

Audit, Finance and Governance Meeting

Paper C - LEP Delivery Plan 2022/23

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1. Summary

1.1. This report provides details of the Hull and East Yorkshire (HEY) Local Enterprise Partnership (LEP) Delivery Plan 2022/23, its purpose, content and timescales involved.

2. Recommendations

2.1. That the Board notes the information included within the report.

3. Background & Purpose

3.1. 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.

3.2. 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.

3.3. The letter from Neil O'Brien MP (Department for Local Up, Housing & Communities) and Paul Scully MP (Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy), dated 31st March 2022, outlining arrangements for integrating LEPs in to new local democratic institutions, including devolution deal, gives further details on completion of delivery plans. It states that LEPs should publish their delivery plans for the coming year (2022/23) by 30 June 2022 at the latest. These documents should set out how LEPs intend to use the full range of their core functions and roles to support their local economies and local decision-making.

3.4. This letter also outlines the possible requirement to undertake a further delivery planning process later in the year, to be submitted by the 25th November 2022, should a devolution agreement not be in place with government for the area. This subsequent delivery plan will outline activity for 2023/24 and future provision of core funding for the LEP will be subject to agreement of this plan with government.

4. Content

- 4.1. The HEY LEP Delivery Plan 2022/23 will focus on three key areas of activity for the forthcoming year – Governance, Strategy and Programmes. It outlines a number of targets and milestones for the continued development of the LEP, its structures, strategies and programmes.
- 4.2. A programme GANTT Chart providing details of key programme delivery timescales will also form part of the Delivery Plan.
- 4.3. The Delivery Plan will be used to monitor our progress throughout the year and will form the basis of our Annual Review for 2021/22 which will be published in summer 2022.

5. Timescales

- 5.1. In order to ensure compliance with BEIS requirements, the HEY LEP Delivery Plan 2021/22 is required to be completed by no later than 30 June 2022.