
Report to: Inclusive Growth and Public Policy Panel

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Subject: **Inclusive Growth and Green Economy Champions**

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1. Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide the Panel with a proposed approach to ensure the LEP and its advisory panels continue to support the delivery of inclusive growth.

2. Information

- 2.1 The Combined Authority and LEP have identified securing inclusive growth as a key priority.
- 2.2 This Panel provides the lead in terms of advising the LEP on inclusive growth matters. However, inclusive growth is cross cutting in nature and is therefore it is not just for one organisation or Panel to deliver. Everyone needs to play a role, including each of the LEP advisory Panels.
- 2.3 As discussed elsewhere on the agenda, the draft COVID-19 economic recovery plan makes inclusive growth an overarching objective, and it therefore needs to be a consideration in terms of all the regional interventions proposed and delivered.
- 2.4 The idea of ‘champions’ was proposed at the last meeting to ensure that all Panels promote inclusive growth.
- 2.4 One of the challenges to progressing the inclusive growth agenda to date has been the scale and cross-cutting nature of the solutions required. Action is therefore required by all Panels and by many programmes, and so although widely appreciated and supported it has arguably not been fully considered strategically across the whole of the LEP agenda.
- 2.5 There is a key role for each Panel to play around this agenda, but also a need for aligned thinking and co-ordinated action. Therefore, it is recommended

that inclusive growth champions or advocates are identified for each Panel. They would be responsible for ensuring that the priority of enabling inclusive growth is fully considered in all decisions and that new opportunities are considered and implemented where appropriate and where they can add value to the agenda of that Panel.

- 2.5 It is proposed that these champions will convene as a group as required and engage collectively with this Panel to help steer the inclusive growth response across the LEP.
- 2.6 In the first instance, champions may be recruited as volunteers from existing Panel members, but if there are any gaps then future recruitment of LEP members should factor this in. Each Panel will be asked to designate a champion in the first instance.
- 2.7 The Green Economy Panel is also establishing champions in each Panel, on the basis that achieving zero carbon is also an overarching ambition of the recovery plan. The Panel is therefore requested to nominate a member to act as a Green Economy Champion.

3. Financial Implications

- 3.1 None directly as a result of this report.

4. Legal Implications

- 4.1 None directly as a result of this report.

5. Staffing Implications

- 7.1 None directly as a result of this report.

6. External Consultees

- 6.1 None

7. Recommendations

- 7.1 The Panel endorses the creation of inclusive growth champions for all Panels and seeks nominations.
- 7.2 That the Chair nominates a champion in respect of the Green Economy agenda.

8. Background Documents

- 8.1 None

9. Appendices

- 9.1 None