



# CITY DEAL

Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

## **Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Executive**

### **Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday, 21st March, 2016 at 10.00 am at the Cabinet Room 'D' - The Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston**

#### **Present**

Jim Carter (Chair)

Dr Malcolm McVicar

Councillor John Swindells

County Councillor Jennifer Mein

Councillor Margaret Smith

#### **Observers**

Deborah McLaughlin , Executive Director, Homes and Community Agency

Chirs Hayward, Director of Development, Preston City Council

Mike Nuttall, Chief Executive, South Ribble Borough Council

Jo Turton, Chief Executive, Lancashire County Council

Councillor Cliff Hughes, South Ribble Borough Council

#### **In Attendance**

Jo Ainsworth, Specialist Advisor: Finance, Lancashire County Council

Dave Colbert, Specialist Advisor: Transportation, Lancashire County Council

Ruth Connor, Chief Executive, Marketing Lancashire

Beckie Joyce, Head of Strategic Development, Lancashire County Council

Andy Milroy, Company Services Officer, Lancashire County Council

Sarah Parry, Programme Manager City Deal, Lancashire County Council

Sue Procter, Director Programmes and Project Management, Lancashire County Council

Stuart Sage, Homes and Community Agency

Tim Seamans, Head of Communications, Lancashire County Council

Eddie Sutton, Director of Development and Corporate Services, Lancashire County Council

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

The Chair, Mr J Carter, welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that Councillor Cliff Hughes (South Ribble Borough Council) was in attendance as an Observer, it was agreed that Councillor Hughes could be present for the Part I section of the meeting.

Apologies for absence were presented from Councillor Peter Rankin with Councillor John Swindells in attendance as his nominee.

**2. Minutes of the meetings of the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board held on 8th January 2016**

**Resolved:** That subject to three reported corrections, the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2016 be approved as an accurate record. The corrected minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

**3. Minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Deal Executive held on 1st March 2016**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the Special Meeting of the City Deal Executive held on 1<sup>st</sup> March 2016 be approved as an accurate record. The minutes were duly signed by the Chair.

**4. Matters Arising**

None

**5. Declarations of Interest**

None

**6. Presentation - Lancashire Strategic Transport Prospectus**

Dave Colbert, Specialist Advisor Transportation, Lancashire County Council gave a presentation on Lancashire's Strategic Transport Prospectus.

The presentation provided City Deal Members with context to Lancashire's position as part of an interconnected and productive Northern Powerhouse. It was highlighted that Lancashire has a £25bn economy with focus on Advanced Engineering and Manufacturing, Energy, Education and the Visitor Economy.

In addition Lancashire has a strong evidence base containing Highways and Transport Masterplans, Lancashire Strategic Economic Plan: A Growth Deal for the 'Arc of Prosperity', the Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal and the Lancashire Growth Deal.

It was also highlighted that Lancashire is included in a number of National Strategic Priorities, Preston Station will be important in the development of High Speed Rail 2 and the West Coast Main Line, the M6 is to have a 'Smart Motorway' extension to Preston, the Preston to Manchester Strategic Corridor is a national priority for development along with East to West Connectivity.

Various Local Strategic Priorities were highlighted including a proposed New Ribble Crossing, Fylde Coast Accessibility, Connecting to City Regional Rail

Networks from East Lancashire and the development of the West Lancashire Preston to Liverpool Network.

## **Part II**

*At this point the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board approved that the meeting move into Part II, Private and Confidential to consider the next section of the presentation which contained exempt information provided in confidence as defined in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.*

Kevin Riley and Peter Worth from Mott MacDonald gave a presentation to City Deal Members regarding potential future developments in Preston City Centre.

**Resolved:** The City Stewardship Board and the Executive noted the presentation.

Kevin Riley and Peter Worth left the meeting at this point.

