



Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership

Annual Review 2021-22



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Chair's Welcome

Dear Stakeholder,

On behalf of myself and Stephen Parnaby, OBE, Deputy Chair, the Hull, and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership Board and our three Sub-Boards, I would like to welcome you to this our first Annual Review publication. This first year of the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (HEY LEP) has been one of challenges but also one of successes. During our first year of operation, we have continued to see the region recover from the double impact of the Covid Pandemic and the impact of Brexit on our local business communities.

Whilst some of our SMEs and wider business community report they have bounced back and created innovative opportunities for their businesses, others continue to have to find new ways of working to counteract the current challenges of rising costs, access to skilled people and supply chain delays. Encouraged by the LEP Business Support Board, our Growth Hub has continued to work closely with SMEs, providing advice, support, and access to finance, in close working partnership with both Hull City and East Riding Councils. In addition, we have concluded an independent review of Growth Hub services to ensure that the priority requirements of SMEs will be included within the new programme, albeit having to be at a reduced level, due to a national reduction in core government funding.

We have continued to ensure that our programme investments reach their targets and agreed contractual milestones, and I am delighted that in our first year, we were able to launch a new Growing Places Fund, a new 3-year business support programme. This programme builds on the previous success of the Humber LEP's previous Growth Programmes, and you can read more on this on page 7 of this Report. I have recently had the opportunity to visit some of the recipient businesses of previous programmes and can honestly say that the support these businesses have received has made a significant difference to their success.

The HEY LEP Infrastructure Board has continued to monitor the outputs of previous Humber LEP investments and has also reviewed new developments, such as those delivered via the Getting Building Fund. Infrastructure projects, which have completed this with funding support from the LEP, include the Goole Raise Centre, Grovehill Business Centre and Hull & East Yorkshire Highways maintenance scheme.

The Employment and Skills Board is proactively leading on several new areas of work, such as the launch of the HEY Workforce website, which brings together health and wellbeing services, offering a range of support to SMEs, who may not have their own HR specialists. Continuing to champion apprenticeships, good careers advice and higher-level and degree qualifications, this Board plays an important part in looking forwards to the future skills needs of the region.

It has been a rewarding first year and one that has set the direction for the LEP, with the publication of our first [Economic Growth and Workforce Wellbeing Strategy](#). This clearly describes the types of activity that partners, including the LEP, need to address together to maximise our local assets and support regional development.

There is no doubt that 2022/23 will be a transition year for the LEP. I would like to thank all Board members and stakeholders for their continued support and look forward to further developments towards the future Combined Authority and ambition for a local Devolution Deal.

James H Newman, OBE

Chair

Pan Humber issues

Whilst the new LEP geography rightly focusses on the Hull and East Riding of Yorkshire region, it would be remiss of the Board if it did not also acknowledge the wider Humber area and its ability to attract significant new investment on both sides of the Estuary.

In my role as Deputy Chair, I have continued to support business investment and have supported the Humber Freeport, recognising its huge opportunity for new jobs, increased productivity and future use of business rate uplift to re-invest in priority areas.

The LEP, along with CATCH and our eight industrial partners, continues to develop the Humber Industrial Cluster Plan, which will provide the blueprint for regional decarbonisation, culminating in a report, which will be published next Spring.

Both James and I welcomed the establishment of the Humber Energy Board, reporting to the Humber Leadership Board, on matters pertaining to clean energy, decarbonisation and new technologies that will maximise our estuarial assets.

One new development is the Government's announcement of 'Opportunity Humber' and the LEP Board and many businesses appreciate that the Humber has been allocated a dedicated senior Minister, who can lead Government discussions on Humber-related matters.

Stephen Parnaby OBE

Deputy Chair



Highlights of the Year

The first year of Hull and East Yorkshire LEP's operation saw a great deal of progress and an ongoing contribution to the economic development of the region.

Key Highlights include :

April 2021 – HEY LEP launched. First meeting of the Board is held at the end of April with agreement being reached on the terms of reference and immediate LEP priorities.

July 2021 –The HEY LEP Board, alongside the Business Engagement Advisory Board, provided significant input into the Draft Devolution Proposals, which were submitted to Government in September 2021.

August 2021 – HEY LEP Infrastructure, Employment & Skills and Business Support sub-boards formed and with high quality local appointments made to each sub-board.

October 2021 – After successful bidding, the COP26 “Road to Net Zero” battle bus event takes place, an official “fringe event” in the build up to COP26, hosted by Planet Mark and funded by the Department for Business, Energy and the Industrial Strategy/ the LEP Energy Hub. Over 100 delegates joined us on the day, hearing from 21 speakers across the main stage and in the breakout sessions. We were also joined by 9 partner exhibitors and the associated schools event hosted 40 pupils from 7 school to learn about Net Zero and COP 26.

