

Hull and East Yorkshire LEP Board
Infrastructure Board
Report by Stephen Parnaby OBE, Chair, Infrastructure Board
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1. Summary

The Infrastructure Board held its first meeting on Friday 12th November 2021.

As the minutes are not yet published, this paper provides a high-level summary of the meeting.

2. Recommendations

Fusion Project, Goole

- The Board agrees and supports the project in principle.
- The Board recommends the main LEP Board endorses this project, recognising its potential to deliver a significant number of jobs and be a global model for the UK.
- To approach other LEPS within Yorkshire and possibly wider, to secure support for the bid through this LEP.

3. Report

3.1. The following items were discussed:

- **Enterprise Zones - Outputs/Impacts**
 - Updates and presentations to the Board on Enterprise Zone portfolio within the Hull & East Riding area, demonstrating significant investments across the geography using the business rate uplift. Presentations were given by Mark Jones, HCC and Stephen Silvester, ERYC
 - Stephen Silvester provided an update on the most recent proposals at Junction 36 at Goole and developments and potential transport links at Melton West Business Park, linking people to new jobs in the area.



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- **Getting Building Fund**

An overview of the infrastructure projects within the LEP's Getting Building Fund programme and summarises delivery progress of the Getting Building Fund to 30th September 2021.

All finances now committed and expected to deliver within the freedoms and flexibilities afforded to LEPs in terms of construction delays partly due to Covid impact.

- **North East and Yorkshire Energy Hub**

- Karen Oliver-Spry provided an overview of the LEP's involvement with the North East and Yorkshire Energy Hub and a high-level summary of potential developments in the HEY area.
- Government re-brand of the Energy Hubs to Net Zero Hubs expected within the near future, once funding confirmation is in place.
- An understanding of the Hubs being the 'other side' to industrial decarbonisation projects, working on the domestic market and linking with LAs and other partners to deliver outputs.

- **Discussion Item - Development Opportunities**

- **The Board discussed the areas of focus for work in the future, recognising the breath of the topic and where Board members could add strengths given their knowledge and experience.**
- **Several areas were considered including working across various government agencies, delays in planning agreements and land values requiring alternative funding solutions. This topic will be revisited at future meetings to help define agreed outcomes for the Board.**

4. Financial and resource implications

None at this stage.