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Subject: Leeds City Region Science and Innovation Audit

1 Purpose

- 1.1 To provide BIG Panel with an update on the Leeds City Region Science and Innovation Audit process to date, recommendations and next steps.

2 Information

- 2.1 The Leeds City Region Science and Innovation Audit, led by the University of Leeds has now been officially published. A launch event in Leeds in November celebrated the completion of the audit and invited stakeholders to engage in the development of the emerging propositions.
- 2.2 The Audit establishes the evidence base, setting out the capabilities and key opportunities for the med-tech sector in Leeds City Region. 5 key propositions emerged from the Audit which will now be developed further. The propositions are:
- **Clinical evaluation:** a national 'test bed' clinical evaluation hub and network for med-tech devices.
 - **Enhanced high level skills:** a med tech skills academy
 - **Joined up connected and continuous innovation support:** an integrated med tech innovation hub linked with med tech nodes across the UK.
 - **Sustainable infrastructure:** grow on and scale up space, support for businesses to start and grow, coupled with continued infrastructure investment in national centres of research excellence.
 - **Strategic leadership, providing vision, direction and common purpose:** strategic leadership for med tech innovation.
- 2.3 Working groups have now been established for a number of the key propositions, along with leadership and governance structures to secure commitment and buy in from a multitude of stakeholders.
- 2.4 No funding or resources were provided as part of the development of the audit, and no funding is attached to the completion of the audit. It is however anticipated that the identification of key research and innovation strengths will support any decision making around place based funds which may be explored through the Governments Industrial Strategy (once published).

2.5 Lisa Roberts will provide Panel members with an update on next steps at the Panel meeting

3 Recommendations

3.1 For the panel to note the progress made to develop the Science and Innovation Audit and emerging propositions.