January 2022 – First Annual LEP review undertaken with the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy. Strong performance was reported with robust adherence to the local and national assurance framework.

January 2022 - Annual Growth Hub Review undertaken with the Department of Communities and Local Government colleagues, who operate the national programme on behalf of BEIS. The Humber Growth Hub's performance was reported as being 'extremely strong'.

February 2022 – Launch and publication of the HEY LEP Economic Growth and Workforce Wellbeing strategy- the key strategic document guiding the economic direction of the HEY LEP region.

March 2022 - Minister Chris Philp formally launches the LEP's Local Digital Skills Partnership, a partnership aiming to equip people for the region's digital jobs boom and ensure more residents can benefit from the thriving local tech sector. The partnership is jointly funded by the Department for Culture Media and Sport and HEY LEP

March 2022 - During 2021/22 the Hull and East Yorkshire LEP supported our partners to deliver vital infrastructure projects to help the region's economic prospects and unlock future growth. At the end of Qtr. 4 2021/22 the Getting Building Fund had delivered £18.6M in match funding, 172 new/safeguarded Jobs, 166 Construction Jobs, and over 19Km of resurfaced roads/new cycleways. These outputs were reached, in addition to assisting 52 local SME businesses from across Hull and East Riding. This programme helped to boost the region's economy post Covid 19, supporting the opening of the RaisE Business Centre to augment the Siemens Investment in Goole and the Grovehill Business Centre in Beverley.

As well as these specific highlights, additional activity was delivered also by our key programmes. Please find examples outlined in the following pages.

Productive and Innovative Economy

The HEY LEP provided a range of support to the businesses of the Hull and East Yorkshire region to help them grow and flourish in 2021/22.

The Growth Hub

The HEY LEP Growth Hub in its first year made a real impact supporting 2,012 businesses to receive either light, medium or high intensity support from the Hub's team of business advisors. We also supported 1,522 individuals to explore business start-up and, over the course of the year, helped 40 people to start their own businesses. In addition, businesses that worked with the Growth Hub in the previous year were able to go on to secure £12,285,784 of private sector investment to enable their growth plans.

The Growth Hub also oversaw several additional schemes to support our business community. These included the Peer Networks Programme where 8 cohorts were delivered with 53 businesses assisted to improve their management practices, via facilitated action learning sessions. Furthermore, the Made Smarter Yorkshire & Humber Pilot was launched in November 2021, and 18 manufacturers from Hull and East Yorkshire accessed the Pilot to support productivity growth through digitalisation and adoption of digital technologies.

The Growth Hub also continued to deliver three European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) business support contracts across the Humber region under the banner of "#GrowMySME". The first of these is the ICT for Growth Scheme, which provides support to enable SMEs to explore, adopt and implement digital technology, which in 2021/22 supported 167 businesses, including 66 supported for a minimum of 12 hours, as well as awarding 101 grants totalling £317,122, and creating 73 new jobs. The second of these activities is the Finance for Growth scheme, which helps SMEs to better understand and explore various financial and funding options, and supports them to become investment ready, with the scheme supporting 115 businesses in 2021/22, including supporting 50 businesses for a minimum of 12 hours, as well as awarding 73 grants totalling £256,534, creating 37 new jobs.

Finally, the Business Growth Scheme provides SMEs with wrap around support to help them grow by helping them overcome growth barriers, such as access to new markets, support to become more productive and competitive, and by increasing sales. The Business Growth Scheme supported 376 businesses during 2021/22, including supporting 104 businesses for a minimum of 12 hours, as well as the awarding of 79 grants totalling £266,122, and creating 104 new jobs.

An independent client feedback survey undertaken in April and May 2022 revealed that 97% of clients were 'very satisfied' or 'satisfied' with the support provided by the Growth Hub in 2021/22, and that 88% of clients surveyed are very likely/likely to use the Growth Hub in the 2022/23 year. Growth Hub impact was clearly demonstrated in that 88% of client felt that they were much more likely or likely to meet their growth aspirations as a result of working with the Growth Hub, and 70% of clients advised that it would have taken them significantly longer/slightly longer to find the support they needed without the help of the Growth Hub.

Growing Places Fund

At the close of the Humber LEP at the end of the March 2021, the Growing Places Fund (Business Loan Fund) was transferred to the HEY LEP's governance and administration. In July 2021, the LEP Board agreed to close the Business Loan Fund programme to new applications pending an Officer review of the programme and development of a new business support programme.



