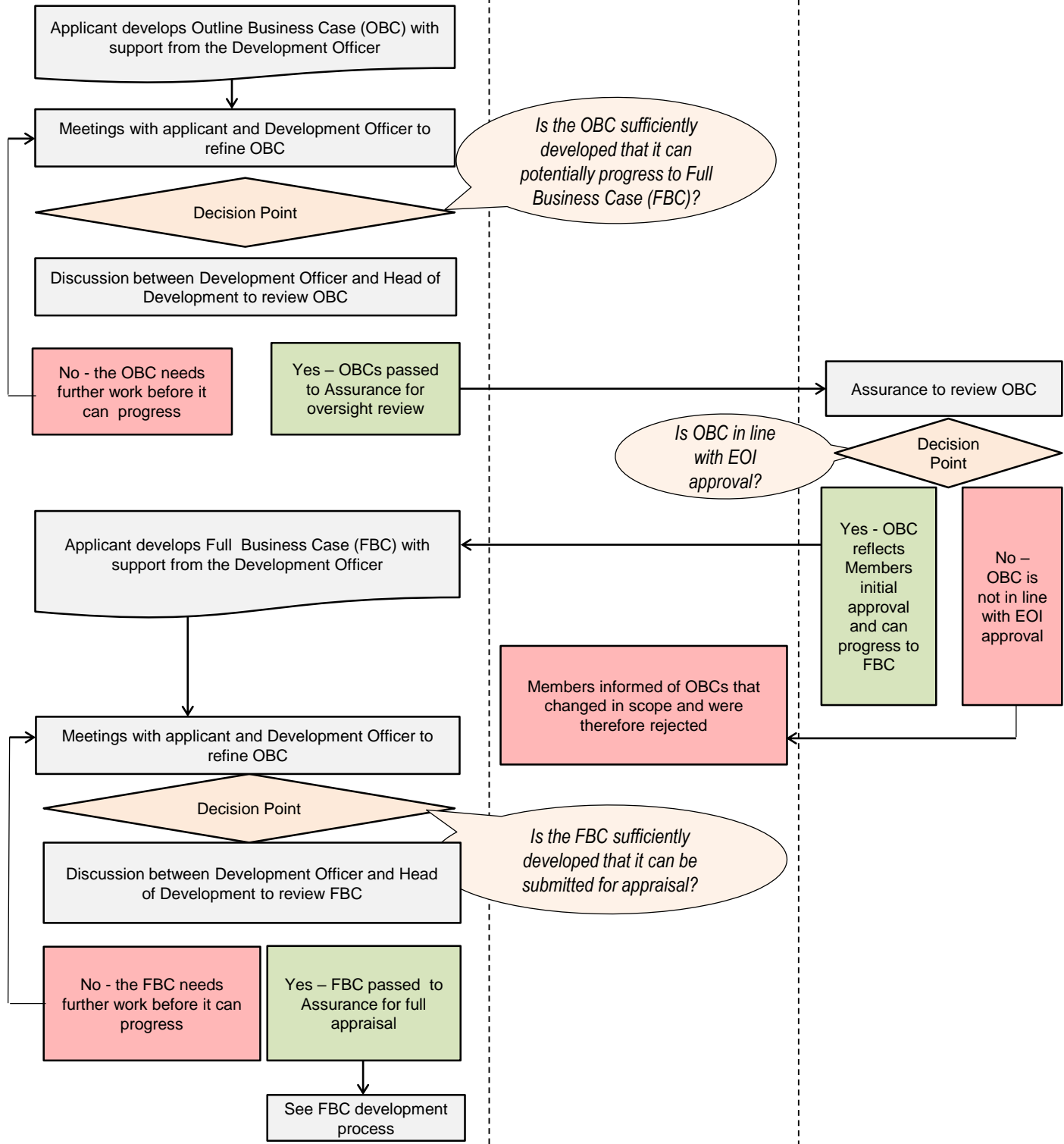


Outline and Full Business Case

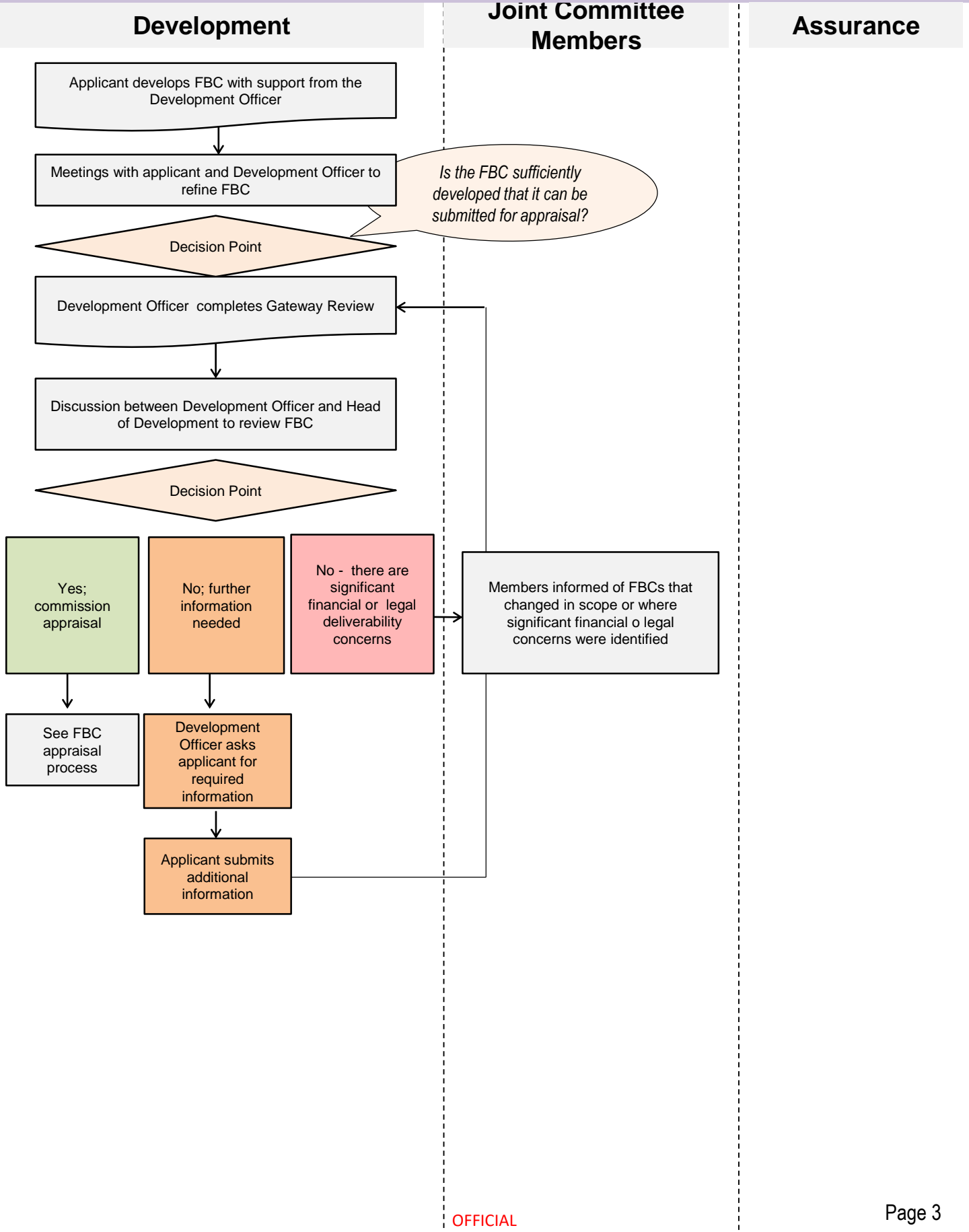
Development

Joint Committee Members

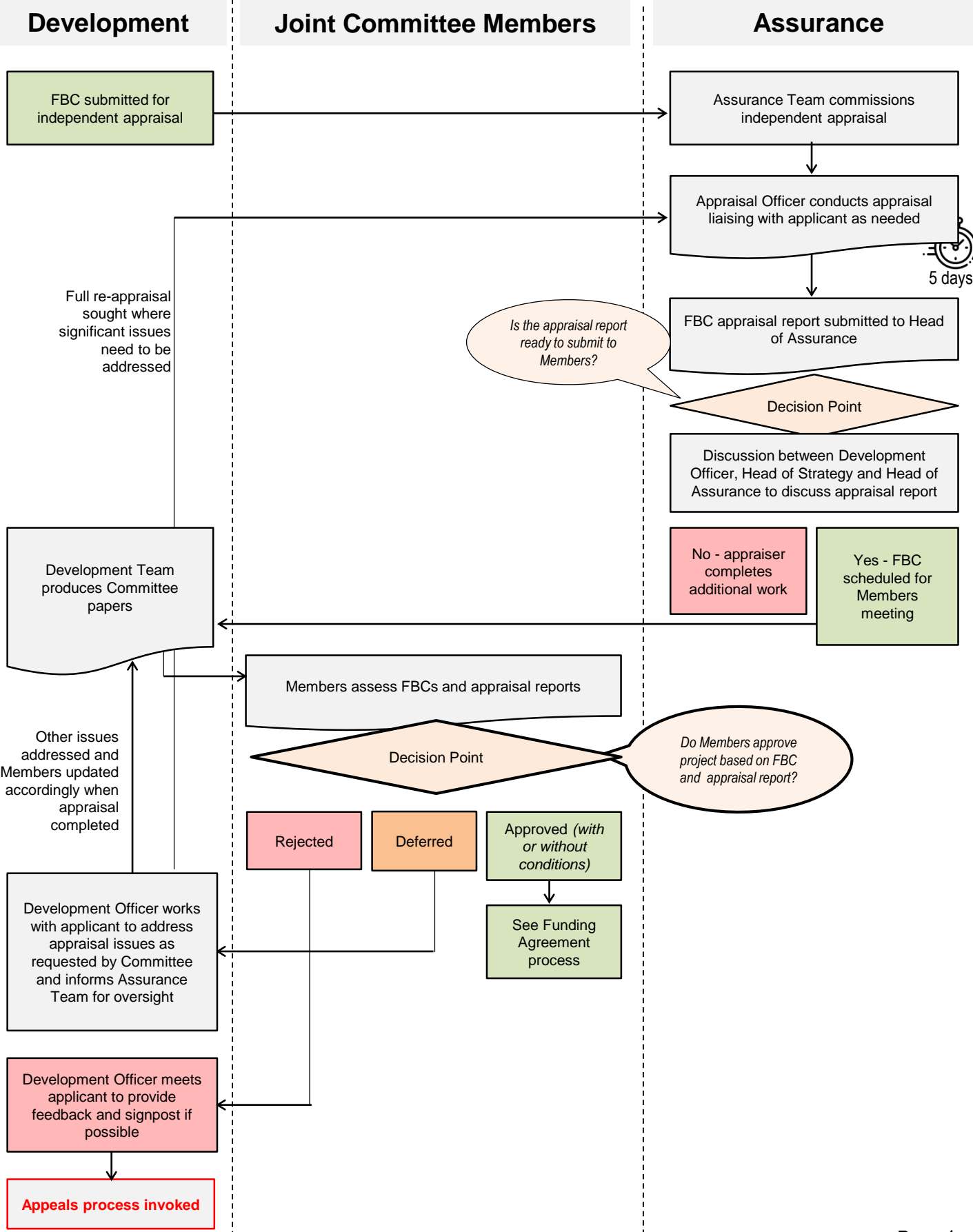
Assurance



Full Business Case development (40 days)



Full Business Case appraisal (40 days)

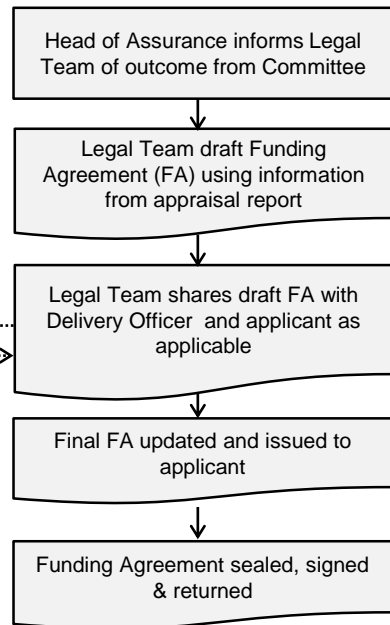


Funding Agreement process (40 days)

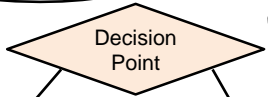
Delivery

Assurance

Delivery Officer reviews draft FA and returns with any comments for Legal Team



Project sponsor submits Monitoring & Evaluation Plan within 3 months of signing Funding Agreement



Is Plan sufficiently robust?

No; Delivery Officer arranges meeting with applicant to review the Monitoring & Evaluation Plan

Yes; proceed to monitoring stage

Applicant updates Monitoring & Evaluation Plan

Delivery Officer signs them off when all feedback has been addressed

Internal monitoring process

Delivery

Joint Committee Members

