

Hull and East Yorkshire LEP Board
Infrastructure Board
Report by Stephen Parnaby OBE, Chair, Infrastructure Board
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Paper H

1. Summary

1.1. The Infrastructure Board held its last meeting on Friday 18th February 2022.

1.2. This paper provides a high-level summary of the meeting.

2. Recommendations

2.1. That the Board notes the latest progress report.

3. Report

3.1. The following items were discussed:

- **HEY LEP Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy**

Andrew Hewitt noted that the HEY LEP Economic Growth and Workforce Wellbeing Strategy had been launched the previous day. He talked the board through the infrastructure elements of the strategy and undertook to hold a delivery planning session with the board at the next meeting.

- **Transport For The North**

Tony Kirby, the HEY LEP representative on the Tfn Board provided an update to the board. Patrick McLoughlin has taken chairmanship of Tfn. Following government review there has been announcement that Tfn will receive a one-year funding settlement for 2022/23 which constituted a 37% cut in funding year one year.

Integrated Rail Plan dominates current Tfn Board activity - Effects on trans-Pennine route for passengers is a key concern during construction – 120 days of closure for 10 years. Hull and East Riding have very little mention in this document. It was reported that Northern Rail passenger figures have returned to pre covid levels.

- **HM Land Registry – Local Land Charges Programme**

A presentation was received by the board on implementation of the Local Land Charges Programme across the HEY LEP area. This project will be rolled out over the coming years and will allow developers and land owners

a single point to access information on charges which are levied on land in the region.

- **Getting Building Fund**

Kirsty Barr, Investment Programme Co-ordinator, gave an overview of the infrastructure projects within the LEP's Getting Building Fund programme and summarises delivery progress of the Getting Building Fund to 31st December 2021.

Key points included:

- This delivery report reflects the situation at the last complete quarterly claim period to end of December 2021
- Projects continue to progress with all projects having submitted claims and output delivery starting to be seen, with progress being made in achieving jobs and completed road/cycleway. It should be noted that delivery of outputs such as houses will be achieved over a period of several years following investment and limited progress will be seen over coming months
- Hull and East Yorkshire Highways resilience programme has now claimed all GBF and all ERYC match. Remaining match from HCC will be achieved in Q4
- All remaining GBF for both the Hull and East Yorkshire Cycle Route Delivery Programme and Delivering Housing Growth (3) will be defrayed in Qtr.4, despite physical completion being unlikely until next F/Y with both projects seeing an overall increase in total project cost.

- **Discussion Items**

Discussion was held around developing case studies which can clearly communicate the issues which businesses are experiencing with the planning system. A small working group is being formed to action this.

Discussion was held around the possibility of better evidencing the impact of freight traffic increases on the rail network and its further economic potential. A small working group is being formed to action this.

4. Financial and resource implications

None at this stage.