The review found that there is a strong need for modest amounts of capital funding to support SME businesses in making capital investments and mitigating challenging economic environments. Business investment grant programmes, such as

Growing the Humber and Growing Hull and East Yorkshire, were occupying a gap in provision. Feedback stated that loans, however, remain of little appeal to many SME businesses as those in the market for finance have other options available to them from banks, investors and asset finance specialists. While there may be times when offering a loan in preference to a grant is desirable (e.g., large enterprises, projects with quick payback), the focus of any new scheme should be on grants.

Therefore, following the recent success of the Government-led Growing Hull & East Yorkshire Programme the HEY LEP board approved a new 3-year Capital Investment Programme (The Growing Places Fund) launched 1st April 2022.

The Growing Places Programme Fund is a £3.25m business investment scheme aiming to provide capital grants and loans to SME businesses in Hull and East Yorkshire to support and incentivise business growth, investment and job creation alongside encouraging 'Green Outcomes' e.g., reduction in carbon emissions.

Export Activity

The Export Partnerships Manager, funded in collaboration with DIT, oversaw the development of a regional export plan, with export as a key strategic priority for HEY LEP, being confirmed in September 2021 when the LEP Board approved an initial export outline plan. This Export Plan will build an overview of the pan-Humber exporting environment and encourage engagement amongst key partners in order to increase international trade through export, with a strong focus on supporting earlier stage businesses and SMEs to plan for international growth.

The export plan will be key to achieving maximisation of export service provision and uptake across the LEP region, helping to foster a spirit of engagement across all key export stakeholders and contributing to the national ambition for exports to represent 35% of the UK's GDP. Export was also embedded in the LEP's new Economic Growth and Workforce Wellbeing Strategy.

An export communications plan ran through the year, which saw the production of 14 SME export case study videos, which highlight some exporting successes across the region.

Recommendations made by the LEP commissioned 2021 KADA export research project enabled HEY LEP to identify gaps in export support service provision. As Export is a key UKSPF national objective, the HEY LEP has used this report and other intelligence gained to put forward a range of export intervention projects, which would enhance international trade support provision for local businesses across the region, thus contributing to the government's overall objectives for a Global Britain.



As a strategic convener for export, HEY LEP facilitated several export-related meetings with regional stakeholders through the year, including a visit to Hull and the wider Yorkshire region by Andrew Mitchell, Director General at the Department for International Trade, with discussions focused on international trade and the willingness of local partners to engage in delivering both regional and national international trade objectives (see image above).

Inward Investment & Key Account Management

The HEY LEP has continued to promote the area as a competitive and attractive location to invest, working with a range of partners. In the 2021/22 year, the LEP has directly assisted 11 companies and serviced a further 44 enquiries from firms looking to invest in the area. It has also taken a proactive role in supporting the Freeport proposals for the wider Humber area with its significant tracts of investment land proposed for tax and custom zone development.

Support for foreign owned companies (FDI's) in the region is also provided by the Key Account Management function of the LEP. This role, which is funded by the Department for International Trade, provides a dedicated resource to engage locally with foreign owned businesses operating in the HEY LEP region helping them to unlock future invest and expansion projects.

During this period 29 FDI companies were actively account managed. Of those 29 existing businesses, 3 were assisted to invest an additional total of £2.75m creating an additional 12 full time jobs.

Clean Growth Economy

The HEY LEP played a leading role during the year in the development of the Humber Industrial Cluster Plan (HICP) project, a public-private sector project designed to deliver a roadmap to decarbonise the energy-intensive industry across in the Humber.

The Humber Industrial Cluster was identified by HM Government (BEIS) as the largest centre of industrial carbon dioxide (CO₂) emissions in the UK, equivalent in size to the next two highest industrial cluster emissions added together, representing around 6% of the UK's total CO₂ emissions (2021 data). On the back of this, and to realise the UK Government's Net Zero ambition, UK Research and Innovation (UKRI) launched the Industrial Decarbonisation Challenge with £171M of funding to "support the development of low-carbon technologies that will increase the competitiveness of industry and contribute to the UK's drive for clean growth".

The HEY LEP's predecessor, Humber LEP, and CATCH joined forces to lead a Humber-wide response to the Challenge in Phase 1 to scope the potential for decarbonisation of Humber Industry. This was well-received by UKRI, and a successful bid led to participation in Phase 2 of the Industrial Strategy Challenge Fund. Phase 2 of the Humber Industrial Cluster Plan (HICP) secured £1.7M of UKRI Innovate UK funding for Phase 2 and £0.9M of private sector funding to advance the development of a roadmap to decarbonise Humber Industry. Delivery has accelerated in 2021/22 with procurement of work packages to contribute towards the evidence gathering and detailed technical modelling work to allow the road map to be completed.

