
Report to: Leeds City Region Enterprise Partnership Board (LEP Board)

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Subject: **Place Panel Update**

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1. Purpose of this report

1.1 To provide the LEP Board with a report on the work of the Place Panel.

2. Information

2.1 Chair's Update

Place Panel is invited to comment on and input into the development of policy across a number of items. The aim is for panel members to shape future agendas and to discuss at an early stage of policy development and to directly influence the work of the Combined Authority.

2.2 Place Narrative

The Panel considered a report to provide an update on progress on the development of the Place Narrative. The Panel was asked to note and comment on the content of the report, endorse action to develop a unified spatial narrative for the City Region, building from districts existing plans, in order to present the story of the region as a whole.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the direction of travel be endorsed for presentation of a final draft document.

2.3 Covid 19 Response

The Panel considered a report to provide an update on the development of draft plans for COVID-19 economic and transport recovery and was asked to note the draft plans and make recommendations for further development as the crisis and recovery progresses. Draft versions of the COVID-19 economic and transport recovery plans were presented to the Combined Authority at

their meeting on 27 July 2020 and a verbal update was given on the outcome of the Combined Authority meeting.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report and the verbal update be noted.
- (ii) That the recommendation of the Panel for further development as the crisis and recovery progresses be noted.

2.4 Temporary Space Feasibility - One Public Estate Project

The Panel considered a final draft of the One Public Estate “Public Assets, Temporary Use’ project and was asked to endorse the recommendations contained in the report and support the development of a stage 2 project.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the recommendations contained in the report be endorsed.
- (iii) That the Panel supported the development of a stage 2 project.

2.5 Emissions Pathways Update

The Panel considered a report and verbal update on the West Yorkshire Carbon Emission Reduction Pathways (CERP) study, which will inform future decisions about how to tackle the climate emergency and become a net-zero carbon Leeds City Region. The paper addressed the role the Panel can play in tackling the climate emergency. The Panel was asked to note the importance of the Emissions Pathways study in determining how the City Region can meet its net zero carbon ambitions and to endorse playing a role in tackling the climate emergency.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.
- (ii) That the importance of the Emissions Pathways study in determining how the City Region can meet its net zero carbon ambitions be noted.
- (iii) That the Panel play a role in tackling the climate emergency be endorsed.
- (iv) That a Tackling the Climate Emergency Champion to support the work be nominated.

2.6 Statement of Common Ground

The Panel considered a report and verbal update and was asked for endorsement of the revised Statement of Common Ground (SoCG) (2020) and to recommend that the West Yorkshire Combined Authority signs the document appended to the report. The Minister of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) set out the updated National Planning Policy framework (NPPF) (February 2019) that all local planning authorities are required to produce, maintain and update a SoCG.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report be noted.

- (ii) That the revised Statement of Common Ground (2020) be recommended by the Panel for signature by the West Yorkshire Combined Authority.

2.7 Flood Risk Management Update and Pipeline Refresh

The Panel considered a report to provide an update on the Combined Authority's Flood Risk Management (FRM) work across Leeds City Region and was asked to note the progress made and support the proposals to update the Combined Authority's programme of priority FRM schemes for investment. The West Yorkshire Combined Authority, working in partnership with the Leeds City Region Economic Partnership (LEP), plays a leading role in improving the resilience of the City Region to flood risk and in collaboration with partners the Combined Authority developed the Leeds City Region Flood Review following the 2015 Boxing Day flood events.

Resolved:

- (i) That the contents of the report and progress made be noted.
- (ii) That the proposals to update the Combined Authority's programme of priority FRM schemes for investment be supported.

2.8 Devolution Progress

The Panel considered a report on the work underway to become a Mayoral Combined Authority (MCA) and to implement the 'minded to' devolution deal agreed between West Yorkshire Leaders and Government on 11 March 2020 and was asked to note the progress made to date on the MCA programme. The deal sets out a raft of new powers, funding and responsibilities to be transferred from central Government to West Yorkshire, along with the adoption of a directly elected Mayor from May 2021.

Resolved: That the contents of the report be noted.

3. Clean Growth Implications

- 3.1 The work outlined in this report is vital to ensuring that the city region can create clean growth and decarbonise key sectors by 2038

4. Financial Implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report

5. Legal Implications

- 5.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

6. Staffing Implications

- 6.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

7. External Consultees

7.1 None

8. Recommendations

8.1 That the report of the work of the Place Panel be noted

9. Background Documents

9.1 None

10. Appendices

10.1 None