



Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Limited

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Governance and Committees Report

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Executive Summary

This report extracts the key items considered by each of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP) Committees at their recent meetings and, where applicable, and if not considered elsewhere on the Board's main agenda, contains decisions referred to the Board by its Committees for approval.

Recommendation

The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board is asked to:

- i. Note the updates provided in this report in relation to Governance, urgent decisions taken since the last LEP Board meeting and the Committees of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership as set out.
- ii. Note that Debbie Francis has been appointed as a Director on the LEP Board and appointed to the role of Chair of the LEP Board.
- iii. Note that County Councillor Phillippa Williamson is appointed as the Lancashire County Council representative on the City Deal Executive, as set out in the committee Terms of Reference, and County Councillor Aidy Riggott is appointed as a nominated observer.
- iv. Note that Neil Shaw, CEO of Rossendale Borough Council, has been nominated by the Lancashire Local Authorities to the Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Panel to replace Dean Langton.

Background and Advice

This is a standing report which provides an update on governance issues and meetings of committees of the LEP since the last ordinary meeting on 22 June 2021 in accordance with the LEP Assurance Framework dated December 2019, publicly available on the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership website:
<https://lancashirelep.co.uk/about/policies/>

Current LEP Committee Vacancies

A number of LEP Committee vacancies exist within the LEP Assurance Framework



as follows:

- 1 x Growth Deal Management Board Chairman
- 1 x Lancashire Local Authority Leaders nominated Leader on Skills and Employment Advisory Panel (a new nominee has been requested from Lancashire Leaders) and nominated Chief Executive.

Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Limited – Debbie Francis is appointed as a LEP Director and appointed to the role of Chair of the LEP Board.

City Deal – County Councillor Phillippa Williamson is appointed as the Lancashire County Council representative on the City Deal Executive, as set out in the committee Terms of Reference, and County Councillor Aidy Riggott is appointed as a nominated observer. In addition to this, Councillor David Borrow has replaced Councillor Peter Moss as Preston City Council's observer on the City Deal Executive.

Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Panel – the Lancashire Local Authorities group have nominated Neil Shaw, CEO of Rossendale Borough Council, to replace Dean Langton, previously CEO of Pendle Borough Council to represent the Chief Executives on the panel.

Updates from recent LEP Committee Meetings / Decisions taken by the Urgent Business Procedure of the LEP

1. Urgency Business Procedure Decisions

There have been no decisions taken under the Urgent Business Procedure since the last meeting.

2. City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board

The Combined City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board met on 13 July 2021 and considered / approved the following:

Homes England Quarterly report: the committee received an update and resolved that a meeting to be arranged between Homes England and the appropriate officers from each council to identify the correct forum to report avoidable house provision moving forward.

Employment and Skills, Social and Economic Impact Update – it was noted that the City Deal outputs for skills and employment would be updated in November 2021 following the end of the academic year and reported back to the Board at the next available meeting; the impact of COVID-19 was continuing to be reflected in the data that is being presented to the Board and it was noted that apprenticeship data was not very positive in terms of the employments starts and completions. In addition, COVID-19 was continuing to impact on school engagement activities; The figures in relation to the construction section were becoming increasingly positive in terms of the recruitment and workforce numbers; Preston Western Distributor had generated



some very positive results in Social Value during the first year of construction of the project.

Quarter 4 Infrastructure report - It was noted that during Quarter 4 of 2020/2 the Fishergate Central Gateway and the Hutton to Penwortham Corridor improvements that were required as part of the planning condition for the Penwortham Bypass were completed.

A582 South Ribble Western Distributor update – it was noted that although some activities had been progressing, some activities were not able to be progressed, most notably the design activity work on the rail structures which was awaiting legal and procurement deliberations. However, it was noted that work was expected to continue towards the end of July 2021.

City Deal Review update – it was noted that since the last meeting of the board, a number of meetings had taken place between Government Officials and MPs, with the Leaders and Chief Executives to progress and escalate the New Homes Bonus (NHB) issue; Following activity in establishing each of the council's interpretation of the original Heads of Terms, it was noted that the interpretation had now been established and had identified some areas that required further discussions between the Chief Executives; It was expected that a clarified Heads of Terms, with a revised and updated financial model would be available by the end of the month. This would accommodate the new forecasting of the housing and commercial sites and would enable the councils to have a discussion around the prioritisation of schemes.

Preston Western Distributor Update – the committee received a private and confidential report and noted the current programme and financial position of the Preston Western Distributor Scheme.

Finance Monitoring Report Quarter 4 - the committee received a private and confidential report and noted the work ongoing and required to be resolved to address the deficit forecast in the infrastructure delivery model.

Full agendas and minutes for the Combined City Deal meetings can be accessed here: <http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1072>

3. Growth Deal Management Board

There have been no meetings of the Growth Deal Management Board since the last update.

The reports and minutes for Growth Deal Management Board meetings can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1218>

4. Enterprise Zone Governance Committee

There have been no meetings of the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee since



the last update.

Full agendas and minutes for the Enterprise Zone Governance Committee meetings can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1171>

5. Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Panel

There have been no meetings of the Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Panel since the last update.

Full agendas and minutes for the Lancashire Skills and Employment Advisory Board meetings can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1011>

6. Business Support Management Board

There have been no meetings of the Business Support Management Board since the last update.

Full agendas and minutes for the Business Support Management Board meetings can be accessed here:

<http://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?CommitteeID=1220>

7. Lancashire Innovation Board

There have been no meetings of the Innovation Board since the last update.

Full agendas and minutes for the Lancashire Innovation Board can be accessed here:

<https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=1678>

8. Joint Scrutiny Committee

There have been no meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Committee since the last update.

Full agendas and minutes for the Joint Scrutiny Committee meetings can be accessed here:

<https://council.lancashire.gov.uk/ieListMeetings.aspx?Committeeld=1708>

List of Background Papers

Paper	Date	Contact/Tel
None		



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Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate
n/a