The Humber Industrial Cluster Plan will enable a phased approach to be taken to decarbonisation prioritising the implementation of near-term deliverable investments that will significantly reduce the Humber's emissions by 2030, mapping out how CCS, hydrogen infrastructure and other clean technologies can be scaled up over time and identifying the full range of interventions required to achieve net zero in the region by 2040.

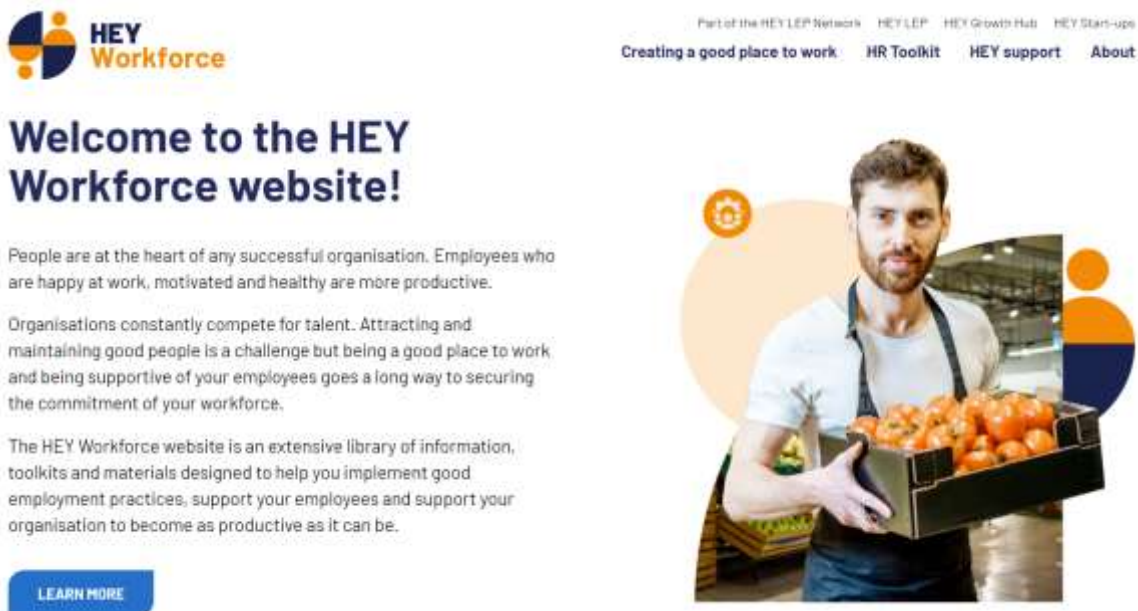
The Humber Industrial Cluster Plan will also outline, at a high level, the potential for the Humber's industrial decarbonisation to support wider cross-economy decarbonisation, including clean maritime in the UK's largest ports complex, road/rail transport and decarbonisation of the gas supply (25% of the UK's supply passes through the Humber). The Cluster Plan roadmap is due to be completed by March 2023.



Skilled and Inclusive Economy

The HEY LEP continues to lead on strategic skills planning for Hull and East Yorkshire. Central to this is the work of the Employment & Skills Board, which fulfils the statutory functions of the Skills Advisory Panel. With the Board’s oversight and guidance, the Employment & Skills team published our annual Local Skills Report, which provides the evidence base with which to shape and influence local education, training and skills provision.

The HEY LEP Economic Development & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy acknowledges the importance of health and wellbeing in workforce productivity and to support this, the LEP has created the HEY Workforce website. The website, which is co-branded with the HEY Growth Hub and aimed at SMEs, contains material that helps employers improve the health and wellbeing of their staff.



The LEP has also supported Hull City Council to develop its Skills Bootcamp proposals for delivery from June 2022. The DfE has approved funding of £1,642,763 for delivery in the 22/23 financial year. The proposals included the LEP’s priority sectors, where skills needs have been identified including:

- Digital
- Fibre Engineering
- “Green jobs” including Agri–Tech, Green Energy & Carbon Reduction Solutions, Heat Pump Engineers and Electric Vehicles /charge point installation.

The LEP has also been supporting Hull City Council to develop the Government’s national Multiply Programme. The Multiply Programme aims to reach adults across the United Kingdom over the next three years to improve functional numeracy skills for those without a Level 2 qualification or equivalent in Maths.

The HEY Careers Hub continues to support schools in Hull and East Yorkshire to create lasting and sustained systemic improvements to careers education and information advice and guidance offered to young people. The team continues to work closely with partners, who deliver the regional Uni Connect programme, via the Humber Outreach Programme, collaborating on widening participation events and activities adding value to schools and colleges and enabling greater support for our young people.

The first post-COVID schools and college summer conference was held in June 2022 at the MKM Stadium, bringing together Careers Hub stakeholders, including schools, employers and public sector partners.

