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Report to: LEP Board

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Subject: Heathrow Logistics Hub

1 Purpose

- 1.1 For LEP Board to note the letter of support for two Expressions of Interest for Leeds Bradford Airport and Wakefield to become logistics hubs for Heathrow Airport.

2 Information

- 2.1 Heathrow Airport have asked for expressions of interest for places to host one of their four Heathrow logistics hubs. To help deliver expansion and open up opportunities for suppliers, Heathrow has committed to locate four logistics hubs in different parts of the UK. The hubs will preassemble and consolidate components before transporting them to Heathrow. They hope this approach will deliver better quality products than building everything on-site and help the project be more affordable and more environmentally sustainable.
- 2.2 Leeds Bradford Airport and Wakefield Council have both expressed an interest in hosting a hub. The Airport proposal includes the consolidation of non-bulky goods items associated with fit out, technology and smaller building components. These components along with the specialist design and people skills would then be transported to Heathrow direct via the British Airways flight. There is also a reference to bulkier goods being assembled in the Leeds Enterprise Zone. Wakefield have built their case around its geographical position, multiple sites and premises, a skills pool and supply chain for the sector.
- 2.3 Attached at **Appendix 1** is the letter of support for information.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 For LEP Board to note the letter of support for two Expressions of Interest for Leeds Bradford Airport and Wakefield to become logistics hubs for Heathrow Airport.