

Hull and East Yorkshire LEP Board

HEY LEP Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy – Next Steps Report by Andrew Hewitt, Senior Policy and Business Growth Manager Thursday 31st March 2022 Paper B

1. Summary

- 1.1. The HEY LEP Economic Growth and Workforce Wellbeing Strategy was launched on the 17th of February 2022 with an electronic audience of over 50 stakeholders.
- 1.2. A limited print run of 100 copies of the Strategy has been undertaken and the document and edited video of the strategy launch available on the HEY LEP website.
- 1.3. Following the completion of the strategy, the next phase of strategic activity is underway with the commencement of project planning works towards a key LEP output of producing delivery plans for each key priority outlined in the strategy document for the period up to 2026.
- 1.4. This report seeks to outline that draft approach being taken towards completion of this delivery planning process.

2. <u>Recommendations</u>

- 2.1. That the Board;
 - notes the information included in the report with regards to the launch of the HEY LEP strategy.
 - approves the approach outlined in this paper to the completion of HEY LEP delivery planning process, both for the 22/23 year and for the lifetime of the strategy.
 - delegate final responsibility for sign off the 22/23 Delivery Plan to the Chair and Deputy Chair to enable submission to BEIS in a timely manner. A final copy of the 22/23 delivery plan to be circulated to Board members.

3. <u>Report</u>

- 3.1. Strategy Launch
 - 3.1.1. The HEY LEP Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy was launched at a virtual event via Microsoft Teams on the 17th February 2022. A consistent audience of over 50 stakeholders attended the event.



- 3.1.2. The strategy is available on the HEY LEP website at: <u>www.heylep.com/about-the-hey-lep/strategy/</u>
- 3.1.3. An edited version of the launch event, for those who were not able to attend to view is available at the address above and also on the HEY LEP Youtube channel.
- 3.1.4. A limited print run of 100 copies of the documents has been completed. A copy will be circulated to all board and sub-board members.
- 3.2. Delivery Planning
 - 3.2.1. Having launched the strategy the next step to undertake is develop delivery plans for the four key priorities outlined in the strategy (P1 – Productive & Innovative Economy; P2- Clean Growth Economy; P3-Skilled and Inclusive Economy; P4 – Competitive & Resilient Locations) for the period up to 2026. These delivery plans will outline the strategic actions which the LEP and other partner agencies will undertake to deliver the vision and ambitions outlined within the strategy.
 - 3.2.2. In order to complete this activity accurately there is a requirement to engage all LEP Sub-boards as well as Local Authorities and other stakeholders.
 - 3.2.3. In 2019/2020, the Department for Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS) introduced the requirement for all Local Enterprise Partnerships to produce a Delivery Plan to outline key targets for the forthcoming year. Plans must be created on an annual basis and the LEP produced a delivery plan for 2021/22 which was approved the board at the June 2021 meeting. The deadline for completion of this delivery plan for 2022/23 is May 2022.
 - 3.2.4. The LEP Delivery Plan is a key part of the Assurance Framework which provides assurance to Government and Parliament (as well as the residents, businesses and other stakeholders) that there are robust systems and processes in place locally to ensure resources are spent with regularity, propriety and value for money.
 - 3.2.5. Due to the limited time available to produce the 22/23 delivery plan the proposal is that HEY LEP undertake a twin track delivery planning process to complete a 22/23 LEP delivery plan focused upon items wholly within the delivery remit of HEY LEP. At the same time consultation commences with LEP Sub-groups, Local Authorities and other stakeholders to produced delivery plans for the four strategic priorities outlined in the strategy for the period up to 2026, which captures a wider range of project and service delivery, including taking into account the guidance included in the Shared Prosperity Fund, once this has been announced.



4. Financial and resource implications

None at this stage.