In addition to sustained high performance against Careers & Enterprise contractual requirements, the HEY Careers Hub has capitalised on additional opportunities to pioneer new and innovative approaches including:

- Securing £10k to support a digital exploration project with the Humber Outreach Programme to explore the benefits of more intelligent use of data, including improved data sharing, collection and avoiding duplication of activity and with a view to delivering better shared outcomes.
- Securing £100k for a Hub Incubation Project in partnership with the Leicester and Leicestershire LEP. The fund will be used to create a shared resource between the two Careers Hubs, which will deliver a project aimed at engaging parents in careers conversations.

The LEP has also successfully passed the annual review process for awarding bodies for the Quality in Careers Standard, gaining positive comments about our engagement with schools, who continue to work towards this award.

The LEP provides specialist workforce development support to local employers through its Workforce Development Business Service. It has provided support to employers with new apprenticeship standard development and links have been established with local apprenticeship levy paying organisations in respect of accessing their unspent levy funds and transfer agreements to support the growth and development of local SME business across the Hull and East Riding.

The official launch of the Humber Local Digital Skills Partnership (LDSP) took place on 3rd March this year at the Guildhall in Hull. The event included a keynote speech from Minister Chris Philp, Parliamentary Under Secretary of State at the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport and also launched the Humber LDSP's Digital Maturity Tool for SMEs. The tool allows SMEs to self-assess themselves against a series of digital categories, produces an analysis of strengths and weaknesses and signposts participants to digital support programmes that help to fill any identified gaps to enhance business productivity.



Following the success of the Digital Capabilities Assessment Tool, the LEP, in collaboration with Hull City Council, has secured £25k from the Local Government Association to develop the concept of this tool into a

resource for residents, allowing members of the public to self-assess their digital skills and help them to improve. In doing so, it will help residents of Hull and East Yorkshire to access online services, become safer online and increase employability.

Throughout 2021/22, the HEY LEP has supported the local aspiration to achieve Freeport status for the region. This year the LEP has provided the Freeport Steering Group with practical support and help to develop a Skills Working Group of local stakeholders. Once established, this group will offer practical support to the Freeport in delivering the long-lasting regeneration of the region, which is a key government aspiration for their Freeport programme.



2021/22 has seen the commencement of work from the LEP’s Equality & Diversity Champion, Catherine Bishop;

“As Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Champion, I work with the LEP team to review activities that have the ability to improve opportunities for our diverse communities and create lasting out comes. Whilst it is apparent from the numbers and breadth of jobs created, sustained, skills delivered, and apprenticeships created that public and private sector investments have impacted positively on so many of HEY residents lives we fully recognise there is a need to ensure this remains an important priority across all of our work.”

Competitive and Resilient Locations

Local Growth Fund

The LEP's Growth Deal programme supports infrastructure projects across the Humber, led by local authorities and businesses. 2021/22 saw the conclusion of Local Growth Fund spend across all projects to the value of £131.7M.

The Hull and East Yorkshire LEP have assumed responsibility for projects based on the North Bank of the Humber following the successful transition of physically complete South Bank projects to the Greater Lincolnshire LEP, for ongoing monitoring.

In December 2021, the Hessle Foreshore Tidal Defence scheme was completed, having been awarded £2M from the Local Growth Fund. The scheme was developed because tidal defences in the area had quickly become a necessity. This was evidenced by the events of the 5 December 2013 where a tidal surge hit the east coast of Britain. The scheme has involved the construction of new defences consisting of a combination of earth embankments and an innovative concrete and glass wall. These defences have reduced the risk of flooding from tidal surges to 4,330 residential and 147 non-residential properties in Hessle and West Hull. It has also reduced the risk of flooding on the A63 and the main east-west rail line that links the city of Hull to the UK rail network.



Following £469K of LGF investment, November 2021 saw the completion of the Engineering Future Growth scheme. East Riding College expanded its Flemingate site in Beverley to include a new Yorkshire and Humber Institute of Technology (IoT), creating 525m² of New Training Floorspace. The IoT in Beverley is using specialist industry standard equipment and expert tutors to develop the technical and STEM skills of engineers and technicians in our region.

The Humber High Street Challenge Fund, also funded through £2.2m of LGF, supported several businesses on the region's highstreets. Overall, 17 businesses have been supported to date, creating 52 new Jobs and 3,394m² of Refurbished Commercial Floorspace.



In March 2022, work was completed on the Brough Relief Road project, following £3.26M of LGF investment. This is an essential piece of infrastructure that links the new Brough South Development with the western side of Brough, whilst also providing a new access for the Humber Enterprise Park (HEP) Enterprise Zone site. Within the last year the scheme has led to the creation of 0.7Km of New Road, 50 new jobs and 15 new homes.

