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Report to: LEP Board

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Subject: European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF) - Sustainable Urban Development (SUD)

1. Purpose

1.1 This report asks the LEP Board to note the content of the report and provide comments.

2. Background

2.1 As part of the EU regulations governing the European Structural and Investment Funds (ESIF), a minimum of 5% of the European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) earmarked for the UK as a whole must be allocated in support of Sustainable Urban Development (SUD) strategies. SUD strategies are intended to set out integrated actions to tackle the variety of challenges affecting urban areas in an environmentally sustainable fashion.

2.2 On 6 April 2017, the West Yorkshire Combined Authority (WYCA) considered and noted the roles and responsibilities relating to Intermediate Body status delegated to WYCA in order to deliver the SUD Strategy, part of the ESIF Programme. At this meeting WYCA agreed the outline shape of the SUD Call and agreed for officers to develop the full Call with the Managing Authority (MA), Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG), in order for it to be published July 2017.

3. Progress to date

3.1 The full Call has now been produced in draft form and is based on a national template designed by DCLG, which includes a section on the Local Development Need which sets out the ambition and priorities for investment in the SUD area (West Yorkshire and York). The Call focuses on developing ecologically sound and resilient site development, especially in key economic growth sites with a priority to be given to SEP Spatial Priority Areas.

3.2 WYCA considered the draft Call at its meeting on the 29 June 2017 and agreed the Call.

3.3 It is expected the Call will be published in mid-July. The final iteration of the Call may be subject to final editing by the MA prior to formal publication but these changes

will not alter the substance of the Call in anyway. It is expected the Call will be open for approx. 8 weeks for applicants to submit outline bids for the funding.

4. Recommendations

- 4.1 The LEP Board is asked to note the content of the report and to provide any comments.