
Report to: Inclusive Growth and Public Policy Panel

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Subject: **Strategic Economic Framework Headline Indicators**

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1. Purpose

- 1.1 To seek Panel member views on draft headline inclusive growth indicators for the West Yorkshire Strategic Economic Framework.

2. Information

- 2.1 Since 2016 the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) has set out the City Region's priorities for growth and development. To reflect the growing range of policy areas that the Combined Authority operates in, the changing national political and economic circumstances, and the need to incorporate the future Mayor's manifesto commitments into our work, an agile West Yorkshire Strategic Economic Framework (SEF) has been agreed by the Combined Authority.
- 2.2 The SEF forms the new overarching economic strategy for the region, building on the successes of the SEP. It sets out the vision for the region and our priorities for achieving this. It ensures that all LEP and Combined Authority strategies are aligned with a clear focus on meeting these priorities. It has been designed to be flexible, able to reflect our evolving policy remit and improve our resilience during periods of change and uncertainty. It will bring together existing and subsequent strategies under a single banner, ensuring greater alignment between our strategies, priorities and vision for the region
- 2.3 The SEF is underpinned by a monitoring and impact section. The success of the SEF will be monitored against our progress across our five priorities (including inclusive growth) using a set of headline indicators. These headline indicators, once finalised, will be supplemented by a more extensive range of indicators covering each policy and strategy area, and will be the subject of a future report. It is anticipated that this follow-on work will provide an inclusive growth dashboard, which factors in indicators by protected characteristics and area deprivation, as far as possible.

2.4 Appendix A provides an overview of proposed headline indicators for the SEF, making specific reference to those relevant to Inclusive Growth. The headline indicators are intended to show how the local economy is broadly developing overall and improving but also demonstrate how the work of the Combined Authority, the LEP and its partners is contributing to that progress.

2.5 *Enabling Inclusive Growth* is one of five high level priorities in the SEF with its own set of indicators, split between headline indicators and other indicators. These are set out in the Appendix, linked to the four proposed inclusive growth goals of *Wellbeing, Connectivity and accessibility, Transferable and relevant skills* and *Good work*. However, as the LEP Board recently recognised, many of the headline indicators associated with the remaining SEF high level priorities also have an important bearing on inclusive growth and these are flagged in the Appendix. The Appendix also includes proposed additional inclusive growth indicators which are supplementary to the headline indicator set.

3. Clean Growth Implications

3.1 There are no clean growth implications directly arising as a result of this report.

4. Inclusive Growth Implications

4.1 The report identifies the opportunity to develop a monitoring approach for understanding and tracking Inclusive Growth, which will have a clear focus on delivering more inclusive growth across the City Region.

5. Financial Implications

5.1 There are no immediate financial implications arising as a direct result of this report.

6. Legal Implications

6.1 There are no legal implications arising as a direct result of this report.

7. Staffing Implications

7.1 There are no staffing implications arising as a direct result of this report.

8. External Consultees

8.1 No specific or official external consultations have been undertaken in relation to this report.

9. Recommendations

9.1 To note and comment on draft Strategic Economic Framework headline indicators, in particular those in relation to enabling inclusive growth.

9.2 To receive a future report setting out a detailed draft inclusive growth dashboard, which factors in indicators by protected characteristics and area deprivation, as far as possible.

10. Background Documents

10.1 There are no background documents referenced in this report.

11. Appendices

11.1 Appendix A - West Yorkshire Strategic Economic Framework: draft inclusive growth indicators