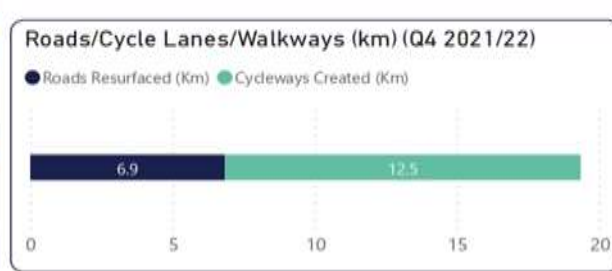
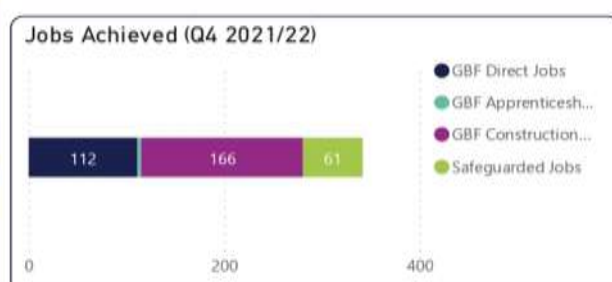
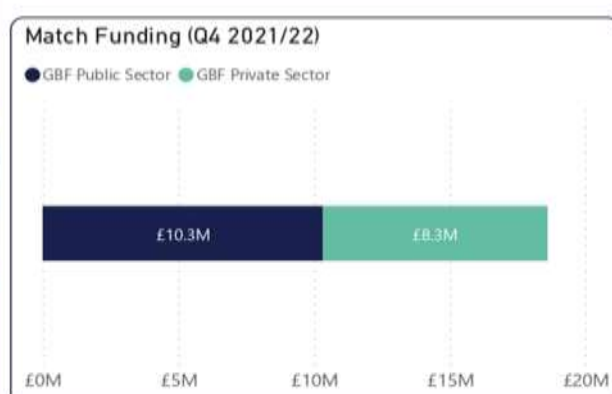
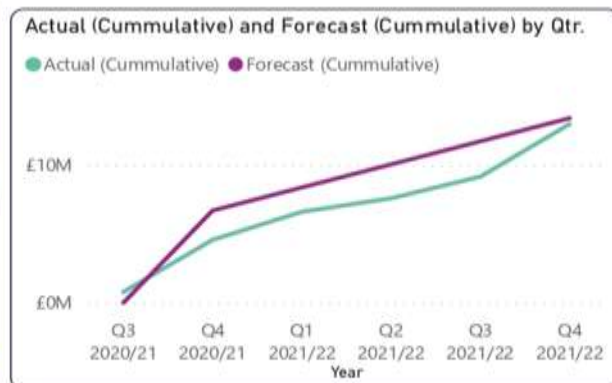
Getting Building Fund

In July 2020, the LEP was awarded a £13.4m allocation of the Government's Getting Building Fund. This allocation, part of the Government's commitment to the Northern Powerhouse, was divided between 7 'shovel ready' projects to make a positive impact in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic.

From road improvements and housing construction to business support centres, the HEY LEP has supported our partners to deliver vital infrastructure projects to help the region’s economic prospects and unlock future growth. At the end of Qtr. 4 2021/22, the Programme has delivered £18.6M in match funding, 172.new/safeguarded jobs, 166 construction jobs, 19.35km of resurfaced roads/new cycleways in addition to assisting 52 local SME businesses from across Hull and The East Riding of Yorkshire.

Getting Building Fund

GBF DEFRAYED £13M	MATCH FUNDING £18.6M
NEW/SAFEGUARDED JOBS ACHIEVED 172.5	CONSTRUCTION JOBS 166
BUSINESSES ASSISTED 52	ROADS/CYCLEWAYS /FOOTPATHS 19.35 KM



During the year, the allocation of funds was fully spent. Work continues to be delivered on the Hull and East Yorkshire Cycleway scheme and the BeSpoke and Boulevard Business Centre project. Both schemes are expected to complete in the first half of 2022/23.

2021/22 also saw the physical completion of the following project's part funded through the Getting Building Fund:

