Hull and East Yorkshire LEP Board



Paper A

DRAFT Minutes of the Board Meeting held on Thursday 25th May 2023 at 9.00 am via Microsoft Teams

Attendance

Board Members

James Newman OBE (Chair)
Stephen Parnaby OBE (Deputy Chair)
Catherine Bishop
David Hall
Councillor Anne Handley
Madge Moore
Professor Dave Petley
Councillor Mike Ross
Dafydd Williams

Observers

Alan Menzies - East Riding of Yorkshire Council Peter Campey – BEIS Mark Jones – Hull City Council

Executive Team and Secretariat

Teresa Chalmers Karen Philipson

Guests

Chris Howell, HEYLEP
Phil Glover HEYLEP
Jon Brunton HEYLEP
Jacquie Newman, HEYLEP
Karen Oliver-Spry, NEY Net Zero Hub
Manager
Ian Humphries HEY Net Zero Project

1 Welcome

JHN welcomed Board members and Cllr Anne Handley newly elected Leader, ERYC to her first Board Meeting.

Thanks were for expressed to Cllr Jonathan Owen, ERYC, for his input and support during his time on the Board.

Apologies

Diana Taylor Jayne Adamson Matt Jukes



Declaration of Interests/hospitality and gifts reminder

JHN asked all members to ensure their Declarations of Interest are considered and to raise any items on this agenda where they feel appropriate.

2 Minutes of the meeting on 23rd March 2023 & Any Matters Arising

JHN asked members to consider the minutes – all agreed

Matters Arising

- Meeting with LEP Hull University/LA's to set up to explore possibilities of investments zone now new Leaders in place
- A holding letter to main business partners from HEYLEP/LA's re future of HEYLEP had been sent pending the local elections and a response from Govt.
- DH meeting had been set up to meeting with Prof Petley.
- UKSPF substitute for East Riding's Board Catherine Bishop kindly volunteered.

3 Chair's Update

- Hull City Council Scrutiny Committee, 20th April 2023– JHN and TC attended and received positive interest and feedback surrounding LEP integration and devolution.
- Business Engagement Board this has met last week, positive meeting
- JNH to meet to the new Chair of Greater Lincolnshire LEP, Neil Juster in July
- Humber Energy Board met last month TC had attended discussions had taken place over structure and membership
- HICP expressions of interest in hand to take on the next stage of monitoring delivery with the HEB taking overall strategic lead. Letter gone to SoS for Energy Security re lack of cluster sequence funding
- NP11 Meeting NPIR, evidence-based activity, good discussion on how the report is progressing and how it can be used across the north to demonstrate to government the fuller 'Northern Offer'. Discussions also took place in some depth about the emerging PAN Regional Partnership, which is bringing in the public and private sector and the



academic sector together as one PAN regional partnership, trying to learn from the experience of setting up and delivering the Transport for the North.

 LEP Network – discussions are ongoing with Government on how LEPS integrate in to LA's or CA/MCA's.

4 Pan Humber issues

Freeport – positive news that the company is now up and running and dates set in June for appointments of Chair and CEO

Humber Business Week - week commencing 5th June with various event across the week, starting with the launch at the MKM Stadium. The Business Day on Friday 9th June at Bridlington Spa was a sell-out some weeks ago, should be a great day for business with over 700 attendees.

JNH highlighted the work SRP and Karen Philipson put into this event to make it a success and thanked them for doing so.

5 Local Authority Updates

CIIr Michael Ross – Hull City Council

- Levelling Up Partnership Agenda officers and business reps met with team from Government to look at this – still early stages - cautious optimism re next steps.
- Net Zero Oh Yes a year in existence event early in week took part in a number sessions with business. Message out to others regarding this big issue for Hull as a city.
- Devolution discussions were continuing and due to meet with ERYC and Government officials in terms of next steps.
- MJ -Holiday park/ mobile home businesses job losses were likely

 due to supply chain issue and over provision in a short space of time.
 DH commented also on this over production by larger companies who build to stock, and not to order dangerous position to be in. Prediction is around 1000 job losses between now and July, due to behaviour/production issues for the last 6 months some smaller companies have made provision.



