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

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Subject: **Land and Assets Panel update**

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1 Purpose of this report

- 1.1 To provide the LEP Board with an update on progress of the Panel's (LAP) major projects and programmes.

2 Information

2.1 Leeds City Region Housing Update

A report was presented to the Panel that provided an update on the Combined Authority's strands of housing work and to report progress on:

- Development of a Leeds City Region strategic sites pipeline
- The emerging Leeds City Region Housing Vision Statement.
- A series of meetings with Housing Association (HA) partners across the Leeds City Region exploring closer strategic collaboration.
- The development of a Leeds City Region - Accelerating Housing Delivery Prospectus.

It was recommended that progress on the Combined Authority housing work be noted and that a further report be brought to the July Panel.

2.2 Homes England Investment programme Update

The Panel was presented with a report updating them on Homes England investment to support the City Region ambitions to increase the rate of homes being delivered across all authorities. The report described the remit of the Homes England agency its approach to land supply and relationship management. Details on the national housing budgets were provided with approximately £14 billion available nationally, aimed at raising housing supply by the end of the parliament to 3000,000 homes per year. Details on larger Homes England investments were provided at Wealstun, Seacroft Hospital, Tower works, Leeds, York Central and magistrate's courts in Wakefield and Halifax with the capacity to provide a combined 3,500 homes. An update on

the announcements in February 2018 on the Housing Infrastructure Funding (HIF) - Marginal Viability awards for Wakefield, Leeds, Selby and Barnsley was given with £20m enabling the delivery of approximately 4,000 homes in total with 944 delivered by 2022. The HIF - Forward Funding announcements in March 2018 for York, Wakefield and Leeds / Kirklees, confirmed that these authorities would be entering the co-development stages with the aim of producing robust business cases. The Homes England paper demonstrated the scale of Homes England investment and engagement in the Leeds City Region.

2.3 West Yorkshire textile mills – Feasibility and Investment Framework

An update report was provided for the panel on the next steps in relation to this initiative. The Panel noted the offer of dedicated resources from Historic England and that a Working Group be established including members of the Panel and a Home's England representative. To agree the scope of the work to be considered including place making using historic buildings. A six month progress report was to be brought back to the Panel in October 2018.

2.4 National Planning Policy Framework

The Panel was presented with a report outlining the approach to the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) consultation. The NPPF sets out the Governments planning policies for England and how these should be applied and provides a framework within which locally prepared plans can be produced. The Combined Authorities response to the consultation would focus on the strategic aspects and the implications of the proposed policy changes. It was recommended that a full response be prepared in consultation with the City Region Local Planning Authorities to be submitted by the consultation closing date on the 10 May 2018. It was also recommended that the final draft be delegated to the Chair of the Panel for approval.

2.5 One Public Estate (OPE) group Update

The panel was presented with an update report on the outcome of the OPE phase 6 funding allocations to the Combined Authority in December 2017 and March 2018. A total phase 6 allocation was made to the Combined Authority of £320,000 revenue. Supporting the development of projects in Harrogate, Calderdale, Wakefield, Kirklees and the wider city region. In addition the Combined Authority has been allocated £662,125 capital funding from the Land Release Fund (LRF). This will provide capital to unlock small local owned authority sites in Craven, Wakefield, Leeds and Selby with the potential to deliver 103 homes. It was recommended that Arcadis consultants be invited to make a presentation to the next panel on approaches to releasing and developing health authority land in the West Midlands. The ambition is that the OPE be stepped up to engage with the Department of Health and include National Health Service land and assets.

2.6 Review of Work Plan

A copy of the Land and Assets Panel up to April 2018 was presented to the Panel for information and review.

2.7 Governance Changes

A paper was presented to the Panel detailing the extension of the Land and Asset Panels functions to reflect the ambition to 'secure a high quality spatial offer extending to sport and culture'. As set out in item 8 on this agenda, the proposal will be considered by the Combined Authority at its annual meeting in June.

3 Financial Implications

3.1 There are no financial implications directly arising from this report.

4 Legal Implications

4.1 There are no legal implications directly arising from this report.

5 Staffing Implications

5.1 There are no staffing implications directly arising from this report.

6 External Consultees

6.1 No external consultations have been undertaken.

7 Recommendations

7.1 That the LEP Board note the progress reported to the Panel.

8 Background Documents

8.1 None.

9 Appendices

9.1 None.