



Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Limited

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Response to the Annual Performance Review: LEP Strategy Improvement Plan
(Appendices '1', '2' and '3' refer)

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Executive Summary

This report provides an update on the Government's Annual Performance Review of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership 2018/19. It seeks formal ratification from the Board of a LEP Improvement Plan for Strategy in response to the requirements set out by Central Government.

Recommendation

The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board is asked to:

- (i) Note the national performance assessment of Lancashire Enterprise Partnership.
- (ii) Note the urgent response that was required from the Interim Chair and Interim Chief Executive to the request from Central Government for a plan to be put in place; and
- (iii) Approve the Strategy Improvement Plan, as set out in Appendix '1'.

Background and Advice

As part of the national framework and LEP business planning cycle, the 'annual conversation' took place in Lancashire on the 10th December 2018, minutes are attached at Appendix '3'.

On the 11th March, 2019 the Director, Cities and Local Growth Unit wrote on behalf of Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy and Ministry of Housing, Communities & Local Government to set out this year's performance, letter also attached at Appendix '2'.

In summary the performance outcome was:



- Governance, as Good;
- Delivery as Good;
- Strategy as Requiring Improvement.

Improvement Plan

After further discussion with local 'officials' it was expected that there would be a requirement to produce an action plan to address the deficit in the performance on Strategy.

On the 8TH April 'officials' informed Local Enterprise Partnerships that these action plans urgently needed to be put in place by the 12th April. This was to enable these plans to fit in with the timetabling of the Public Accounts Committee and a planned session with Local Enterprise Partnerships.

A plan has been produced at short notice to provide a response.

This Strategy Improvement Plan is set out in Appendix '1'.

In short, the Plan includes the following commitments, with actions set out to achieve them:

1.	We will provide strong, stable and diverse leadership
2.	We will demonstrate a clear timeline for the development of Lancashire's Local Industrial Strategy
3.	We will demonstrate a clear ambitious vision that is realistic, challenging, has wide buy-in and is grounded in evidence and analysis.
4.	We will work continuously across our boundaries to maximise economic development and growth opportunities
5.	We will produce a stakeholder engagement plan for the Local Industrial Strategy to ensure all stakeholders are appropriately engaged.
6.	We will create an Innovation Board and seek to mainstream knowledge and innovation in the economy
7.	We will step-up to more fully engage our local MPs
8.	We will work with Area Lead to develop engagement programme with LEP Senior Sponsor
9.	We will regularly review MP engagement strategy
10.	We will refine the LIS and other strategies regularly, maintain and update them, with regular inputs from stakeholders.
11.	We will demonstrate that our strategy drives all LEP investment programmes and connects fully with the programmes of others.

It is acknowledged that this plan is not final and will inevitably evolve over time, metrics will need to be agreed to monitor performance. However, this plan sets out the principles by which the LEP will operate going forward.

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		
Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate		
N/A		