GETTING BUILDING FUND

CASE STUDY

Hull & East Yorkshire Highways Maintenance Programme

£ 2M

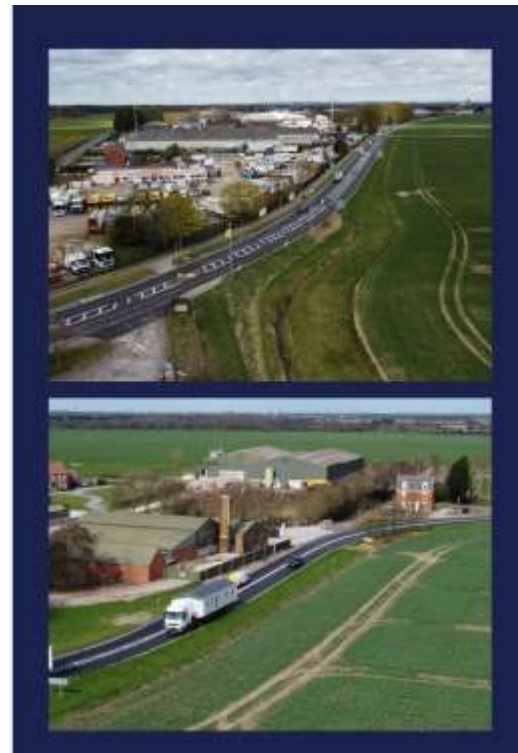
In the March 2020 budget, the Chancellor announced an additional £2.5bn to tackle potholes and resurface roads in England. This formed part of the government's 'levelling up' agenda, ensuring that Britain was to remain competitive in a post-Brexit environment along with addressing the productivity gap between the North and South of England by providing northern areas with opportunities for investment and improvement.

In the wake of the COVID-19 Pandemic an 'infrastructure revolution' was promoted, which included improving the condition of existing infrastructure to ensure it remained fit for purpose. Conveying the message that the country was 'open for business.'

However, the condition of the highway network across the country was continuing to decline under current budget levels, which resulted in a maintenance backlog, where roads were not being maintained to a level appropriate to their classification.

To address this, an opportunity for additional capital investment in road maintenance on several key 'A' roads across the area was identified. The scheme completed in November 2021. The scheme treated four sections of 'A' road, three within the East Riding and one within Hull.

In total, the scheme resulted in £1.08M of Public Sector Leverage, 2 Apprenticeships, 20 Safeguarded Jobs and 6,850m of inlay treatment carried out across the four sites.



GETTING BUILDING FUND

CASE STUDY

Delivering Housing Growth (3)

£ 4.8M

2021/22 saw the physical completion of the Delivering Housing Growth (3) scheme.

On 4th August 2020 the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government announced a £900m investment to deliver homes, infrastructure and jobs. This was targeted at delivering 45,000 homes. Creating up to 85,000 jobs and upgrading skills and infrastructure to help fuel a green economy. This included the creation of 1M sq.m. of public realm or, open space, and a saving of 65m Kgs of CO2 emissions.

The increased flood risk and poor ground conditions mean Hull schemes experience high abnormal costs. Thus the market is unable to deliver new housing due to the build cost exceeding the sales values in all regeneration areas. The Getting Building Fund monies have kick started new build programmes in priority areas.

It has enabled the delivery of essential housing infrastructure required for the development of new homes. This included the diversion of utility services and upgrades, along with the development of key roads and junction improvements. These works were needed to support the continued delivery of two key sites in the city of Hull at Ings and Wawne View. Ensuring that the housing regeneration and growth schemes not only continued but also accelerated in these key areas of the city.

As of Qtr. 4 2021/22 the following has been achieved as a result of the GBF investment; 62 Construction Jobs and 1 Apprenticeship.



GETTING BUILDING FUND

CASE STUDY

RaisE Business Centre & Innovation Hub

£ 1M

Situated at The Goole Junction 36 Enterprise Zone site, the RaisE Business Centre and Innovation Hub provides an excellent opportunity for significant industrial development in the East Riding, offering employment opportunities, economic sustainability and also a high degree of future-proofing for the town, which is currently over-reliant on low-skilled work in factories, logistics and production.

The RaisE Business centre is aimed at supporting small and medium businesses and those pursuing self-employment, from any industrial sectors but users from the rail supply chain will be encouraged due to the potential symbiosis envisaged. The building was handed over in January 2022 and is supporting enterprises by offering access to modern and well-equipped managed workspace. The Innovation Hub is also providing Research and Innovation support to the UK rail industry from the site, especially in the fields of robotics, digitalisation, and rail power systems.

As buildings alone do not generate economic growth and better productivity, the centre is also brokering high quality business support, coaching and mentoring to help occupants to expand and develop. These activities are linked directly to the HEY LEP Growth Hub, including provision of business advice, and help with collaborative projects such as ICT for Growth, Invest to Grow, Sustainable Supply Chain support and Workforce upskilling etc.

As of Qtr. 4 2021/22 the following has been achieved as a result of the GBF investment; £4.1M in Public Sector Leverage, 3 New Jobs, 67 Construction Jobs and 3,200m² of New Commercial Floorspace.



GETTING BUILDING FUND

CASE STUDY

Grovehill Business Centre

£ 500K

The Grovehill Business Centre is purpose built and equipped with modern technology with the intention for the building to act as a service hub and catalyst for development of the Grovehill Enterprise Park.

