

# Hull and East Yorkshire LEP Board

Paper F – Business Support Board Update

Report to the Board – 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2023

Report from Andrew Hewitt, Senior Policy & Business Growth Manager

## **1. Summary**

1.1 The Business Support Board held its most recent meeting on the 8<sup>th</sup> of February 2023. The draft minutes from this meeting are attached at **Appendix 2**.

1.2 The meeting received updates from a range of Business Support activity currently being delivered by HEY LEP.

## **2. Recommendations**

2.1 To note progress to date.

## **3. Report**

3.1 Key items discussed at the board included:

- Growth Hub/Made Smarter Operational Update Jon Brunton updated on the performance of the Growth Hub to date against KPIs and budget profile. Notification of funding for 2023/2024 is still awaited. The recent government restructure and reshuffle means that the originally given notification date for funding is likely to slip back into March.
- HEY LEP Investment Programmes – Andy Hewitt provided an update on current investment programme activity including Getting Building Fund and Growing Places Fund
- Circular Economy and the Energy Hub Update - Phil Glover provided an update on the Net Zero Hub Programme
- Export Update – Andy Hewitt presented the report on behalf of Andrew Finch who had given his apologies. The report reflected on the UKSPF funded activity in year one which includes the Hull Overseas Trade Awareness Programme with outputs including 30 businesses being supported to increase their knowledge of export opportunities and 10 businesses being supported in terms of their export capability.