Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th February, 2019 at 2.30 pm at the Committee Room 'C' (The Duke of Lancaster Room) - County Hall, Preston

Present

Jim Carter (Chairman)

Councillor Matthew Brown	Mark Rawstron
County Councillor Geoff Driver CBE	Councillor Margaret Smith

In Attendance

Danielle Gillespie, General Manager, Homes England
Adrian Phillips, Interim Chief Executive, Preston City Council
Angie Ridgwell, Chief Executive and Director of Resources, Lancashire County Council
Gregg Stott, Deputy Chief Executive, South Ribble Borough Council
Councillor Peter Moss, Preston City Council (nominated Observer)
County Councillor Michael Green, Lancashire County Council (nominated Observer)
Councillor Phil Smith, South Ribble Borough Council (nominated Observer)
Jo Ainsworth, LEP and Special Projects Finance Manager, Lancashire County Council
Nicola Elsworth, Head of Public Sector Land, Homes England
Joanne Hudson, Project Manager, Lancashire County Council
Marcus Hudson, Planning Manager, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Clifford Hughes, South Ribble Borough Council, Cabinet Member (Strategic Planning and Housing)
Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council
Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council
Tim Povall, Deputy Chief Executive, South Ribble Borough Council
Stephen Young, Executive Director for 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 Heather McManus, Chief Executive, South Ribble Borough Council (Stewardship Board Member) with Gregg Stott, Deputy Chief Executive, formally nominated as her representative.

2. Minutes of the City Deal Executive Meeting held on 18th December 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the City Deal Executive meeting held on 18th December 2018 be approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

3. Minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board Meeting held on 18th December 2018

Resolved: That the minutes of the City Deal Stewardship Board meeting held on 18th December 2018 be approved as an accurate record and duly signed by the Chairman.

4. Matters Arising

None

5. Declaration of Interests

In relation to any discussions relating to the Cuerden development scheme, Jim Carter declared that he is a Non-Executive Director of Eric Wright. It was determined that this interest did not exclude Jim from participating in any potential discussions relating to the Cuerden development scheme.

6. City Deal 6 Month Performance Monitoring Report - Year 5 2018/19 (April - September 2018)

Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, briefly introduced the formal City Deal 6 Month Performance Monitoring Report – Year 5 2018 / 19 for the period April 2018 to September 2018.

It was noted that this contained historical information and was presented to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board for formal noting with any queries from Members to be picked up outside of the meeting.

Resolved: The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the overall performance of the Programme in this monitoring period and endorsed the 6 monthly return to Government as presented.

7. Homes England Quarterly Monitoring Progress Update - Q2 2018/19

Danielle Gillespie, General Manager, Homes England presented a report (circulated) which provided the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board with an update on Homes England Quarterly Monitoring Progress for Quarter 2 2018 / 19.

The report provided details of each of the 11 Homes England sites including progress towards key milestones.

It was noted that Homes England was on track to pay the £37.5m grant by 2022/23.

Resolved: The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the contents of the report and progress made.

8. Any Other Business

None

9. 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 12th March 2019, 2:30pm in Committee Room 'D' – The Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston.

10. 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 Officer and Member Observers from the respective three Councils be allowed to remain.

Resolved: That Officer and Member Observers be allowed to remain present for the Part II items on the agenda.

11. Detailed Private and Confidential Note of the Combined City Deal meeting held on 18th December 2018

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information).

A private and confidential note of the Combined City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board meeting held on 18th December 2018 was presented for information.

Resolved: The Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board confirmed the detailed private and confidential note of the Combined City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board meeting held on 18th December 2018 as an accurate record.

12. City Deal Review

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information).

Sarah Parry presented a report (circulated) regarding the City Deal Review.

The Executive and Stewardship Board were provided with an update on progress made regarding financing for the schemes and other matters.

Resolved: The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board

(i) Noted that the additional financial contributions and expenditure reduction proposals, together with their respective conditions as set out by each of the partners, be noted and that detailed technical, financial and legal discussions take place as a priority, in order to establish what the resulting impact is on the finance model, housing and infrastructure delivery programme over the life of the Deal.

(ii) Tasked the technical, legal and finance officers from across the partner authorities to develop revised heads of terms by the end of March 2019, and that these be adopted at the latest by June 2019 with a full partnership agreement in place by July 2019.

(iii) Noted that these heads of terms will need to be income driven as well as unit driven.

(iv) Noted that the future financial monitoring reports will include sections on performance against income drivers and comparison of actual receipts to the model against estimates in terms of both timing and amount.

(v) Noted that an update on the wider recommendations in the report prepared by Steer Economic Development be brought to a future meeting of the Executive and Stewardship Board; and

(vi) Requested that officers engage Steer to undertake further work on the next stages of moving forward with the revised Heads of Terms for the City Deal.

13. South Ribble Western Distributor and Preston Western Distributor – Progression of Business Cases

(Exempt information as defined in Paragraph 3 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act, 1972. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interests in disclosing the information).

Marcus Hudson, Planning Manager, Lancashire County Council, presented a report (circulated) regarding the South Ribble Western Distributor and Preston Western Distributor, Progress of Business Cases.

Marcus provided an overview of each scheme, the history of funding and the current cost range, the current position and future implications in addition to the future decision making process to be followed.

Following a brief adjournment to consider revised recommendations, the City Deal Executive reconvened and **resolved:**

(i) To support the delivery of the Preston Western Distributor, A582 / B5253 South Ribble Western Distributor, Cottam Link and East West Link Road to be funded by the City Deal, subject to full approval of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and Department for Transport for Growth Deal Funding, and recognising that the progress on all schemes is subject to validation of funding.

(ii) Agreed to the submission of a strategic outline business case for the widening of the A582 between the M65 Terminal Roundabout at Cuerden and the A59 at Penwortham and that work continues on the A582 project alongside the bidding process and that timescales are reported back to the next City Deal Executive / Stewardship Board meeting; and

(iii) Agreed to the inclusion of the following supporting statement in the Full Business Case for the Preston Western Distributor, that

"Two significant public funding decisions have been made in support of the scheme, through the single Local Growth Fund which is accessed through the Growth Deals agreed with each Local Enterprise Partnership, and separately through Highways England's Roads Investment Strategy. In total, this funding amounts to £83 million. The City Deal Executive & Stewardship Board have resolved that the local contribution will be met through the resources available and which become available to the City Deal in the range £103.44 million to £124.47 million for this project along with any subsequent cost increase above the level of grant already agreed."