

Hull and East Yorkshire LEP Board

Paper B - LEP Delivery Plan 2023/24

Report to the Audit, Finance and

Governance Panel – 22nd November 2022

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1. **Summary**

1.1. This report provides details of the Hull and East Yorkshire (HEY) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Delivery Plan 2023/24, its purpose, content and timescales involved.

2. **Recommendations**

2.1. That the Board notes the information included within the report and the Board approved the HEY LEP Delivery Plan 2023/24.

3. **Background & Purpose**

3.1. In 2019/2020, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) introduced the requirement for all Local Enterprise Partnerships to produce a Delivery Plan to outline key targets for the forthcoming year. Plans must be created on an annual basis.

3.2. The LEP Delivery Plan is a key part of the Assurance Framework which provides assurance to Government and Parliament (as well as the residents, businesses and other stakeholders) that there are robust systems and processes in place locally to ensure resources are spent with regularity, propriety and value for money.

3.3. The letter from Neil O'Brien MP (Department for Local Up, Housing & Communities) and Paul Scully MP (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy), dated 31st March 2022, outlining arrangements for integrating LEPs into new local democratic institutions, including devolution deals, and gives further details on completion of delivery plans. It stated that LEPs should publish their delivery plans for the coming year (2022/23) by 30 June 2022 at the latest. These documents should set out how LEPs intend to use the full range of their core functions and roles to support their local economies and local decision-making. The LEP completed this document, and it is currently being used to drive delivery.

3.4. This letter also outlined the requirement to undertake a further delivery planning process, to be submitted by the 25th November 2022, should a devolution agreement not be in place with government for the area. This delivery plan should outline activity for 2023/24.

4. Content

- 4.1. The HEY LEP Delivery Plan 2023/24 focuses on three key areas of activity for the next year – Governance, Strategy and Programmes. It is clear that this period is one of great uncertainty for the HEY LEP. No core funded settlement for either LEPs or Growth Hubs are in place, UKSPF Investment Plans have not been signed off by government, and UKSPF bidding process from Local Authorities have not been concluded. National political churn and the delay on the Autumn statement from government until 17th November does not provide any additional clarity which would assist the LEP in completing the delivery planning process effectively.
- 4.2. In this context the delivery plan produced for BEIS for the HEY LEP 23/24 has sought to provide a number of strategic scenarios for what future delivery within the HEY LEP might look like. The majority of the plan including targets and milestones for the continued development of the LEP, its structures, strategies and programmes are completed assuming a similar level of funding is available to that which was in place in 22/23.
- 4.3. A programme GANTT Chart providing details of key programme delivery timescales will also form part of the Delivery Plan.
- 4.4. The Delivery Plan will be used to monitor our progress throughout the year and will form the basis of our Annual Review for 2023/24 which will be published in summer 2024.

5. Timescales

- 5.1. In order to ensure compliance with BEIS requirements, the HEY LEP Delivery Plan 2023/24 is required to be completed by no later than 25th November 2022.