



# CITY DEAL

Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

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

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 14th October, 2019 at 5.30 pm at the Savoy Suite 1 - The Exchange - County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present**

Jim Carter (Chairman)

Councillor Matthew Brown

Councillor Paul Foster

County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE

Mark Rawstron

#### **In Attendance**

Nicola Elsworth, Head of Public Sector Land, Homes England

Adrian Phillips, Chief Executive, Preston City Council

Gary Hall, Interim Chief Executive, South Ribble Borough Council

Phil Green, Director of Growth, Environment and Planning, 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

Deborah Holroyd-Jones, Senior Development Manager, Homes England

Joanne Hudson, Project Manager, Lancashire County Council

Marcus Hudson, Planning Manager, Lancashire County Council

Laura Sales, Director of Corporate Services and Company Secretary, Lancashire County Council

Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council

Jonathan Noad, Director of Planning and Property, South Ribble Borough Council

Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council

County Councillor John Potter – Observer

County Councillor Keith Iddon – Cabinet Member, Lancashire County Council, Observer

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

The Chairman, Jim Carter, welcomed all to the meeting. Round table introductions were made. Apologies for absence were presented from Danielle Gilliespie (Homes England) with Nicola Elsworth formally nominated as her representative and from Angie Ridgwell (Chief Executive and Director of Resources, Lancashire County Council) with Phil Green formally nominated as her representative.

**2. Minutes of the City Deal Executive meeting held on 25th July 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the City Deal Executive meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**3. Minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 25th July 2019**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 25<sup>th</sup> July 2019 be approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

**4. Matters Arising**

None

**5. Declarations of Interest**

Jim Carter declared a long standing interest in any potential items related to the Cuerden Development as his employer, Eric Wright, is engaged with the Lancashire Central project.

**6. Presentation - Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal - Achievements to Date**

Phil Green, Director of Growth, Environment and Planning, Lancashire County Council, gave a presentation which contained the achievements to date for the City Deal.

The presentation provided background to the creation of City Deal in 2013 with it noted that 5000 new homes have been delivered in the first 5 years of the deal with 15,000 new homes having secured planning consent. 14,000 jobs have been created as part of the Deal. The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal is considered by Government to be one of the best performing in the country, attracting new investment and a range of national and local developers are active in the area.

In addition, it was noted that over £120 million pounds worth of projects have been completed including Broughton Bypass, A582 Golden Way / Roundabouts, Preston Bus Station, Lancaster Road, Public Realm and local transport Corridors (New Hall Lane and Bamber Bridge).

Several significant projects are underway including Penwortham Bypass, the Preston Western Distributor and East / West Link Road, East Cliff Bridge, A582 Dualling Preparatory Work, Lancashire Central Review and other bridges, corridors and cycle ways.

It was further noted that the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership has successfully

embedded Social Value within their key infrastructure investment programmes through the adoption of a LEP wide Social Value Framework. The Framework utilises the National Theme Outcomes and Measures to embed social value within procurement, monitoring and evaluation of projects across the LEP's project portfolio including Growth Deal, City Deal, Boost Business Support and Rosebud Business Finance programmes.

City Deal members reconfirmed their commitment to the City Deal programme and endorsed the achievements to date. It was requested that Social Value outputs data be shared with the Executive and Stewardship Board at the next meeting.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the City Deal achievements to date and requested that Social Value outputs data be shared with the Executive and Stewardship Board at the next meeting.

## **7. Homes England Quarterly Monitoring Progress Update - Q1 2019/20**

Nicola Elsworth, Head of Public Sector Land (North West) Homes England and Chair of the City Deal Stewardship Board introduced both quarterly monitoring reports with Debra Holyroyd-Jones (also Homes England) invited to present the reports in more detail.

Given that this meeting contained both the Homes England Quarter 1 and Quarter 2 reports for 2019/20 the Quarter 1 report was noted as circulated.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the Homes England Quarter 1 – 2019/20 report as circulated.

## **8. Homes England Quarterly Monitoring Progress Update - Q2 2019/20**

Debra Holyroyd-Jones presented a report (circulated) which provided the Executive and Stewardship Board with the Homes England Quarter 2 – 2019/20 monitoring progress update.

It was highlighted that there has been a slight delay regarding loan and grant payments, this has been mainly due to technical issues with Cottam Hall but the issues are now resolved.

