

## Infrastructure Sub-Board

DRAFT Minutes of the Board Meeting held  
on Friday 24<sup>th</sup> June 2022  
At Aura Innovation Centre

Paper A

### **Attendance**

#### **Board Members**

Stephen Parnaby OBE (Chair)  
Mark Barrett  
Richard Beal  
Claire Hoskins  
David Garness  
Cllr Ieronimo  
Tony Kirby  
Tim Rix

#### **Secretariat**

Karen Philipson, HEY LEP  
Andrew Hewitt, HEY LEP  
Chris Howell, HEYLEP  
Kirsty Barr, HEYLEP  
Jonathan Oxley, HEYLEP

#### **1. Welcome & Introductions**

The Chair welcomed Cllr Ieronimo, Portfolio Holder for Transportation, Roads, Highways and Flood Prevention at Hull City Council to the Board.

#### **2. Apologies**

Eman Allam-Forster  
Dominic Gibbons,  
Andrew Horncastle  
Mark Jones  
Linda Martin  
Alan Menzies

#### **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  
**Richard Beal** - Levelling Up Fund Round 2 Bids

4. **Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2022 & Matters Arising**

**All Agreed** and no matters arising.

5. **Chair's Update**

The Chair updated on the following: -

- **Devolution** – , Local Authorities have made initial representations to Government and negotiations are expected to commence again imminently.
- **Future Role of LEPs** – The Levelling Up White paper outlines that the future role of LEPs is tightly bound with the outcome of the devolution discussions. Until devolution deal is signed, LEPs continue as a separate entity.
- **Opportunity Humber** –no further information currently available on what the remit of this Board.
- **Freeport** – awaiting approval of the final Business Case.

6. **General Discussion/Future Actions**

**Future Public Funding mechanisms** A discussion was held on the issue of current public sector funding support for infrastructure projects. AH outlined current sources, including Levelling Up Fund and UK Shared Prosperity Fund, however the board noted that there were specific gaps in the provision of funding for 'medium' sized capital projects and highways renewal activity. Claire Hoskins offered to meet further with any businesses to discuss schemes/sites, either for consideration for future rounds of Levelling Up Fund in the East Riding or for wider engagement with council services and plans.

A discussion was held around ensuring that the region is ready to bid for and secure future funding should it come on-line. This included actions required to boost the regions evidence base and the need for thorough evaluation of previous infrastructure programmes delivered such as Get Britain Building and Growing the Humber Programmes. AH noted that the LEP had commissioned such evaluation work.

**Agreed – invite Amion to the next meeting to discuss previous LEP delivery performance and future government expectations in terms of outputs for capital spending.**

## **7. Infrastructure Workforce Skills Discussion**

Chris Howell, Employment & Skills Manager opened a discussion on how the HEY LEP can support businesses in the development/ construction sector with common skills and workforce issues. .

The discussion covered the following points:

- Changing labour market – Covid and reduction in availability of foreign workforce post Brexit were outlined as drivers for increasing wages in a range of trades. This is acting as a drain from this area as skilled operatives are being drawn to large national infrastructure projects. Key issue outlined by the board was the question of how the HEY LEP region can develop the skills and technical abilities needed to drive projects in this area.
- Digital skills shortages – which were outlined as being widespread and a severe barrier to growth

Development of bespoke training programmes- Mechanisms which are currently available to develop bespoke apprenticeships / accredited learning provision for specific sectoral needs e.g. building trades. RB and TK noted they had specific issues which they were currently trying to resolve. **Agreed: CH to follow up with RB and TK– re their training skills provision needs and liaise with local providers.**

- Issues with Maths/English being mandatory part of apprenticeships which proves off putting - barrier to progression
- Construction industry issues – critical of local college provision – often there is a need to use out of area providers
- Collection of data- A question was asked as to whether figures for school leavers 2021 were available for the area and if so could these be shared with the board? It was felt that understanding the routes which students take for their learning could assist in developing new approaches to develop the required skills needed. **Agreed - CH to gather post 16 routeway data from Local Authorities to inform future activity.**

**Agree – As an overall approach to this issue it was felt that it would be beneficial to invite one of the Humber Principals to a future Board Meeting.**

## **8. Humber Industrial Cluster Plan Update**

Jonathan Oxley, HICP Manager, presented an update to Board Members which is attached. Also, here is a link to Humber Cluster map: [HICP - The Humber: A 2030 Vision for Industrial Decarbonisation | HICP \(humberindustrialclusterplan.org\)](https://www.humberindustrialclusterplan.org/), which Board Members may find useful.



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## **9 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 March 2022

Key points included:

- This delivery report reflects the situation at the last complete quarterly claim period to end of March 2022.
- 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 is now both physically and financially complete having defrayed all allocated BGBF monies and match funding.
- All remaining GBF for both the Hull and East Yorkshire Cycle Route Delivery Programme and Delivering Housing Growth have been defrayed.

**Noted by Board Members**

10. **Any Other Business**

There was no other business

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

Friday 26<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 10 am at the Aura Innovation Centre

Signed:

**Stephen Parnaby OBE**  
**Chair**

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