

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE
INCLUSIVE GROWTH AND PUBLIC POLICY PANEL
HELD ON WEDNESDAY, 16 SEPTEMBER 2020 AT REMOTE MEETING
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Present:

Councillor Shabir Pandor (Chair)	Kirklees Council
Councillor Jane Scullion	Calderdale Council
Councillor Andrew Waller	City of York Council
Kate Hainsworth	Leeds Community Foundation
Karl Oxford	African and Caribbean Business Ventures Ltd
Sam Keighley	Yorkshire Sport Foundation
Mike Hawking (Advisory Representative)	Joseph Rowntree Foundation
Dr Peter O'Brien (Advisory Representative)	Yorkshire Universities
Professor Liz Towns-Andrews (Advisory Representative)	University of Huddersfield
Yannish Naik	South West Yorkshire Health Partnership

In attendance:

James Flanagan	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Ian Smyth	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Peter Glover	West Yorkshire Combined Authority
Aaliyah Younis	West Yorkshire Combined Authority

20. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr Debra Coupar, Cllr Carole Pattison, Rob Webster, Jacqui Gedman, Kamran Rashid and Helen Featherstone.

21. Declarations of Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

There were no declarations of pecuniary interests at the meeting.

22. Possible exclusion of the press and public

There were no items which required the exclusion of the press and public.

23. Minutes of the meeting held on 15 June

Resolved: That the minutes of the meeting held on 15 June 2020 be approved.

24. Chair's Update

The Chair wished to welcome two new members to the panel: Kamran Rashid and Kully Thiarai.

The Chair discussed the issues which would be the focus of the Panel including the impacts of the Covid 19 pandemic and the global reaction to social injustices and inequality, including the Black Lives Matter movement.

25. Covid-19 Impact and Recovery Plan Update

Members considered a report which set out the economic impacts of COVID - 19 and the work underway on the response and recovery.

The West Yorkshire Economic Recovery Plan had been adopted and discussed at the Combined Authority and LEP Board meetings. The Economic Plan focused around three priorities; Resilient Businesses, Employment and Skills and Infrastructure, with Clean Growth and Inclusive Growth embedded across the priorities.

Members discussed the link between health recovery planning and the economic recovery plan as well as the importance of culture and wellbeing to the economic recovery in the region.

Resolved:

- (i) The Panel noted the update in relation to the COVID-19 possible impacts and noted the update on the draft Economic Recovery Plan.
- (ii) The Panel also considered Items elsewhere on the agenda.

26. Role of the Third Sector

The Panel Considered the nature and role of the third sector across the region in the immediate response to the Pandemic and its potential ongoing role in terms of ensuring the region benefits from an Inclusive Economic Recovery.

The paper noted the significance of the third sector in supporting and

protecting the most disadvantaged communities and proposed that the Sector itself should be supported to play a central role in delivering an inclusive economic recovery.

The Panel agreed to establish a task and finish group to collect evidence understand the composition and scale of the third sector, understand its contributions and challenges, and identify what support could be provided.

The work would be reported to the next meeting of the Panel.

Resolved:

- (i) The Panel recognised and welcomed the role the third sector throughout the pandemic.
- (ii) That the task and finish group report its progress to the next meeting of the Inclusive Growth and Public Policy Panel.

27. Good Work Standard

The Panel considered a report regarding the development of a regional Good Work Standard in the region.

The Panel recognised that too few employees in the regional economy are currently in good work in terms of high quality, secure, well paid jobs. It was recognised that this was socially harmful and had a negative impact on productivity.

The Panel received a report proposing a Good Work Standard as one way of addressing this issue through encouraging and incentivising inclusive business and organisational behaviours and practices. A Good Work Standard was considered central to delivering the draft Inclusive Growth Framework which has Good Work as one of its core goals.

The panel welcomed the work to date and emphasised the importance on the diversity and equality aspect of a good employment. Members also discussed the Good Work standards designed in other regions and the possibility to learn from and potentially adopt or adapt one of those examples.

Resolved: That a further progress report outlining possible options for a WY Good Work Standard to be prepared for the next meeting.

28. Strategic Economic Framework Headline Indicators

Members were provided with a presentation by Peter Glover on the Strategic Economic Framework Headline Indicators.

Members discussed the indicators role in measuring the Combined Authority's progress against its ambitions.

Noted the scope to align indicators with those being designed across the different Local Authorities.

Resolved: That the draft Strategic Economic Framework be noted.

29. Employment and Skills Plan Refresh

Members were provided with a presentation by Sonya Midgley on the Employment and Skills Plan refresh.

Resolved: Members noted the context of the presentation and thanked Sonya for the presentation.

30. Inclusive Growth and Green Economy Champions

Members were provided with a proposed approach to ensure the LEP and its advisory panels continue to support the delivery of inclusive growth.

The Combined Authority and LEP Board identified securing inclusive growth as a key priority.

Resolved: The panel endorsed the creation of inclusive growth champions for all panels.