
Report to: Employment and Skills Panel

Date: 4 December 2017

Subject: HS2 Skills and Supply Chain Growth Strategy

1 Purpose

- 1.1 Provide a summary of the HS2 Skills and Supply Chain Growth Strategy and seek the Panel's views on how this should be progressed.

2 HS2 Skills and Supply Chain Growth Strategy

- 2.1 Funding was secured from Government to develop a Leeds City Region HS2 Growth Strategy. Arup have worked with colleagues at Leeds City Council to engage and consult with partners on the content of the strategy. The draft strategy was submitted to Government in October 2017 and feedback is awaited.
- 2.2 The LCR HS2 Skills and Supply Chain Growth Strategy details how the Leeds City Region is proposing to truly accelerate its development as a national and international centre of excellence for skills and supply chain expertise in High Speed and Light Rail in the UK, achieving a position of global competitiveness and driving the UK's Industrial Strategy. Building on prior successes within the city region, it includes:
- an offer to Government: what we are going to deliver, how we will do it, and the evidence base for developing these propositions;
 - how interventions are going to integrate and build on existing assets, programmes and good practice in the city region and elsewhere; and
 - how HS2 will help LCR go further and faster in realising our vision, and what we need from our partners at the local and national level to help achieve this.
- 2.3 A summary document is provided as **Appendix 1**. The Panel's views are sought regarding the implementation of this strategy.

3 Recommendations

- 3.1 That the panel note and comment on the HS2 Skills & Supply Chain Growth Strategy.