

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE  
LEEDS CITY REGION ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD  
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 19 JULY 2017 AT COMMITTEE ROOM A, WELLINGTON  
HOUSE, 40-50 WELLINGTON STREET, LEEDS**

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**Present:**

Roger Marsh OBE (Chair)	Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership
Stephanie Burras CBE	Ahead Partnership
Professor Bob Cryan CBE	University of Huddersfield
Dave Harris	Royal Bank of Scotland
Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe	Bradford Council
Rashik Parmar MBE	IBM's Academy of Technology
Tom Riordan	Leeds City Council
Joanna Robinson	Mansfield Pollard
Andrew Wright	Reliance Precision

**In attendance:**

Councillor Shabir Pandor	Kirklees Council
Angela Barnicle	Leeds City Council
Dave Newton	Arup Consultants
Ben Still	WYCA
Sue Cooke	WYCA
Melanie Corcoran	WYCA
Patrick Bowes	WYCA
Tom Gifford	WYCA
David Walmsley	WYCA
Farzana Chowdhury	WYCA

**1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Judith Blake CBE, Peter Box CBE, David Carr, Richard Cooper, Carl Les and Tim Swift.

**2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Stephanie Burras declared an interest, as Chief Executive of the Ahead Partnership, which is a sub-contractor to the LEP Skills Service.

Roger Marsh OBE, Professor Bob Cryan and Councillor Susan Hinchcliffe declared an interest for item 10, ESIF and SUD, as members of WYCA.

### **3. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17 MAY 2017**

**Resolved:** That the minutes of the meeting held on 17 May 2017 be approved and signed by the Chair.

### **4. HS2 GROWTH STRATEGY**

The Board considered a report of the Director of Policy Strategy and Communications on the development of the Leeds City Region HS2 Growth Strategy. Members were also given a presentation by Dave Newton (ARUP), Tom Gifford (WYCA), and Angela Barnicle (Leeds City Council).

Members discussed the strategy, regional connectivity priorities and the opportunities HS2 as a whole could bring to the city region in respect of economic growth. They asked to be involved on the ongoing development of the Strategy and members were invited to a workshop to be held on 26 July 2017 where the future trends and drivers of connectivity would be discussed. The workshop would also be attended by representatives from districts across the city region, the Chamber of Commerce and DfT.

A progress report would be provided at the next meeting.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That a progress report be prepared for the next meeting.

### **5. PANEL CHAIR UPDATES**

The following reports were presented to the Board for information and update:

- Communications, Marketing and Business Engagement
- Business, Innovation and Growth Panel
- Employment and Skills Panel
- Green Economy Panel

**Resolved:** That the updates be noted.

### **6. GROWTH DEAL UPDATE**

The Board considered a report on the current progress on spend and performance on the Growth Deal 2017/18.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the progress made in implementing the Programme and the major risks to delivery in 2017/18 be noted.
- (ii) That a letter be sent to DCLG to register the LEP Board's concerns in respect of the changes to the KPI's, as detailed in the submitted report.

**7. GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

Members considered a report updating them on the steps taken to integrate the LEP Panels into the West Yorkshire Combined Authority decision making structure. Members also considered the matter of future recruitment to fill the forthcoming private sector vacancies on the LEP Board, the panels and the Transport Committee and agreed to form selection panels and utilise their networks to attract applicants.

**Resolved:**

- (i) That the update be noted.
- (ii) That members will help utilise their networks to recruit new members.
- (iii) That members will nominate members to form a selection panel alongside the LEP Chair.

**8. ECONOMIC REPORTING**

The Board considered an update report of WYCA's Director of Policy, Strategy and Communications on the latest economic and business intelligence.

The Members were provided with an update on the main national and international economic developments as set out in paragraph 2.2 of the submitted report and the headlines for both the Leeds City Region and Yorkshire & the Humber.

**Resolved:** That the analysis presented in the economic update and dashboard be noted.

**9. LCR ENTERPRISE ZONES STRATEGY AND IMPLEMENTATION PLAN - VERBAL UPDATE**

The Board was given a verbal update regarding the Enterprise Zones Strategy and Implementation Plan. It was reported that the Implementation Plan was now completed and would be circulated to the Board Members.

**Resolved:** That the update be noted.

## **10. BROADBAND INFRASTRUCTURE UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of WYCA's Director of Policy, Strategy and Communications which provided an update on the enhancement of broadband infrastructure to deliver the SEP ambition of 100% superfast broadband through the delivery of the West Yorkshire and York Broadband programme and other potential future programmes.

The report outlined progress with the delivery of the programme in West Yorkshire and York it was also noted that the potential phase 3 proposals may include the wider city region.

### **Resolved:**

- (i) That the positive delivery performance of the West Yorkshire and York Broadband Infrastructure programme be noted.
- (ii) That the ongoing activity to further develop broadband infrastructure projects to seek to deliver the SEP ambition of 100% superfast broadband coverage be noted.

## **11. EUROPEAN STRUCTURAL AND INVESTMENT FUNDS (ESIF) - SUSTAINABLE URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SUD)**

The Board considered a report of WYCA's Director of Resources which provided an update on the current position in relation to the European Structural and Investment Funds – Sustainable Urban Development.

It was reported that WYCA had agreed the call on 29 June 2017 and it is expected that the Call would be published in mid-July. Members noted that the final iteration of the Call may be subject to final editing by the Managing Authority prior to formal publication but these changes will not alter the substance of the Call. It was expected the Call would be open for approximately 8 weeks for applicants to submit outline bids for the funding.

**Resolved:** That the LEP Board noted the content of the report

## **12. NATIONAL POLICY UPDATE**

The Board considered a report of Director of Policy, Strategy and Communication which outlined the important developments in the national policy context and summarised steps being taken by the LEP to put the Leeds City Region on the front foot in fostering Inclusive Growth.

Members stressed the importance of securing a devolution deal and it was reported that a meeting with Yorkshire Leaders was to be held on 28 July to explore options.

**Resolved:** That the update report be noted.

**13. LEEDS CITY REGION PLANNING PORTFOLIOS BOARD UPDATE**

The Board were provided with an update report on the activity of the LCR Planning Portfolios Board.

**Resolved:** That the update report be noted.

**14. LEEDS CITY REGION LAND AND ASSETS BOARD UPDATE**

The Board were provided with an update on report on the activity of the LCR Strategic Land and Assets Board.

**Resolved:** That the update report be noted.

**15. TRANSPORT FOR THE NORTH**

The Board considered a report of WYCA's Director of Policy Strategy and Communications which provided an update on the Transport for the North's (TfN) development of a Transport Strategy and progress with our road and rail priorities for Transport for the North, including the development of a Northern Powerhouse Rail Network.

**Resolved:** That the update report be noted.

**16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

It was noted that a workshop would be held prior to the next meeting and topics to be considered would include the Industrial Strategy and the Strategic Economic Plan refresh.

**17. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on 19 September 2017 at 2.30pm in Wellington House, Leeds.