

Infrastructure Sub-Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting held
on Friday 12th November 2021
via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Board Members

Stephen Parnaby OBE (Chair)
Richard Beal, Beal Developments
Eman Allam-Forster, Allam Marine
David Garness, Garness Jones
Andrew Horncastle, The Horncastle Group
Mark Jones, Hull City Council
Linda Martin, The Sewell Group
Tim Rix, J R Rix & Sons

Guest

Stephen Silvester, ERYC

Secretariat

Karen Philipson, HEY LEP
Teresa Chalmers, HEY LEP
Karen Oliver-Spry, HEY LEP

1. **Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed Board members to the first meeting to the Infrastructure Board. Board members each gave a brief background introduction.

2. **Apologies**

Dominic Gibbons, Mark Barrett, Tony Kirby.

3. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chair explained that all members should make clear any Declarations of Interest to the Board either at the beginning of the meetings or as discussions arose.

The following Declarations were received:

Tim Rix - EZ Land - Item 5 - Stoneferry and Hedon Road, Hull

Andrew Horncastle –Item 5 & 6, Goole

Richard Beal – Multiple development sites across the area

4. **Chair's Update**

The Chair gave an overview of the Board's role

Key points included:

- Focus more on discussion items to gain the view of Board members on various matters, agreeing how we can move forward. This will then be a standard item on all future agendas.
- The major activity in the Humber including Freeports and the significance of the Net Zero/Decarbonation agenda in terms of future infrastructure projects and requirements.
- The Getting Building Fund will be standard reporting item on agenda until all projects were complete, along with other project funding reports.
- An introduction to the Hull & East Yorkshire LEP and its remit with an explanation of staffing structure – this agenda item will be further explored in the December informal meeting so that members can increase their understanding of issues.
- Future meetings schedule – these were agreed as bi-monthly.

The Purpose of the Board included:

- To maximise the use of funds for the HEY LEP.
- To assist partners and stakeholders to achieve successful infrastructure project delivery and outcomes.
- Partnership working, for example with the local authorities, the business community, and other statutory agencies – all working together towards supporting the economy of the area.
- This work goes hand in hand with skills and education to ensure the future workforce requirement are met.
- Securing projects by attracting major investments.

4a. The draft Terms of Reference (ToR) for the Board were highlighted and included:

- Transport
- Digital Agenda
- Flood Prevention
- Employment Sites
- Housing
- Capital Infrastructure

The Board agreed the Terms of Reference with one amendment to include Flood ‘Prevention’

5. Enterprise Zones – Outputs/Impacts

Mark Jones, Hull City Council (HCC) and Stephen Silvester, East Riding of Yorkshire Council, (ERYC) updated the Board on the Enterprise Zone portfolio within Hull & East Riding, demonstrating the breadth of the investment portfolio and the future plans for project delivery.

An update was also provided on developments at Melton West Business Park. and at Junction 36, Goole.

6. Fusion Project, Goole

Update from Stephen Silvester updated on this proposal

Members agreed to support this project in principle and for these recommendations to go to the main Board . Action – Stephen Parnaby

These were noted by the Board

7. Getting Build Fund

Karen Oliver-Spry, Investment Programme Manager, gave an overview to Board members of the infrastructure projects within the LEP’s Getting Building Fund programme.

Key points included: -

- The Infrastructure Board is required to review and scrutinise programme delivery in relation to infrastructure projects, making recommendations to the LEP Board.
- The full programme comprises three business support schemes and three infrastructure schemes.
- There is no call on the HEY LEP's core budget to support delivery of the Investment programmes at the current time. However, there will be ongoing programme monitoring requirements to at least 2025.

Noted by Board Members

8. North East & Yorkshire Energy Hub

Karen Oliver-Spry, Investment Programme Manager, gave an overview of the LEP's involvement with the North East and Yorkshire Energy Hub and summarised associated Hub activity within the HEY area. Future plans are to rename the Energy Hubs as Net Zero Hubs once funding has been confirmed.

- The aim of the Energy Hub is to bring together local authorities, businesses, organisations and communities to help achieve local energy goals and deliver local energy strategy. The core role of the locally based Energy Project Managers specifically is to provide additional capacity to identify potential local energy projects and develop them into fundable propositions.
- The Energy Hubs are currently funded to 31st March 2023. However, the Government's recently published Net Zero Strategy affirmed its commitment to the Energy Hubs (soon to be rebranded as local Net Zero Hubs) as a vehicle for supporting the transition to Net Zero and it seems likely that the Energy Hubs' remit may broaden as a result

Noted by Board Members

9. **Discussion Item – Development Opportunities**

Stephen Parnaby outlined the purpose of this ‘discussion’ item: -

- What can we do better, how can we break down barriers and help investment? What can we influence as a LEP?
- Suggestions from board members included to look and discuss a development in its entirety, e.g. construction in its wider sense including planning, working with government agencies and access to utilities.
- Build on the good Local Authority co-operation already in place
- Develop a range of good and compelling case studies
- Engage local MP’s so they can see the value of the private/public sector investment and support the LEP to act as the voice from a local perspective.

Other suggestions for future discussion items included: -

- Transport
- The Hospital/NHS proposed investment which is being led by Chris O’Neill.

The Board agreed: -

- **this would be a useful approach to act as collective from this Board**
- **to look at the LEP commissioned Economic Impact Reports – Post Covid at the meeting on 10th December**
- **Expand discussion at the meeting in February 2022 with further ideas from Board Members**

10. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business

11. **Date and time of next meeting**

Friday 10th December 2021 at 10 am – Venue tbc

It was agreed this will be an informal meeting with input from the LEP Officers in terms of staff structure, the LEP funding and its purpose.

Signed:

**Stephen Parnaby OBE
Chair**

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