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Executive Summary

On the 23rd November 2022, Lancashire local authorities utilised the platform of a Lancashire Day event in the Speaker's Rooms at the Palace of Westminster with the LEP and a variety of stakeholders, to publish the Lancashire 2050 Framework. This document (attached as Appendix 1 to this report) presents a new vision and bold, strategic framework developed by all of Lancashire's 15 councils.

It is the starting point for new ways of working, different kinds of conversations, creative collaborations, planning with long term horizons – all focused on making the most of Lancashire's rich potential for residents of Lancashire, and tackling the long-standing challenges that are that are bigger than any one single institution.

The document is broad-based but is focused on the central premise of *"making Lancashire a place where every single person can live their best life"*.

The document identifies eight domains in which concerted action is needed to drive change. These are Economic Prosperity, Transport and Infrastructure, Environment and Climate Change, Housing, Early years and Education, Employment and Skills, Health and Well-being, and Communities and Place.

Recommendation

Given the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership's (LEP's) unique private sector voice in local policy development, it is recommended that the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board begin to define with partners how the LEP and partners can influence, focus and drive this programme of work moving forward.

Background and Advice

The Lancashire 2050 framework aims to bring people together with a shared vision, shared ambition, shared goals and shared priorities.



Initiated by Lancashire's 15 councils, but involving everyone with a stake in our county's success, it sets out the areas where we can work together to help our county thrive, seizing opportunities that are bigger than any one institution.

The framework for action will help us focus on the things that are most important, as well as respond to changing local and global trends, policy mandates and place needs. It will mean Lancashire can speak with one voice when championing our needs in government.

It is both bold and strategic, creating a framework so that:

- Lancashire competes better for its share of resources and investment
- Lancashire's public, private and voluntary sectors collaborate better
- Lancashire has a strong and clear voice
- Lancashire has rich, meaningful and strategic dialogue with central government

The LEP will obviously have a key input to make in a number of domains.

Economic Prosperity - Theme priorities

- To realise the growth potential in our existing and emerging key sectors, particularly low carbon and renewables, and to attract increased investment.
- To ensure Lancashire has an outward-looking and connected economy that works for all.
- To build a pipeline of strategic development sites and infrastructure opportunities. To maximise the economic benefits of Lancashire's tourism offer and promote a diverse place with urban, coastal and rural economies.
- To encourage business as good employers.

Transport and Infrastructure - Theme priorities

- To connect the economic clusters and sectors of Lancashire and tackle isolation.
- To take a place-focused approach to transport and infrastructure, which ensures that provision is designed to allow places to flourish.
- To reduce the need to travel by providing fast reliable access to digital technology.
- To reduce carbon emissions in support of a net zero county.



Environment and Climate - Theme priorities

- To substantially reduce carbon emissions and energy demand, with our approach to housing and transport helping secure that transition.
- To increase energy generation from low carbon sources, including renewables.
- To improve the resilience of infrastructure, assets and services to climate change.
- To significantly grow the low carbon and environment sectors of Lancashire's economy.
- To retain our rich biodiversity and natural environment

Employment and Skills – Theme Priorities

- To help young people make informed choices about their pathway into employment. To retain a higher percentage of local graduates and place them into graduate level jobs.
- To build a strong pipeline of skilled people at all levels entering the labour market to meet the needs of Lancashire businesses.
- To increase the proportion of adults in Lancashire achieving a Level 4 qualification or higher and improve access to tailored adult skills provision.
- To increase the employment rate to at least equal to any other region of the UK outside London and improve economic activity rates

Summary / Suggested LEP Engagement

As a result of its extensive sectoral and thematic research undertaken by the LEP, there is a rich and current evidence base to draw on in terms of adding depth to these high-level priorities.

The initial development phase of these ideas is now being exposed to a wider range of contributors and the "big ideas" developed within the LEP's own research programmes can be fed into the development of these priorities.

List of Background Papers

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None

Reason for inclusion in Part II, if appropriate

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