

HEY LEP Infrastructure Board

Paper F Appendix one - DRAFT Minutes of the Board held on Friday 1st September 2023

ERGO Business Centre, Bridgehead Business Park, Meadow Road, Hessle

Attendance

Board Members

Stephen Parnaby OBE (Chair)
Mark Barrett
Andrew Horncastle
David Garness
Tony Kirby
Cllr Ieronimo
Linda Martin

Secretariat

Teresa Chalmers, HEYLEP
Karen Philipson, ERYC/HEYLEP

Guests

Emma Toulson, ORSTED
Lucy Marshall, Environment Agency
Paul Stockhill, Environment Agency

1. Welcome & Introductions

Emma Toulson, Lucy Marshall and Paul Stockhill were welcomed to the meeting by the Chair and Board Members.

2. Apologies

Richard Beal
Eman Allam-Forster
Dominic Gibbons
Clare Hoskins
Mark Jones
Alan Menzies
Tim Rix

3. Declarations of Interest

The Chair reminded Board members they should make clear any declarations of interest to the Board either at the beginning of the meeting or as discussions arose.

The following declarations were received: Cllr Ieronimo for the Investment Programme item relating to HCC cycle paths etc.

4. **Minutes of the meeting held Friday 28th April 2023 on & Matters Arising**

Minutes agreed as true record - and there were no matters arising not covered on this agenda.

5. **Chair's Update**

The Chair updated on the following: -

- **Devolution** – Progression towards a Combined Authority (CA), no dates, or deadlines confirmed as yet. LA's and LEP are working behind the scenes and further meetings are due with the government Minister Dehenna Davison – details will emerge in due course.
- **LEP Funding** – Government have confirmed there is no further core funding after March 2024. Generally, LEP's will close, unless they have significant reserves and are supported by their LAs. The roles and responsibilities of the LEP will merge into the local authorities in the interim and then it is thought some will re-emerge within the CA. Considerations include where does the private sector voice lie in a CA? This has always been LEPs and want this to continue in M/CA, not sure how this will happen as yet. There may be a shadow CA in the transitional period – all unclear until we get further details.

6. **Environment Agency Update**

Lucy Marshall and Paul Stockhill updated the Board on Hull & East Yorkshire Flood Infrastructure – presentation attached.

7. **Transport for the North Update & Humber Bridge Board Update**

Tony Kirby covered the following: -

- Strategic Transport Plan Consultation draft submission – a response sent from HEY LEP on behalf of this board. Both LA's will send their own responses separately.
- Trans Pennine Upgrade Update – major closures from the end of October.
- Station Ticket Office Closures – 100 stations effected, including local services.

- Humber Bridge Board – rebranding has been launched with new logos etc
- Bridge crossings were up – at 27,000 per day as of 23rd June.

8. **ORSTED Update & Hornsea 4**

Emma Toulson, ORSTED updated the Board on the latest on the Offshore Wind Power and the Humber – presentation attached.

9. **Local Authority Updates**

- **Hull City Council – Cllr Ieronimo**
 - Active Travel England – Safety Road Funding for Freetown way and cycle path. Spring 2025 works will begin.
 - Cycle tracks - Preston Road – in line with residents’ survey - respond to public needs.
 - A165 from Blundells Corner/Holderness Road = £3m investment in safety improvements, including New Cleveland Street/Witham.

10. **Board Member Updates**

None due to apologies.

11. **Investment Activity & Programme Update**

The report provided a summary of investment related activity during the period of reporting.

An increased percentage of investment enquiries are received for large scale manufacturing.

5G Pilot - Government recently set out plans to test the roll-out of 5g ahead of full technology adoption across the UK. In order to test the new technology up to 10 regions will be selected as pilot areas with a total of £40m allocated across the trials. The opportunity was spotted by the HEY LEP and Hull City Council submitted an expression of interest form.

Space Hub Yorkshire is a co-ordinator of space activity across the region, a catalyst for new satellite and geospatial data markets, a source of space expertise, and a facilitator of new collaborations. The programme is managed by Leeds University, with governance provided through a monthly steering group featuring reps from each LEP/combined authority across Yorkshire.

Net Zero Co-ordinator - Recruitment has now completed for the Net Zero Co-ordinator who will commence work at the LEP on the 2nd October working alongside the two local authorities. A key part of their work initially will be assisting with the development of a Local Area Energy Plan which will be tendered for shortly.

12. **Investment Programmes Update**

This report updates the Board in relation to the legacy capital programmes: Getting Building Fund (GBF), Local Growth Fund (LGF) and the Growing Places Fund (GPF).

That the Board noted the latest progress report.

13. **Date & Time of Next Meeting**

Friday 3rd November 2023 at 10 am, venue tbc.

Signed:

Stephen Parnaby OBE
Chair

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