CIIr Anne Handley, East Riding of Yorkshire

- **Devolution -** focus on best deal for East Riding various meetings were taking place to get things moving at pace.
- AM Two local manufacturers of caravan/mobile homes circa 200 job losses due to reduction in labour
- Goole Siemens Mobility recruiting first large tranche of staff, 350 on their way to employing circa 750 directly and 1250 from suppliers. Very positive position for Goole.

6 North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub Presentation

An overview and update were given by Karen Oliver-Spry, North East & Yorkshire Net Zero Hub Manager. Slides are attached. This work is considered high priority for Government and provides additional capacity to both local authorities by providing a post centrally managed by the LEP. Recruitment to this post will begin shortly.



7 Growth Hub Report

In March 2023 the Department for Business & Trade (DBT) confirmed Growth Hub funding allocations for the 2023/24 year. HEY Growth Hub, has been allocated £261,000, which is an uplift of 21% (£45,625) on the 2022/23 allocation.

The uplift to core funding is welcomed and will allow the Growth Hub to have a modest budget for business events and workshops, as well as marketing and website development.

The delivery model for the Growth Hub in 2023/24 will be similar to that used in 2022/23, with the caveat that the Growth Hub's ERDF schemes will end on 30 June.

• The Made Smarter Programme (DBT funded) provides wrap around support to manufacturing SMEs to aid their exploration, adoption, and implementation of digital technology, with a view to improving business productivity and competitiveness.



This will help UK manufacturers move towards 'industry 4.0'. This is a three-year programme, running from April 2022 to March 2025.

The programme is also sponsoring the LEP's attendance at The Business Day at Bridlington Spa on Friday 9th June. The exhibition stand will feature Made Smarter and the associated break-out session on the day will focus on HEY LEP support for manufacturers.

8 Industrial Symbiosis Report

lan Humphries, HEY Net Zero updated the Board on the latest activity – presentation is attached. This report sets out the rationale for investing in capacity to bring together, boost and bid for additional resources to pilot an Industrial Symbiosis programme for HEY. It resonates with the circular economy and could provide an opportunity for further research which can be adopted by other regions.



9. Financial Report – Budget Proposal 23/24

The report focussed on the Core Funding and the requirement to share with the Board the latest position. The 2022/23 final Outturn will be brought to the next Board.

10. Chief Operating Officer Report

TC report updated the Board on a range of topics as per the report. Under the Local Assurance Framework, accounts still need to be published, therefore is it proposed to hold the AGM in July as per last year after the Board meeting so the LEP's activities can be published and celebrated. Sub Board Chairs are asked to speak from their perspective. **Board Members agreed to go ahead.**

11 Investment Programmes

The report updated the Board in relation to the legacy capital programmes: Getting Building Fund, Local Growth Fund and the Growing Places Fund.

Report was noted by Board Members.



12	Employment & Skills Board Report
	The report summarised the progress made by the HEY LEP Employment & Skills Board since the last meeting of the HEY LEP Board.
	Report was noted by Board Members.
13	Business Support Board Report
	Board Members noted the Business Support Board activity.
14	Infrastructure Board Report
	Report was noted by Board Members.
15	Any Other Business
	Professor David Petley – The University of Hull continues to be very keen to explore ways that we can support the regional economy for example, the development of the city centre. A series of conversations are taking place with key stakeholders to develop further activity. He is looking carefully about next steps with the Government's ambitions regarding innovation centres to assess alignment
	It was agreed that DP would update at a future Board Meeting
16	Date and Time of Next meeting
	Thursday 27 th July 2023 9.30 am County Hall, Beverley

Signed:

James Newman Chair