

Infrastructure Sub-Board

DRAFT Minutes of the Board Meeting held
on Friday 26th August 2022
At Aura Innovation Centre

Attendance

Board Members

Stephen Parnaby OBE (Chair)
Mark Barrett
Claire Hoskins
David Garness
Dominic Gibbons
Andrew Horncastle
Cllr Ieronimo
Tony Kirby
Tim Rix
Alan Menzies
Mark Jones

Secretariat

Karen Philipson, HEY LEP
Andrew Hewitt, HEY LEP
Kirsty Barr, HEYLEP

Guests

Graham Russell, Amion
Stephen Silvester, ERYC

1. Welcome & Introductions

The Chair welcome Graham Russell, Amion and Stephen Silvester, ERYC to the meeting.

2. Apologies

Eman Allam-Forster
Richard Beal

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.

Dominic Gibbons – Step Fusion Project

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 24th June 2022 & Matters Arising**

All Agreed.

It was noted that the invitation to one of the Humber Principals would be taken at the next meeting due to the college holidays

5. **Chair's Update**

The Chair updated on the following: -

- Devolution – no updates
- Freeport – interim funding has been secured to conclude the work required on the final business case. Discussions are ongoing with government around requirements for final business case.

Transport of the North Update – Tony Kirby gave a brief overview of the current situation

- Integrated Rail Strategy had been published
- Completion of an updated Transport for the North Strategy is the focus for the board at this time.

6. **Step Programme, Goole**

Stephen Silvester, ERYC, who is leading the bid to host the project, updated Board Members on the current progress of the programme.

STEP (Spherical Tokamak for Energy Production) is an ambitious programme to deliver a prototype fusion energy plant, targeting 2040, and a path to commercial viability of fusion. Local partners headed up by the East Riding of Yorkshire and landowners Wykeland are currently promoting the opportunity of this project being sited in Goole.

The Step Programme is being promoted by the UK Atomic Energy Authority and is considering proposals from a range of UK areas who are open to hosting this programme.

The STEP programme aims to:

- Build on the UK's global leadership in fusion
- Demonstrate the commercial viability of fusion by building a prototype plant somewhere in the UK
- Enable the development of a world-leading fusion industry, capable of exporting fusion expertise and technology around the world

The Board noted their thanks for the enormous amount of work that had been put into this bid thus far and offered their support for future stages of this bid

The presentation is attached.

7. Programme Evaluation of Growing the Humber and Getting Building Fund & Learning for Future Programmes

AMION Consulting were appointed by Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (HEYLEP) to carry out an evaluation of the Local Growth Fund (LGF) and the Getting Building Fund (GBF).

Graham Russell from Amion presented to Board Members on this.

This work as well as providing detail on how previous programmes have delivered this report and the presentation also provided information on how the revised treasury green book methodology can take into account a wider range of outputs when considering value for money of future public sector investments into capital works.

Presentation attached.

Action – Graham Russell to provide further details to Board Members of the wider outputs which can be considered in public sector capital works projects they are developing -

8. Levelling Up Fund Update

Claire Hoskins, East Riding of Yorkshire Council - bids submitted in August and if successful needs to be spent by 2025

- Access Road in Goole to open up Freeport land to create a highway link
- Howden –new residential sites, create east/west link road and create cycle routes and bus links

Cllr Ieronimo, Hull City Council

- Hull to Beverley Cycle Route - junction of Queens Road/Beverley Road to create a wider cycle, this been delayed and is now due for completion March 2023.
- Hull/Cottingham Cycle Route – plans have been revised and designs are ongoing – will go out to consultation late 2022.

9 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 March 2022

Key points included:

- This delivery report reflects the situation at the last complete quarterly claim period to end of July 2022.
- It should be noted that delivery of outputs such as houses unlocked, were expected to be delivered beyond 2025. However, as a result of the scheme the development of these housing sites has been accelerated, allowing for some housing outputs to be realised within the first half of this financial year (22/23). The number of houses expected to be unlocked as a result of the Delivering Housing Growth scheme has reduced by 146.
- BEIS have been informed of the reduction, which has been reflected through our Quarterly reporting. No change request is required to be submitted at this time, although the Hull CC as the accountable body will issue a formal contract variation letter to confirm the reduction in project outputs.

Noted by Board Members

10. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business

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

Friday 28th October 2022, 10.00 am at Aura Innovation Centre

Signed:

Stephen Parnaby OBE
Chair

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