



Annex C: Governance Assurance Statement

The LEP Chair and Chief Executive should here provide a brief formal assurance statement on the status of governance and transparency. This should include any overview and scrutiny function undertaken by the Accountable Body. This should be sent to the Assurance Team via localgrowthassurance@levellingup.gov.uk, copying the DBT Area Lead, by **29 February 2024**. This statement should also be published on the LEP's website by **15 March 2024** with confirmation sent to the email address above. **(max 500 words)**

HEY LEP has continued to hold high standards of governance/transparency ensuring the Nolan principles of governance are embedded throughout all LEP activities. We participate in the Humber Leadership, Freeport and Humber Energy Boards and have attended previous Council Scrutiny Committees when invited to do so.

LEP Board members continue to act as champions for SMEs, Rural and EDI and work closely with the team and other senior business leaders in the region. This work has resulted in the development of the HEY Manufacturers Network and a framework EDI plan that will be further progressed in partnership with the two LAs.

Additional assurance is provided by the Audit, Finance and Governance Panel (AFG), which has appropriate membership representation from audit, legal and banking - [Audit, Finance and Governance Panel » HEY LEP - Hull and East Yorkshire](#). This Panel provides independent advice on governance, financial and audit matters and any remuneration issues not covered by the Accountable Body. The LEP Chair, one board member and the S151 Officer are represented. The last AGM was held on 27 July 2023 at County Hall in Beverley.

The LEP has continued effective delivery of Humber LEP inherited programmes and has further developed business support functions via the Growth Hub, recently achieving success with the Create Growth programme. We continue to deliver the Made Smarter Programme and are on target to reach all required outcomes.

The Careers Hub continues to strengthen its delivery, with over 35 Enterprise Advisors, 10 Cornerstone Employers and a range of additional careers related activity, some of which has attracted industry financial contributions. We have been chosen to lead a national pilot, together with GLLEP to develop the first Net Zero Careers Hub in the country.

We have commissioned a number of strategic research reports, which are designed to act as first steps in supporting the development for the proposed future Combined Authority's delivery plans.



The Humber Energy Board (HEB) has been recognised by Government in the proposed HEY Devolution Deal, and together with the Freeport, will work in support of the proposed future Humber Joint Mayoral Committee. The HEB is the strategic lead for the delivery of the Humber Industrial Cluster Plan, published in March 2023 with the Steering Group, previously chaired by the HEY LEP's Chief Operating Officer.

Close continued partnership working with GLLEP colleagues has ensured that at LEP level, all Humber related matters are addressed with joint agreement on actions needed then being discussed at the JSU, of which the LEP COO/CEOs are members.

The Chair and COO regularly attend and contribute to NP11 meetings, the Chair remains joint chair of the NP11 Net Zero group. The Deputy Chair represents the LEP on the Freeport Board.

Despite great and prolonged uncertainty of LEP future the LEP team have continued to focus on delivery and have met every required deadline. Going forward we look to a successful transition to the forerunner of the proposed CA, delivering our regional economic services to support the private, VCSE and public sectors.

Signed:

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