
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 an update on progress of the Place Panel's major projects and programmes. The Place Panel meeting took place on the 24 October 2018.

2. Information

Governance Arrangements

- 2.1 The Panel was asked to note that it is a new advisory committee. Its functions to cover:
- Functions previously carried out by the Land and Assets Panel
 - Functions of the Planning Portfolios Board
- Further details of governance arrangements including membership, meeting frequency and the Terms of Reference were provided.

Chairs Update

- 2.2 The Chair welcomed new Place Panel members. Points to be investigated from the Place Panel workshop held on 2 October 2018, were as follows:
- Explore what makes great places and need to identify good examples and case studies that can be used to promote successful place making in the City Region
 - Keep up to date with the Local Plan positions across the City Region
 - Keep working to identify barriers to delivery and key issues affecting delivery
 - Focus on and respond to Government policy announcements and emerging policy direction
 - To hold workshops as and when required between scheduled Place Panel meetings, allowing time to explore and discuss issues in detail.

Leeds City Region Housing Vision

- 2.3 The final draft version of the Leeds City Region Housing Vision document and background papers were presented to the panel. The Housing vision sets out the collective aims, ambitions, and principals for creating good places to live in the City Region.
- 2.4 The Panel endorsed the City Region Housing Vision and agreed that the Housing Vision be 'launched' at the Brownfield Redevelopment: North conference on 7 November 2018.

Leeds City Region Strategic Sites Pipeline

- 2.5 The report and accompanying appendix which is a truncated version of the City Region Strategic Sites Pipeline was presented to the panel.
- 2.6 The Panel noted the detail of the City Region Strategic Sites Pipeline and agree to take this forward as a tool to proactively manage the delivery of the pipeline. It was agreed that there should be half yearly updates which will provide a tool for housing market monitoring.

Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan

- 2.7 An update on the development of the City Region Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan (ESDP) was provided for the Panel. The aim of the ESDP is to demonstrate how the Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) ambition to become a resilient, zero carbon energy economy can be met and how the City Region can gain an economic advantage from the global transition to a clean, low carbon economy.
- 2.8 The Panel endorsed the Energy Strategy and Delivery Plan and were supportive of setting a CO₂ emissions reduction target for the City Region. The Panel asked that a report be brought back to a future meeting on the work to develop more detail around the setting of a City Region CO₂ emission reduction target.

Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and Delivery Plan

- 2.9 The Green and Blue Infrastructure Strategy and Delivery Plan (GBISDP) was presented to the Panel for comment. The GBISDP is a named delivery plan of the SEP and was initiated off the back of the 2015 Boxing Day floods in the City Region by the LEP Board recognising the wide ranging benefits that green and blue infrastructure can have e.g. flood mitigation, improved physical health, increased land values.

The Panel noted and endorsed the contents of the GBISDP and provided feedback.

Statement of Common Ground and Strategic Planning Review

- 2.10 A draft Leeds City Region Statement of Common Ground and Leeds City Region Planning Review Recommendations was presented for consideration by the Panel. The Statement of Common Ground is designed to reflect strategic cross-boundary planning matters that can be most effectively tackled when planning authorities work together. The Strategic Planning Review identifies the potential roles and requirements of both the Combined Authority and the LEP in respect to the duty to cooperate and strategic planning.
- 2.11 The Panel is noted the contents of the report and endorsed both the Leeds City Region Statement of Common Ground and the Leeds City Region Strategic Planning Review with a recommendation to the Combined Authority that they are both approved.

Duty to Cooperate

- 2.12 A report on the Duty to Cooperate and a table of Strategic Issues for consideration was presented to the Panel. The Duty to Cooperate places a legal duty on Local Planning authorities and certain public bodies to engage constructively and actively on an on-going basis to maximise the effectiveness of Local Plan preparation.
- 2.13 The Panel endorsed the approach to the Duty to Cooperate and noted the contents of the Strategic Issues table with comments required by 30 November 2018.

One Public Estate (Phase 7) Invitation to Apply

- 2.14 The Panel was presented a report on the invitation to apply for Phase 7 One Public Estate (OPE) funding and informed that the deadline for submissions was 30 November 2018. The funding already awarded to the West Yorkshire Combined Authority for Phases 4, 5 and 6 for projects across the City Region totals £1,538,125.
- 2.15 The Panel agreed that the Combined Authority work with district partners that wish to apply for Phase 7 funding and that the Combined Authority coordinate the funding application.
- 2.16 The Panel endorsed that the Chair of the Place Panel, in Liaison with Leeds City Region Chief Executive Lead for Housing and Planning, agree the final application for endorsement and submission by the Combined Authority by the submission deadline.

Homes England Update

- 2.17 A verbal update on Homes England (HE) investment programmes that support delivery of new homes in the City Region was provided, the role of HE is to accelerate housing delivery. In total over £30m was invested by HE in the City Region 2017/18 delivering over 1,000 starts and 1083 completions. HE

expects a minimum spend of £27.4m in 2018/19 over a number of live programmes, including:

- Affordable Housing 2016 -21, including the formation of Strategic partnership to accelerate delivery.
- Land Investment to unlock strategic sites, bring public sector land to the market, including ministry of defence land and strategic land acquisition.
- Housing Infrastructure Funding bids, including Marginal Viability bids and Forward Funding schemes in co-development.

2.18 The ability of Housing Associations to be flexible and to provide mixed tenure schemes was noted along with the lack of housing renewal programmes to respond to viability issues on challenging sites and schemes.

Governance arrangements for the Leeds City Region Enterprise Zone Programme

2.19 A report outlining the proposed changes to the structure of governance arrangements for the Leeds City Region Enterprise Zone (EZ) programme was presented to the Panel. The report recommended that Strategic Oversight Board should no longer meet and be replaced with a series of operational meetings reporting directly into the LEP Board in the future.

2.20 The Panel noted the contents of the report and endorsed the following recommendations for the EZ governance arrangements:

- That the Strategic Oversight Board will no longer convene.
- That the changes to Enterprise Zone governance arrangements as outlined within the report are introduced informally with immediate effect whilst approval is sought from the relevant Combined Authority panels/committees as follows with the intention of formalising the arrangements:

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- Notification of the changes agreed and implemented are reported to Government's Cities and Local Growth Unit in line with the obligations stated within the Memorandum of Understanding.

2.21 The Panel also requested, and it was agreed, that programme level updates would be provided regularly to the LEP Board.

For information

2.22 The following reports were provide for information:

- a) Local Plan Update
- b) Place Panel Forward Plan
- c) Minutes of the Meeting of the Land and Assets Panel Held on 20 April 2018

Date of the next meeting

2.23 The next meeting of the Place Panel will take place on the 31 January 2019

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 and endorse the contents of the report.

8. Background Documents

8.1 None

9. Appendices

9.1 None