## Humber Freeport

## 1. Summary

- 1.1. This paper provides further details of the scope of the work planned to develop a compelling case for a Humber Freeport.
- 1.2. Joint bidding team is being established to be coordinated by Humber LEP and include nominated Humber local authority and Greater Lincolnshire LEP officers, working with businesses advocating a Humber Freeport. Other specialists will be drawn in as required.
- 1.3. A bidding team will be bolstered by external consultancy support, to be commissioned by Humber LEP and funded by all partners. Consultants will work flexibly as part of an integrated bidding team, with tasks split to best utilise knowledge, skills and resources.

## 2. Plan and Scope

Phase/Theme	External support	Local partner work	
Scoping – August/September			
Scoping work	Review of LEP, local authority and key business positions –	Identification of potential Freeport sites (long list)	
	existing documents and 1:1/group discussions	Development of a public- facing "prospectus" document, drawing on the	
	Development of Humber Freeport project definition,	technical report	
	including high-level strategic and economic cases (technical report)	Launch, distribution and advocacy of the prospectus (e.g. PR activity, MP meetings)	
	Challenge and stress testing of the proposition		
	Incorporation of stakeholder feedback on the draft proposition		
Delivery – September-November			
Economic potential and innovation	Customer and supply chain mapping and engagement, incorporating the	Identification of key customer/supply chain contacts	
	Humber's "reach" into the north/midlands	Integration of existing socioeconomic evidence	

	Innovation impact potential (drawing on supply chain analysis)	base from LEP/local authority work (e.g. employment, GVA, skills requirements)
	Economic impact modelling (i.e. a Humber Freeport would deliver x jobs, x GVA etc)	Incorporate Freeport into wider strategic economic planning
Implementation	Operational planning Delivery model options,	GIS mapping of potential sites
	including report advising on tools for physical regeneration beyond grant	Consideration of wider spatial planning issues
	funding (e.g. partnership models, potential use of combined authority powers)	Freeport governance model and integration with wider cross-estuary governance
	Customers/tariff options	
Engagement		Stakeholder mapping
		Ongoing engagement with key stakeholders
		Consideration of further PR activity
		Spending Review representation (deadline 24 Sep)
Bid – November onwards (tbc)		
Bid development	To include decision on final selection of sites and prioritisation, and development of the required bid material drawing on work in the earlier phases	
	Split of work to be determined once bid criteria and process are available	