

Hull and East Yorkshire LEP Board  
Paper F - Infrastructure Board Update  
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Wednesday 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2022

## 1. Summary

1.1. The Infrastructure Board held its last meeting on Friday 28<sup>th</sup> October 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:

### • **Infrastructure Workforce Skills**

Kirsti Lord, Bishop Burton College presented to the Board Group following on from a discussion at the Board meeting in August. The following points were covered:

- How the FE curriculum is set
- Funding Streams
- 16-18 Study Programmes
- Apprenticeships
- Adult Education Budget
- Higher Education
- Challenges staffing within FE settings.

### • **Investment Zones**

As part of the mini budget of the 23<sup>rd</sup> September the government announced their Investment Zone policy aimed at attracting new investment and new jobs to successful zones. Investment Zones are intended accelerate housing and investment site infrastructure building on the experience of Enterprise Zones. Streamlined planning and tax incentives are provided to investors who locate on these sites when allocated.

These can provide planning, tax incentives and infrastructure benefits for areas where allocated.

Conversations have been undertaken with 38 Local Authorities in England and these areas have been invited to submit EOIs for allocation as Investment Zones

which closed on the 14<sup>th</sup> October. Both East Riding and Hull CC have been invited to submit EOIs for Investment Zone status.

Claire Hoskins confirmed East Riding of Yorkshire Council had submitted a bid for various sites. Cllr Ieronimo confirmed a bid was also submitted from Hull City Council for various sites identified for investment.

- **National Highways Update**

Simon Brown from National Highways attended the meeting to provide an update on National Highways projects in the region:

Ouse Bridge - The installation of a new set of bridging plates over two of the EB joints commences in mid-November with a planned completion in early December. These plates will enable the works to replace the two joints to commence immediately after the Christmas break.

A63 Castle Street - The scheme is still progressing through construction of the underpass including tension piling and diaphragm wall construction, this will continue into late 2023. The overall Castle Street Scheme is planned to complete in Spring 2025.

RIS3 - The main reports that will start off the public RIS3 planning are expected to be published over the next months:

1. National Highways Strategic Road Network Initial Report – published autumn 2022
2. DfT Public Consultation on SRNIR – published autumn 2022
3. National Highways: route strategy initial overview reports; and Connecting the Country (SRN masterplan) – published autumn 2022
4. Draft RIS (DfT) – published spring 2023
5. Summary of responses to DfT public consultation – published spring 2023.

National Highways would welcome specific feedback in the consultation over particular improvement schemes that the area would like to see progressed, or specific challenges that you would like to see studied with a view to future schemes being commissioned.

#### **4. Financial and resource implications**

None at this stage.