



# CITY DEAL

Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

## **Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Thursday, 29th November, 2018 at 2.00 pm at the Committee Room 'B' (The Diamond Jubilee Room) - County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present**

Jim Carter (Chairman)

Councillor Matthew Brown  
County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE

Councillor Clifford Hughes  
Mark Rawstron

#### **In Attendance**

Danielle Gillespie, General Manager, Homes England  
Heather McManus, Chief Executive, South Ribble Borough Council  
Adrian Phillips, Interim Chief Executive, Preston City Council  
Angie Ridgwell, Chief Executive and Director of Resources, Lancashire County Council  
County Councillor Michael Green, Lancashire County Council (nominated Observer)  
Councillor Peter Moss, Preston City Council (nominated Observer)  
Jo Ainsworth, LEP and Special Projects Finance Manager, Lancashire County Council  
Graham Cowley, Director, Lancashire Enterprise Partnership (Observer)  
Nicola Elsworth, Head of Land, Homes England  
Gregg Stott, Deputy Chief Executive, Regeneration and Growth, South Ribble Borough Council  
Jonathan Noad, Director of Planning and Property, South Ribble Borough Council  
Joanne Hudson, Project Manager, Lancashire County Council  
Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council  
Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council  
Stephen Young, Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services, Lancashire County Council

#### **1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chairman, Jim Carter, welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were presented from City Deal Executive Member Councillor Margaret Smith with Councillor Cliff Hughes formally nominated to attend as her representative.

#### **2. Minutes of the City Deal Executive meeting held on 16th August 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the City Deal Executive meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 be approved as accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. Minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 16th August 2018**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> August 2018 be approved as accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising**

None

**5. Declaration of Interests**

None

**6. Any Other Business**

None

**7. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next Combined City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board meeting was scheduled to be held on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> December 2018, 2:30pm in Committee Room 'D' – The Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston.

**8. Exclusion of the Press and Public**

**Resolved:** That the press and public be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following items of business on the grounds that there would be a likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the appropriate paragraph of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972, as indicated against the heading of each item. It is considered that in all the circumstances the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.

In addition, the Chairman proposed that LEP Director and Chairman of the Growth Deal Management Board, Graham Cowley, be allowed to remain for the Part II items on the agenda given the links between Growth Deal and City Deal and Graham's previous involvement in working groups relating to the subject matters.

**Resolved:** That Graham Cowley be allowed to remain present for the Part II items on the agenda.

**9. Preston Western Distributor (including Cottam Link Road) and East West Link Road Update**

Stephen Young, Executive Director of Growth, Environment, Transport and Community Services, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) which updated the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board on the Preston Western Distributor and East West Link Road proposals.

The Executive and Stewardship Board were provided with a full update (in Part II Private and Confidential) regarding costings and scheme delivery.

**Resolved:** The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the report and update as provided.

**10. A582/B5253 South Ribble Western Distributor Update**

Stephen Young presented a report (circulated) which provide the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board with an update on the A582/B5253 South Ribble Western Distributor.

It was highlighted that this was the first time a formal report had been formally presented on this scheme whilst noting that discussions have been taking place informally for some time.

**Resolved:** The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board:

- (i) Noted the costs for, and assumptions leading to, the order of magnitude estimates produced in 2012 and 2018; and
- (ii) Noted the ongoing work to devise a mitigation strategy to be reported to the meeting of the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board in early 2019.

**11. Housing Site Review**

*Simon Pringle, Director of Steer (Independent Consultants) was invited to join the meeting at this point.*

Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) regarding the conclusions of the City Deal area Housing Site Review which was requested by the Executive and Stewardship Board in February 2018.

**Resolved:** The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board:

- (i) Noted the Hive report's recommendations in relation to the acceleration of housing sites, with the Development Sites Delivery Group requested to report back to a future meeting of the City Deal Executive and Stewardship

Board on progress with their implementation.

- (ii) Approved the revised housing forecast provided by Hive which in turn, will be used for performance and financial monitoring purposes.
- (iii) Approved tasking the City Deal Review Group with determining options to address the implications of the revised housing forecasts on the current Head of Terms/Operating Financial arrangements and impact on the finance model; and
- (iv) Requested that the City Deal Review Group provide progress updates to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board on the issues set out in this report, as part of its wider reporting on the City Deal Review.

## **12. Independent Review of the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal**

The Chairman, Jim Carter, introduced a report (circulated) regarding the Independent Review of the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal.

It was highlighted to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board that this was an independent review and that both the Executive and Stewardship Board were asked to receive it. Simon Pringle was attending the meeting to give an overview presentation of the report and also to answer any questions the Executive or Stewardship Board may have on its findings.

Simon Pringle gave a presentation (in Part II Private and Confidential) highlighting all key points of the independent review.

**Resolved:** The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board:

- (i) Received and noted the final independent review report presented by Steer.
- (ii) Requested that the City Deal Review Group develop an action plan to address the recommendations in the report, including options for the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board to consider.
- (iii) Requested that the City Deal Review Group agree a clear and consistent process for communicating the outcome of the Review to the partner Councils, Homes England Board, Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board and Government; and
- (iv) Requested that officers bring a report back to the next meeting Combined meeting of the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board with some options to bridge the deficit taking account of all areas – income generation, scheme sequencing / prioritisation and expenditure mitigation.