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

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Subject: **Place Panel**

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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

Chair's Update

- 2.1 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 The Panel considered a report to provide an update on the work of West Yorkshire Housing Partnership (WYHP) representing regional social housing providers. Following a presentation by Helen Lennon, chair of the Partnership, the Panel discussed closer collaboration working with the West Yorkshire Housing Partnership.
- 2.3 The Panel considered a report to provide feedback on the consultation phase of the development of the Place Narrative. The Panel discussed and agreed to endorse the final draft of the report prior to going to the Combined Authority for approval as part of the Strategic Economic Framework (SEF).
- 2.4 The Panel considered a report to update on progress with the Housing Pipeline Revenue Fund and Brownfield Housing Fund (BHF) including a proposed call for projects, further to those projects identified via the pipeline. The Panel was asked to endorse the refreshed West Yorkshire Strategic Housing Pipeline, which will be supported using the revenue funding and, where suitable, the Brownfield Housing Fund.
- 2.5 The Panel considered a report to give an update on the national Green Infrastructure Standards Trial (GIST) to test and develop a national Standards

Framework for Green Infrastructure. The Combined Authority's involvement in the national trial was confirmed as part of the West Yorkshire Devolution Deal signed in March 2020. Participation in the trial forms part of a wider workstream on spatial planning and tackling climate emergency, which is being progressed as part of the transition to a Mayoral Combined Authority.

- 2.6 The Panel considered a report to provide an update on delivery of the Leeds City Region Enterprise Zone to inform discussion on funding for residual EZ and future commercial sites beyond March 2021 and was asked to note the contents of the report. A new commercial pipeline is expected to emerge over the course of the next financial year as the results of a recent commission are evaluated. This will complement work already underway on a new Commercial Investment Fund. It is intended that the residual EZ sites will form part of this new commercial pipeline.

3. Tackling the Climate Emergency 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. Inclusive Growth Implications

- 4.1 The work outlined in this report is vital to ensuring that inclusive growth is strongly integrated within LEP agendas and can have a significant positive impact on achieving inclusive economic growth within the work of the Place Panel.

5. Financial Implications

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

6. Legal Implications

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

7. Staffing Implications

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

8. External Consultees

- 8.1 None

9. Recommendations

- 9.1 To note the contents of the report.

10. Background Documents

- 10.1 None

11. Appendices

11.1 None