A brief summary was provided of key achievements during the last quarter, noting that Cottam Hall continues to deliver out well with Phase 6 very near to completion of freehold disposal. Whittingham Hospital –phase 1 completion has been achieved. Eastway continues to build out well. Altcar Lane – work is underway on site. Croston Road South – 50% of the site is completed and Pickerings Farm – The application has been finalised and is ready for submission this month.

With regard the dashboard it was noted that 90 housing completions have been achieved on site during this reporting period. With regard to the Grant Table

(Appendix 1 to the report) it was noted that peak grant income will come forward in 2021/22

In total, 630 new homes have been delivered across all the City Deal sites to date which is on target to expected levels for this stage of the City Deal.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the Homes England Quarter 2 – 2019/20 report as presented.

**9. Any Other Business**

None

**10. Date of Next Meeting**

It was noted that the next meeting of the combined Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal was scheduled to be held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 at 2:30pm in Savoy Suite 1 – The Exchange – County Hal, Preston.

**11. 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.

**12. City Deal Review Update**

Leaders and Chief Executives provided an update on the City Deal Review and progress through various stages of approval by their respective authorities and a further update was provided on future City Deal funding opportunities.

It was noted that further meetings were scheduled to be held over the coming week and that all authorities would prioritise discussions to ensure opportunities to apply for additional future funding are fully explored.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the current position with regard to the City Deal Review and agreed to prioritise further meetings to progress with the Review and explore future funding opportunities.

### **13. City Transport Plan and Transforming Cities Fund**

Marcus Hudson, Planning Manager, Lancashire County Council presented a private and confidential report (circulated) regarding the City Transport Plan and the Transforming Cities Fund.

It was highlighted that the City Deal Executive was asked to agree to continue its role in developing the Plan and the proposition presented in the Transforming Cities Fund bid. The City Deal Executive provided feedback on the Plan and bid as appropriate.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive:

- (i) Noted the advice received by consultants and presented in the Preston City Transport Plan and agree to its publication as evidence to inform current and ongoing transport planning and investment programming.
- (ii) Noted progress on the preparation of a strategic outline business case to support the area's funding bid to the Department for Transport's Transforming Cities Fund; and
- (iii) Agreed to continue its role and the governance arrangements for the delivery of City Deal projects included in the proposition presented in the Transforming Cities Fund bid.

### **14. A582 South Ribble Western Distributor**

Marcus Hudson presented a private and confidential report (circulated) regarding the A582 South Ribble Western Distributor.

It was noted that the Strategic Outline Business Case was submitted in July 2019 at the conclusion of the public consultation.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive noted the ongoing preparatory work on this scheme, including progress with the Major Roads Network funding application and changes to the scheme to address concerns raised through recent public consultation.

### **15. Penwortham to City Centre Public Transport Priority Corridor Improvement Works**

Marcus Hudson presented a private and confidential report (circulated) regarding Penwortham to City Centre Public Transport Priority Corridor Improvement Works.

It was noted that work to progressing with the preparatory work for the delivery of the Penwortham town centre public realm enhancement scheme is pending the outcome of the review into City Deal, following which a further report will be brought to the City Deal Executive for consideration.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive noted the current situation and agreed that a further report is brought forward following conclusion of the review into City Deal.

## **16. Infrastructure Delivery Monitoring Report - Quarter 2 2019-20**

Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, presented a private and confidential report which provided the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board with the Infrastructure Delivery Monitoring Report for Quarter 2 2019/20.

It was noted that in the last quarter good progress is has been achieved on the large schemes such as Preston Western Distributor, Penwortham Bypass and Broughton Corridor Improvements. Pre-planning application work on the A582 South Ribble Western Distributor is also progressing according to programme. Overall there are currently 17 'live projects' in the programme with updates provided on the status of each one.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the Quarter 2 Project Monitoring report for the period July – September 2019 as presented.

## **17. City Deal Finance Update Quarter 2 2019-20**

Jo Ainsworth, Principal Accountant – Capital and Lancashire Enterprise Partnership, Lancashire County Council presented a private and confidential report (circulated) which provided the City Deal Finance update for Quarter 2 – 2019/20.

The current financial and future financial position of the City Deal was highlighted.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board:

- (i) Noted the Quarter 2 – 2019/20 Finance Update.
- (ii) Noted the work ongoing and required to be resolved to address the deficit forecast in the infrastructure deliver model.
- (iii) Agreed to support the funding bids in place to attract funds to the model; and
- (iv) Noted the key risks and potential benefits going forward and accept mitigation is needed to ensure the model remains balanced over the lifetime of the deal, utilising the three strategies advised by the Steer Review report of expenditure mitigation, income generation and scheme prioritisation.