



# CITY DEAL

Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

## **Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal - Stewardship Board**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday 14th March 2023 at 2.00 pm at the Committee Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present**

Nicola Elsworth (Chair)

Adrian Phillips  
Angie Ridgwell

Chris Sinnott  
Mark Rawstron

#### **In Attendance**

County Councillor Phillipa Williamson, Leader, Lancashire County Council  
Councillor Matthew Brown, Leader, Preston City Council  
Councillor Paul Foster, Leader, South Ribble Borough Council  
County Councillor Aidy Riggott, Cabinet Member – Economic Development and Growth, Lancashire County Council  
Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, Lancashire Council Council  
Phil Wilson, Central Lancashire Master Plan Delivery Manager, Lancashire County Council  
Joanne Ainsworth, Principal Accountant, Lancashire County Council  
Phil Green, Executive Director – Growth, Environment and Planning, Lancashire County Council  
Chris Hayward, Director of Development and Housing, Preston City Council  
Hannah Lysons, Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council  
Andy Milroy, Democratic Services Manager (Companies), Lancashire County Council  
Dr Michele Lawty-Jones, Director, Lancashire Skills Hub  
Leigh McLaughlin, Employment and Skills Co-ordinator, Lancashire Skills Hub  
Jonathon Behan, Homes England

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

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from the Nominated Observer from Preston City Council, Councillor David Borrow and from the Nominated Observer from South Ribble Borough Council, Councillor Mick Titherington.

## **2. Minutes of the City Deal Executive meeting held on 11th October 2022**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the City Deal Executive Board meeting held on 11 October 2022 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

## **3. Minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 11th October 2022**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 11 October 2022 were approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

## **4. Matters Arising**

An item was raised by the Chair regarding Agenda Item 11 from the minutes of the previous meeting. The matter was discussed under Part II of the agenda.

## **5. Declarations of Interest**

None.

## **6. City Deal - Delivery and Performance Update Report - March 2023**

A collection of reports were presented which gave various delivery and performance updates which had previously been circulated to the board via email, and had since been reissued to include the most recent data. The following reports were highlighted to the Board:

Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council, presented the six monthly core outputs update. It was noted that the data displayed a good trajectory, however this was dependent on an extension to the City Deal.

Jonathon Behan, Homes England, presented the Homes England quarterly update for Quarters 2 and 3 combined. The following items were noted from the report:

- It was reported that delivery across Homes England sites was good but had been slowing down which was noted as being a knock on effect of the wider market.
- A further 88 new homes completed across phases of ongoing build out at Cottam Hall; 19 new homes completed at Altcar Lane; 19 new homes completed at Croston Road North; 5 new homes completed at Whittingham Hospital; 4 new homes completed at Walton Park Link; 13 new homes completed on land at Eastway, with a grant payment of £444,053 paid to LCC in relation to overage secured at the site.
- Of the completions for the quarters reported, 41 of which were homes of

affordable tenure taking the total to 347.

- It was noted to the Board that no further grant and loan payments were forecast in the upcoming Quarters 3 and 4.

It was highlighted to the Executive and Stewardship Board that the table on page 53 of the agenda, item 5 of the report, provided a breakdown of Affordable Housing provision, and data on how this was being delivered against agreed policy. It was noted that all sites are delivering policy compliant levels of affordable housing, except for Whittingham where viability issues have led to a lower level of affordable housing being provided.

Dr Michele Lawty-Jones, Director, Lancashire Skills Hub, and Leigh McLaughlin, Employment and Skills Co-ordinator, Lancashire Skills Hub presented the Preston Western Distributor Year 3 Social Value report which highlighted skills and employment metrics which had been tracked across the project with reference to the strategic themes of the Lancashire Skills and Employment board. It was highlighted that the case studies contained within the report showing a buoyant and wide range of activity undertaken, and that there was evidence of a positive upward trend in achieving the strategic themes.

The Chair thanked those involved in the production of report, and it was noted that the metrics displayed were positive and should be congratulated. It was requested by the Executive and Stewardship Board that more work be done on closing the gap between the disparity in the number of males and females on site, however it was highlighted that much work had already been done in this area to make improvements and for that, those involved were thanked.

The presenters were thanked for their input.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the reports as presented.

## 7. Any Other Business

None.

## 8. Date of Next Meeting and Programme of Meetings for 2023 / 24

**Resolved:** It was noted that the next meeting of the Combined City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board is scheduled to be held on 11th July 2023 at 2pm in Committee Room 'C' – The Duke of Lancaster Room at County Hall, Preston.

In addition, it was noted that further dates for 2023/24 have been scheduled as follows, to be held in County Hall, Preston:

- 3rd October 2023 – 2pm;
- 5th December 2023 – 2pm;

- 19th March 2024 – 2pm.

## 9. Exclusion of the Press and Public

**Resolved:** The Executive and Stewardship Board considered that, under Section 100A(4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public should 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 I of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 as indicated against the heading to the item.

## 10. Appendix 'A' to Item 6 - City Deal - Delivery and Performance Update Report - March 2023

Phil Wilson, Central Lancashire Master Plan Delivery Manager, Lancashire County Council presented a private and confidential report which provided an update on the programme of the Preston Western Distributor Scheme. The Executive and Stewardship Board gave thanks to all officers involved in the delivery of the scheme for their hard work through unprecedented times.

It was noted that some financial challenges may arise due to supplier issues at Highways England, however the Board was reassured that costs associated with this had been forecasted and that the scheme is projected to be completed within the allocated budget.

It was requested by the Executive and Stewardship Board that, going forward, that additional detailed data regarding finances is presented to ensure the Executive and Stewardship Board have a complete data set of information.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Boards noted the report as presented.

## 11. Matters Arising (Part II)

With regard to Item 11 – City Deal – The Way Forward from the previous minutes of the Executive and Stewardship Board meetings held on 11<sup>th</sup> October 2022 a private and confidential discussion took place with each party providing a position update statement with it agreed to make efforts to bring discussions to a conclusion as soon as possible and report back to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board.