## **7. HCA Business and Disposal Plan (2016 - 2019) and Progress Update**

Stuart Sage, Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), presented a report (circulated) which provided an update on two elements, the HCA Business and Disposal Plan (2016-2019) and a Progress Update for Year 2, Quarter 3 (October to December 2015) including delivery milestones.

With regard to the HCA Business and Disposal Plan (BDP) it was reported that in comparison to the original BDP milestones, performance was, by and large, on track.

Significant progress has been made and developer partners are now in place on 5 of the 11 HCA City Deal sites - 3 of which are already under construction.

It was highlighted that in South Ribble, the Altcar Lane Masterplan was to be considered by the South Ribble Planning Committee within the next week. Croston Road North had now received outline planning permission and Croston Road South's reserved matters application was also due to be considered at the South Ribble Planning Committee on 23<sup>rd</sup> March.

Planning consent has been secured on 6 HCA sites for 2,671 homes, developers are in place to deliver 1,159 homes and 80 homes have been completed to date. Total loan investment from the HCA into the City Deal so far was reported to be £12.4m and the first grant payment of £3.4m is scheduled to be made in 2016/17.

Overall good progress was reported as being made on all 11 HCA City Deal sites.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board:

- (i) Noted the content of this report and the progress made in Year 2, Quarter 3, and;
- (ii) Endorsed the updated HCA Business and Disposal Plan (2016-2019)

## **8. City Deal Implementation Update - Year Two, Quarter Three**

### **8A. Year Two, Quarter Three (Sept - Dec 15) Monitoring Report**

Sarah Parry, City Deal Programme Manager, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) regarding Year Two, Quarter Three of the City Deal Monitoring report (September to December 2015).

It was reported that overall good progress had been made during the period September 2015 to December 2015, with regard to particular schemes it was highlighted that:

- **Broughton Bypass** – The Business Case had approved, contract awarded, land accessed, and work had started on site during January 2016.
- **Preston Western Distributor and E/W Link Road** – The procurement process for early contractor involvement was underway, land negotiations were ongoing with a planning application now expected to be submitted in Quarter 1 of Year 3.
- **A582 South Ribble Western Distributor Dualling** – Land and property negotiations have commenced
- **Penwortham Bypass** – A detailed design process is ongoing, land purchase has been agreed with Lancashire Constabulary.
- **Fishergate Central** – Phase 2a has been completed and outline business cases for phase 2b and 3 have been approved by the LEP Board.
- **Worden Park Improvements** – This scheme has completed.

The monitoring report highlighted where some schemes had slipped or were predicted to slip. A number of these related to the various priority corridors/local centres and some of the community infrastructure projects.

In addition, it was highlighted that there were some issues to resolve in relation to the Pickerings Farm Link Road and the Cuerden Strategic Site Road Infrastructure, consequently resources are being focussing on the two schemes in order to progress them as soon as possible.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the progress made on delivering the City Deal Infrastructure Delivery Plan during Year Two, Quarter Three and requested that future monitoring reports be brought to City Deal Members nearer to quarter end and that they include a forward look of issues likely to arise in the next quarter.

#### **8B. Year Two, Quarter Three (Sept - Dec 15) Finance Monitoring Report**

Sarah Parry presented a report (circulated) containing the Year Two, Quarter Three (September 2015 to December 2015) City Deal Finance Monitoring information.

It was reported that the Finance Monitoring was on track and almost back at balance, and adjustment had been made to the figures to now incorporate the proposed developments for Preston Bus Station.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the Finance Monitoring report for Year Two, Quarter Three and requested that future monitoring reports be brought to City Deal Members nearer to quarter end and that they include a forward look of issues likely to arise in the next quarter.

#### **9. Communications and Marketing Update Report**

Tim Seamans, Head of Communications, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) which updated City Deal Members on City Deal Communication and Marketing.

It was reported that public interest in the City Deal was increasing and a large number had now viewed the various "fly through" videos online for the various schemes.

