

LEP - Performance Committee

**Minutes of the Meeting held on Friday, 2nd September, 2016 at 10.00 am
at the Meeting Room, Lancashire Record Office, Bow Lane, Preston.**

Present

Richard Evans (Chair)

Graham Cowley
Michael Damms

Councillor Peter Rankin

In Attendance

Joanne Ainsworth, Subject Matter Expert/Specialist Advisor Finance, LCC
Jim Carter, Chair - City Deal Executive
Martin Kelly, Director of Economic Development, LCC
Neil Kissock, Director of Financial Resources, LCC
Simon Leyland, Keppie Massie
Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, LCC
Eddie Sutton, Director of Development and Corporate Services, LCC

1. **Welcome and Apologies for Absence**

The Chair, Richard Evans, welcomed all to the meeting. Apologies for absence were presented from Edwin Booth and David Taylor.

2. **Declarations of Interest**

None

3. **Membership and Terms of Reference of the Committee**

Andy Milroy, Senior Democratic Services Officer, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) containing updated Membership and Terms of Reference of the Performance Committee. It was highlighted that the main change was the expansion of the membership from four to six and now included Edwin Booth and Mike Damms as addition committee members. It was confirmed that the LEP Board had approved the updated Membership and Terms of Reference at its last meeting.

Resolved: That the updated Membership and Terms of Reference for the Performance Committee be noted.

4. Minutes of the meeting held on 24th May 2016

Resolved: That Minutes of the meeting held on the 24th May 2016 are confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chair.

5. Matters Arising

None

6. Presentation - Jim Carter - Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal

Jim Carter, Chair of the City Deal Executive, presented a report (circulated) which provided the Performance Committee an overview of the City Deal, a brief summary of performance in the first two years, highlighted the work of the initial phases of the City Deal, and, proposed a scope and methodology for further phases of a resources review for discussion and consideration by the Performance Committee.

It was briefly highlighted to the Performance Committee that the City Deal comprises a 10 year programme which was signed by Government and the three Councils involved (South Ribble, Preston and Lancashire) in 2013. The first year of implementation was 2014 / 15. The core principle of the City Deal is that the Councils and Government (via the Homes and Communities Agency – HCA) collectively pool their resources to facilitate the delivery of an agreed set of infrastructure priorities to create new homes (circa 17,500) and jobs (circa 20,000) in Central Lancashire.

Updates on financial performance, governance, programme management and scheme performance were presented to the Performance Committee as stated in the report. It was highlighted that in the two years to date of the City Deal it has helped to create 753 jobs, 1,599 homes have been built (with planning permission achieved for 8,675 homes) £9.161m of private sector investment has been created, work has begun on various major road schemes and 9.665 square metres of commercial floorspace has been created.

Performance Committee Members commented in particular on the Housing Growth Projections Chart (created by independent advisors Keppie Massie) which showed a significant increase in the housing projections as a result of the City Deal.

The Performance Committee noted that potentially the City Deal may extend from the original 10 year deal to a 15 year time frame and that this would be considered further by the City Deal Stewardship Board and Executive at its meeting to be held at the end of September 2016.

An overview was provided of the Resources Review currently being undertaken and it was confirmed that should there be any requirement to find additional resources it would need to go through the process of agreement by all parties.

Resolved: The Performance Committee:

- (i) Endorsed the work undertaken to date in developing and delivering the City Deal.
- (ii) Noted that the City Deal may shift from a 10 year delivery plan to a 15 year delivery plan.
- (iii) Agreed that the outcome of the Resources Review will be critical to future development and speed of City Deal delivery.
- (iv) Endorsed the proposed next steps to be taken in the delivery of the City Deal, and
- (v) Requested that the Chair of the City Deal Executive provide regular updates to future meetings of the Performance Committee.

7. Summary Update reports from the LEP Committees

Resolved: The Performance Committee noted and endorsed the summary updates circulated from the LEP Committees.

8. Future Monitoring and Evaluation Framework

Martin Kelly, Director of Economic Development, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) that proposed the development of a Monitoring and Evaluation Framework which will identify in a 'dashboard' reporting format, delivery progress against each of the LEP's key economic initiatives.

It was proposed that the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework would be reviewed at each meeting of the Performance Committee and, in addition, it was proposed that future agendas of the LEP Board including standing items which will provide the Board with updates on delivery progress for each of its key economic initiatives. It was considered that the key initiatives are currently the City Deal Programme, Enterprise Zone Programme, Growth Deal Programme, Boost Business Growth Hub and Growing Places Funding.

Resolved: The Performance Committee:

- (i) Considered and approved the proposed Monitoring and Evaluation Framework, and

- (ii) Approved the proposal, that the LEP Board be requested at its next meeting to be held on 13th September 2016, that future Board agendas contain standing items on each of the LEP's key economic initiatives as identified in the report.

9. Reporting to Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board

Resolved: The Performance Committee agreed to refer the decisions relating to the Monitoring and Evaluation Framework to the LEP Board for formal consideration.

10. Any Other Business

None

11. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next scheduled meeting of the Performance Committee was to be held at 2pm on 29th November 2016 in Cabinet Room 'C' – The Duke of Lancaster Room at County Hall, Preston.

In addition, it was noted that a Special Meeting of the Performance Committee would be arranged for early October 2016 to specifically consider the LEP Business Plan.