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In order to stimulate economic growth and contribute to the development of the economic ambitions outlined in the D2N2 Strategic Economic Plan (SEP), the D2N2 Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) will need to continue to secure Government investment in strategically beneficial economic growth projects over the coming years.

As part of the delivery of the SEP, D2N2 invited proposals for infrastructure schemes for consideration in anticipation of a new round of Growth Deal funding – “Local Growth Fund (LGF) 3”. The call for proposals focused on infrastructure schemes intended to support or unlock sustainable economic growth in the D2N2 area including broadband, energy, water supply, drainage, flood defence, site remediation, green infrastructure and transport schemes.

Project promoters were initially invited to complete a project proforma detailing the strategic, economic, financial, delivery and commercial case for their proposals, together with any supporting information. These initial proposals were submitted to D2N2 LEP in October 2015.

GENECON was originally appointed by D2N2 LEP in November 2015 to provide an independent assessment of these initial project proposals and make recommendations to the LEP on the prioritisation for potential LGF 3 funding. The “LGF 3 Initial Project Assessment” was completed in December 2015.

Following the completion of this initial assessment, D2N2 LEP invited a number of applicants to participate in workshop sessions organised by GENECON, during which they were advised on ways in which to strengthen their initial proposals.

Subsequent to this applicants were invited by D2N2 to resubmit their proposals for re-assessment by 1st April 2016. In some instances this involved applicants submitting individual proposals for projects that had previously been submitted as part of a programme. In others, entirely new project proposals were submitted. In parallel D2N2 LEP also re-opened the original call for proposals to encourage potential applicants to come forward with new LGF3 project proposals.