In addition Ruth Connor, Chief Executive, Marketing Lancashire provided City Deal Members with further updates on Business Marketing, Community Roadshows, Signage and the City Deal E-bulletin. Forthcoming marketing will include the Insider 'Business of Lancashire' conference, a Lancashire Business View exclusive interview with Edwin Booth, a feature in the Insider North West LEP's progress report and potential to be referenced in a forthcoming FT Northern report by Andy Bounds.

City Deal Members requested that the Marketing Strategic incorporate the position of the City Deal within the wider Northern Powerhouse.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the Communications and Marketing update.

## 10. Any Other Business

Deborah McLaughlin, Homes and Communities Agency (HCA), provided an update on the recent Government announced Starter Home Initiative. This initiative will offer 100,000 first time buyers under the age of 40 a 20% discount, as part of a major push to help people onto the housing ladder. Further updates will be provided when this initiative begins and how it may impact on housing within the City Deal area.

**Resolved:** That the update regarding the Starter Home Initiative be noted.

## 11. Date of Next Meeting

**Resolved:** It was noted that a Special Meeting was in the process of being arranged for May 2016 and that the next scheduled meeting of the Combined City Deal was to be held on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> June 2016, 3pm, County Hall, Preston.

## Part II

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## 12. Draft 2016-19 City Deal Business and Delivery Plan

Eddie Sutton, Director of Development and Corporate Services, presented a report (circulated) regarding the Draft 2016-19 City Deal Business and Delivery Plan.

It was reported to the City Deal that the report was in draft form and that it would be further developed for the June 2016 City Deal meeting. Stress testing of the Plan will be undertaken by the City Deal consultants, Keppie Massie and the results presented to a special meeting of the City Deal Executive / Stewardship Board in April / May 2016.

It was noted that the draft business plan showed that without agreed further intervention, programme and output delivery could move beyond the 10 year City Deal period.

The draft Plan set out an infrastructure delivery programme worth over £208m, over the three-year period for 2016 to 2019, and reflected the significant progress to be made on the four strategic highway projects. Income into the fund is estimated at £140m over the same period.

The Plan also provided detailed information on housing and employment sites, setting out delivery of over 3600 housing units, over 272,000 square meters of

commercial floor-space and creation of over 5,000 jobs within the 3-year period.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board:

- (i) Considered and approved the Draft Business and Delivery Plan 2016-19, noting that this is presented as a draft pending the outcome of the Resources Review which may result in changes to the Plan.
- (ii) Noted the intention to hold a special meeting in April / May to consider the findings of the Resources Review.
- (iii) Noted that, following the outcome of the Resources Review, an update to the Draft final Business and Delivery Plan may need to be presented to the June meeting of the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board.
- (iv) Noted that an annual review of the City Deal for 2015-16 will be presented to the June meeting of the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board; and
- (v) Requested that any proposed new schemes be brought to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board for consideration as part of a formalised process, which will be considered at the June meeting.

### **13. City Deal Assurance / Performance Committee Update Report**

Beckie Joyce, Head of Strategic Development, Lancashire County Council, presented a report (circulated) regarding the City Deal Assurance Framework

It was reported to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board that regular updates to the LEP Performance Committee in accordance with agreement by the LEP Board. It was proposed that the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board, working with the Performance Committee, also undertake a peer review of performance, the findings of which will be reported to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board and the Performance Committee. The purpose of this work is to provide assurance to the City Deal and the LEP Board on three key areas, design and construction, value for money and social value.

**Resolved:** The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board:

- (i) Approved the submission of the City Deal performance update, attached at Appendix 'B', to the report, for the LEP's Performance Committee.
- (ii) Agreed a peer review on key aspects of implementation be undertaken.
- (iii) Delegated authority to the City Deal Programme Director to work with the Performance Committee to manage the peer review; and

- (iv) Noted that the findings of the peer review will be reported to the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board, and, the LEP's Performance Committee.