

# HEY LEP Infrastructure Board

DRAFT Minutes of the Board held on Friday 1<sup>st</sup> 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, HEY LEP  
Karen Philipson, ERYC/HEY LEP

### Guests

Emma Toulson, ORSTED  
Lucy Marshall, Environment Agency  
Paul Stockhill, Environment Agency  
Phil Glover HEY LEP  
Jacquie Newman HEY LEP

## 1. Welcome & Introductions

Emma, Lucy, and Paul 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:

David Garness – Monacle Building (formerly Europa House), Ferensway, Hull

4. **Minutes of the meeting held Friday 28<sup>th</sup> 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 confirmed dates, or deadlines yet. LA's and LEP are working behind the scenes and meeting due with the government minister Dehenna Davison – details will emerge in due course.
- **LEP Funding** – government have confirmed no core funding after March 2024 – Most LEPs will close apart from the ones that have significant reserves and whose boards have supported this. LEP roles and responsibilities will be integrated into the local authorities in the interim and then it is thought some will be situated within the CA, once established. The main issue is where does the private sector voice lie within a CA? This has always been the LEPs key role, and the private sector want this to continue in the CA, not sure how his will happen yet. There may be a shadow CA during 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.

The EA will be looking to significantly increase staff numbers as work grows and new technologies are developed; they are working closely with the 2100+ team – see [Humber 2100+ - Environment Agency - Citizen Space \(environment-agency.gov.uk\)](https://www.environment-agency.gov.uk). Not enough local residents have signed up for flood alerts and this is something that needs to be encouraged as well as people considering their own flood risks/plans such as relocating precious items to a higher floor level.

TC suggested that working with the LEP to raise the careers aspects of the EA would help future talent pipelines. There is also opportunity to reskill

adults who may be interested in working with the Agency. **Action – further exploration meeting to be set up.**



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

Tony Kirby covered the following: -

- Strategic Transport Plan Consultation – draft submission – a response has been sent on behalf of HEY LEP. The LAs will send their own separately.
- Trans Pennine Upgrade Update – major closures will occur at the end of October.
- Proposed Station Ticket Office Closures – 100 stations are affected: many in our region. The consultation process closes imminently.
- Humber Bridge Board – The Board have agreed rebranding with new logo etc. and this will start to be seen almost immediately. When the new electronic booths are in operation there will still be an opportunity for drivers to pay in cash after completing their journey, in addition to the on-line payment choice.
- Traffic flows remain strong. Bridge crossings were up – at 27,000 per day as of 23<sup>rd</sup> June.

## 8. **ORSTED Update, including Hornsea 4**

Emma Toulson, ORSTED updated the Board on the latest on the Offshore Wind Power and the Humber – presentation attached. Offshore wind continues to be a huge asset to the wider Humber region with the majority of employees being local. Orsted work with partners to align areas of work such as skills and are part of the Humber Energy Board.

Further developments such as Hornsea 4 will see a rapid expansion of clean energy.



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## 9. Local Authority Updates

- **Hull City Council – Cllr Ieronimo**

- Active Travel England – Safety Road funding for Freetown Way and cycle path in Hull has been confirmed; Spring 2025 works will begin.
- New cycle track development such as Preston Road – in line with residents’ survey – as a direct response to public needs.
- A165 from Blundells Corner/Holderness Road = £3m safety improvements investment including New Cleveland Street/Witham, this will improve safety and traffic flow ultimately.

## 10. Board Member Updates

None were provided due to several member absences.

## 11. Investment Activity & Programme Update

PG presented a 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, this is positive and reflects the region’s assets and sound manufacturing base.

**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 evaluate the innovative 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. The final bid document will be sent in on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September; competition will be high. The bid will focus on areas within the Freeport, South of the Humber will include aspects of food technology and north of the Humber will focus on CCTV, logistics and transport.

**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. Recent impacts have included the touring rocket which visited Hull’s city centre in August, resulting in good public attendance and awareness raising of potential careers in the industry.

**Net Zero Co-ordinator** - Recruitment has now completed for the Net Zero Co-ordinator who will commence work at the LEP on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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.

### **Investment Programmes Update**

12. The report updated the Board in relation to the legacy capital programmes: Getting Building Fund (GBF), Local Growth Fund (LGF) and the Growing Places Fund (GPF). The Board noted the latest progress report, recognising no high-risk areas and good progression in terms of outputs. Some outputs such as job creation, skills and house building are not due to be complete until 2025.
13. **Date & Time of Next Meeting**  
Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2023 at 10 am; venue tbc.

Signed:

**Stephen Parnaby OBE**  
Chair

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