The site had lain dormant for some time, due mainly to a changing economic landscape, especially in the retail sector and in part due to the fluctuations in the availability of funding sources. The site was contributing nothing to the economic and environmental health of the area.

Now complete, having been handed over in March 2022, it is providing a pleasant and secure working environment with 24/7 access, a simplified leasing process and full Broadband 'Light stream' connectivity, with ICT access for all licensees via the council's corporate network. The building offers an attractive and supportive setting for sustainable businesses and is anticipated to have a minimum fifteen-year life cycle.

As of Qtr. 4 2021/22 the following has been achieved as a result of the GBF investment; 1,500m² of Commercial floor space, 10 construction Jobs and £4.08M of Public Sector Leverage.

Additionally, there could be anticipated further investment of around £22M as and when the rest of the enterprise park is developed and built. The park potentially includes offices classified as B1, B2 and B8 for light industrial use or storage distribution, and also hotel and food outlet provision.



Governance and Transparency

The Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership came into existence on the 1st April 2021, replacing the previous LEP arrangements in Hull and East Yorkshire.

The process of forming the new LEP required the development of a new governance structure, forming of a new legal entity and implementation of a new assurance framework. These have been implemented with the desire to uphold high standards of governance and transparency.

Governance

In 2021/22, the HEY LEP’s governance structure was established and, following main board recruitment, recruitment to the Audit, Finance and Governance Panel, Employment and Skills, Business Support and Infrastructure Boards were completed. (Figure 1). Membership of the Investment Panel was also confirmed.



Figure 1: LEP Board and Sub-Board Structure

Working groups associated with the Employment & Skills Board, which was established in April 2021 will continue to meet in 2022/23 and include:

- Career Aspirations (promoting careers and occupations within the local economy, labour market intelligence and employability work) –
- Apprenticeship & Technical Education (raising the profile of apprenticeships and increasing uptake, promoting T-Levels, traineeships and internships including Supported Internships)
- The Humber Local Digital Skills Partnership, a continued Partnership that supports wider Humber digital issues.

Several of these are refreshed groups, which were established as part of the Humber LEP, have been revised to provide a renewed focus on Hull and East Yorkshire only. The Humber Local Digital Skills Partnership will also continue its development into 2022/23, following formal adoption by the Department for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport.

A first edition of the HEY LEP Local Assurance Framework was approved in July 2021, reflecting the requirements of the Government's National Assurance Framework. The current edition is available from the LEP's website at <https://heylep.com/assurance/>.

The HEY LEP has also produced its first Delivery Plan, which was approved by the board in June 2021.

Our Board, sub-board and other members are committed to upholding high standards of integrity in line with the Nolan Principles and our Member Code of Conduct applies to all individuals participating in the LEP structure. A Register of Interests is maintained and the need to declare interests is reinforced at Board and sub-board meetings, with a standard agenda item.

Transparency

The LEP Chair, the Chief Operating Officer and other Officers regularly participate in local authority Scrutiny Committees.

For detailed information on projects we have supported, Board papers and other key documents, please see our website at <https://heylep.com/assurance/transparency/>

About the HEY LEP

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Our Board

The following were members of the HEY LEP Board during the first year of the operation in 2021/22:

Chair - James Newman, OBE

Deputy Chair; Chair of Infrastructure Board – Stephen Parnaby OBE

Cllr Daren Hale – Hull City Council

Cllr Jonathan Owen – East Riding of Yorkshire Council

Chair Business Support Board - Gill Alton OBE – TEC Partnership

Chair Employment and Skills Board - Jayne Adamson – Humber Coast and Vale Integrated Care System

Equality, Inclusion and Diversity Champion - Catherine Bishop – Tigers Sport and Community Trust

SME Champion - David Hall – Beverley Park Homes, Minster Leisure Homes, Oaks of Beverley, Hall and Oliver

Professor Susan Lea – University of Hull

Rural Champion - Madge Moore – Yorkshire Food Farming and Rural Network

Dr Diana Taylor – Marketing Humber

Dafydd Williams – ABP

Annual Accounts

Alongside our Annual Review we have published full details of our expenditure in 2021/22.

The key financial information is summarised below.

Summary of Key Information

The total amount of funds within the LEP's direction or control at the start and the end of the financial year:

	<u>2021/22</u>		
	<u>Revenue</u>	<u>Capital</u>	<u>Total</u>
	<u>£'m</u>	<u>£'m</u>	<u>£'m</u>
Balance b/f	1.16	16.57	17.73
Income in year	1.76	6.78	8.54
Expenditure in year	(1.93)	(14.11)	(16.04)
Balance c/f	<u>1.00</u>	<u>9.24</u>	<u>10.23</u>