

Infrastructure Sub-Board

Minutes of the Board Meeting held
on Friday 18th February 2022
via Microsoft Teams

Paper A

Attendance

Board Members

Stephen Parnaby OBE (Chair)
Mark Barrett, Risby Homes
Richard Beal, Beal Developments
David Garness, Garness Jones
Dominic Gibbons, Wykeland Group
Andrew Horncastle, The Horncastle Group
Tony Kirby, Local Transport Projects
Linda Martin, The Sewell Group

Secretariat

Karen Philipson, HEY LEP
Andrew Hewitt, HEY LEP
Phil Glover, HEY LEP
Kirsty Barr HEY LEP

Guests - Land Registry

Donna Ridgeway

Jamie Winch, Land Registry

Allison Bradbury

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chair welcomed Board Members to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Eman Allam-Forster
Mark Jones
Alan Menzies
Tim Rix

3. **Declarations of Interest**

The Chair reminded Board members they 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:

Tony Kirby – Local Transport Plan – Hull CC/Cycle Delivery Programme & LEP Study – Melton/Ferriby Parkway work.

Dominic Gibbons – Various development sites across the area

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 12th November 2021 & Matter Arising**

All Agreed and no matters arising.

5. **Chair's Update**

The Chair updated on the following: -

- **Levelling Up White Paper** – this was issued last week after several delays and sets out the governments approach to investment in the North. The paper sets out 12 key missions which the government are pursuing, including infrastructure aspirations pertaining to transport, digital and clean growth, but no more detail on funding at this stage.
- **LEP Review** - this is a review of the 39 LEPS - details of this were still awaited but direction of travel was outlined in the Levelling Up White Paper.
- **Opportunity Humber** – this is a government led initiative chaired by the Chief Executive of Reckitt Benckiser along with others appointed to this body from major investment companies in the Humber region, i.e. Orsted, Siemens, British Steel, Drax had been approached. Further details on role are awaited.
- **Combined Authorities** – government has given the go ahead for a 'County Deal' to be developed between Hull City Council and East Riding of Yorkshire Council, with the HEY LEP 'folding in' to the new combined authority – who will work together on strategic approaches to inward investment, economic regeneration, transport, housing etc

- **HEY LEP Strategy**

Andrew Hewitt noted that the HEY LEP Economic Growth and Workforce Wellbeing Strategy had been launched the previous day. This document communicates that in the period to 2026 HEY LEP will work to boost the economy by focusing its partnership activity on four key priorities:

Priority 1- Productive & Innovative Economy - To stimulate business growth, increase productivity and employment by developing the conditions in the HEY LEP area for business to start up, innovate, invest and trade

Priority 2 - Clean Growth Economy – To maximise opportunities to drive economic growth in green industries whilst meeting targets. To be a net zero carbon industrial cluster by 2040, and significantly lower carbon by 2030

Priority 3 - Skilled and Inclusive Economy – To lead the transformation of the HEY LEP regional skills profile, to deliver a highly skilled, healthy and productive workforce, reducing inequality and increasing life chances for our communities

Priority 4 - Competitive and Resilient Locations - To enhance the regions' infrastructure and natural assets to maximise contribution to the HEY LEP economy and generate competitive locations to invest, live and visit

6. **General Discussion/Future Actions**

- A discussion took place on issues surrounding the Planning System, transport, freight, and various agencies in general.
- **It was agreed that a small Working Group be set up to look at issues/case studies in further detail and report back to the Board. Nominations to be sent to Andy Hewitt – a.hewitt@heylep.com or Karen Philipson - k.philipson@heylep.com**
- **Invite agencies/utilities to the Working Group - agreed**
- **HEY LEP Strategy - agreed to have a wider discussion at next Board meeting to look at the direct infrastructure actions required to boost the economy up to 2026– agreed**
- **Tony Kirby/Andy Hewitt to look at the Freight aspect, plus other LEP colleagues in the area and report back to the Board**

7. **Transport for the North Update**

Tony Kirby, who is the representative for the LEP on TfN updated the Board on the following: -

- Lord Patrick McLoughlin is now the Chair of TfN
- Integrated Rail Plan dominates 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.
- TfN - 37% cut in funding - one year settlement only.
- Northern rail travel figures back to post-covid

8 **Infrastructure Investment Opportunity Discussion**

Phil Glover, Business Development Manager updated the Board on a recent visit from DMCC (Dubai Multi Commodities Centre) to Hull.

Key points covered were: -

- Import/export and how link in with Freeport agenda
- Investments – in/out
- Knowledge enhancement i.e., Offshore Wind agenda etc
- Opportunities for commercial partnerships/mergers
- Infrastructure - for example decarbonisation, energy infrastructure, real estate/city centre opportunities, industrial developments
- Major infrastructure investment possibilities i.e., Lagoon, cruise terminal
- UK visit on 18th March – possible roundtable/individual meetings to be set up should board members be interested.

Agreed to circulate a summary to Board Members with a view to setting up future possible meeting.

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

Donna Ridgeway, Allison Bradbury & Jamie Winch presented to the Board on the Local Land Charges Programme.

The presentation will be circulated to Board Members

10 **Getting Build 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.

Noted by Board Members

10. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business

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

Friday 29th April 2022, 10 am at the Aura Innovation Centre

Signed:

Stephen Parnaby OBE
Chair

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