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Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

2pm on Monday, 6 December, 2021

Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Alfred Gelder Street, Hull

Present: Councillors Chaytor (Chair), Conner, Dad, Dearing, Fareham, Hatcher, Healand, Herrera-Richmond, Matthews, Pritchard, Mrs C.E Randall and Wilson.

In attendance:

J. Newman (Chair of the Hull and East Yorkshire LEP) Minutes 38 & 39

T. Chalmers (Chief Operating Officer, Hull and East Yorkshire LEP) Minutes 38 & 39

A. Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration) Minutes 38-40

A. Holgate (Governance Group Manager)

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Fudge and Ross.

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36	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
No declarations of interest were received in respect of the items that follow below.		
37	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 1st NOVEMBER 2021	
The Head of Governance submitted the minutes of the meeting of Monday, 1 st November, 2021 for approval.		
Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
That, the minutes of the meeting held on the 1 st November, 2021, having been printed and circulated be taken as read and correctly recorded.	N/A	Scrutiny Officer (FH)
38	HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE LEP – ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK ADOPTION	
<p>J. Newman (Chair of the Hull and East Yorkshire LEP), T. Chalmers (Chief Operating Officer, Hull and East Yorkshire LEP and A. Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration) attended the meeting to present a report seeking adoption of the HEY LEP Assurance Framework and approve the process for future amendments and updates to the Framework.</p> <p>The Chair of HEY LEP advised the Committee:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Of the composition of the HEY Leaders Board.ii. The sub-boards that covered aspects such as business and skills; audit and finance; and, net-zero and decarbonisation.iii. That the Assurance Framework was compliant with government standards. <p>The Committee discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Concerns that there was no member involvement in the Board or sub-boards.		

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- ii. Concerns that the East Riding of Yorkshire Council did not come forward to become part of the original HEY LEP scrutiny process, and the need to approach EY to try to engage them in the process.
- iii. Concerns that the Leader had not provided his comments in the report.
- iv. Concerns about the levels of transparency of the information delivered to the Board.
- v. How the LEP envisaged its role on the Freeport Board.
- vi. How the LEP was working with the southern regions of the Humber, and the need to work as a whole.

The Chair of HEY LEP expanded on work taking place with the Greater Lincolnshire LEP, mainly focussed on the Net Zero agenda.

Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) The Chair of OSMC to progress, with elected member colleagues, a meeting between members of the OSMC and the equivalent Committee in the East Riding with a view to addressing the concerns in relation to joint scrutiny. b) The comments of the Portfolio Holder (Leader of the Council) to be circulated to members of the OSMC prior to the meeting of the Leaders Board. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) To try to engage the ERYC in the scrutiny of the HEY LEP. b) They had not been included in the report and members wished to see them in order to carry out the scrutiny function. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Councillor Chaytor / Alex Holgate b) Louise Hawkins

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HULL AND EAST RIDING UNITARY LEADERS BOARD POLICY FRAMEWORK AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION

J. Newman (Chair of the Hull and East Yorkshire LEP), T. Chalmers (Chief Operating Officer, Hull and East Yorkshire LEP and A. Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration) attended the meeting to deliver a report seeking authority from the Hull & ER Board for adoption of the initial policy framework to facilitate decision making on behalf of the HEY LEP through Hull City Council as Accountable Body.

Members, whilst acknowledging the work that had gone into the Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026 Consultation, raised concerns about the formatting, wording, areas of emphasis, and structure of the document.

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The Committee discussed:

- i. How the impact on the ordinary person would be measured.
- ii. If the next level would be to bring together local authorities.
- iii. What the next steps would be.

The Chair of the LEP advised the Committee that:

- i. The document comprised of essential evidence as a region to put to government, demonstrating the region was ambitious, alive and wanting to deliver, and would go to government to ask how they would support the region and its ambitions.
- ii. Updates would be on-going, and where possible and appropriate, areas such as transport and tourism would be expanded upon.
- iii. In order to take forward the strategies of Hull and the East Riding there had to be some agreement on how the regions were structured politically and financially, so the strategy needed funding and agreement.
- iv. Although residents were not the responsibility of the LEP, residents would benefit from a better transport infrastructure, more new businesses and more skills provision.
- v. The LEP would aim to improve the economy at a strategic level with partners such as local authorities, social care and the private sector.
- vi. The government would not support the strategy if local authorities were not joined up.

The Chief Operating Officer further advised that the survey responses were just coming to an end, and the next step was to produce a Delivery Plan alongside partners such as local authorities and the private sector.

Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
a) That the HEY LEP Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026 Consultation be amended to include: a) a stronger section on the Northern Powerhouse, and the need to be clear on our position of it as an important part of our infrastructure and its relationship with the E20 gateway into Europe; b) stronger sections on tourism and Hull as a port; c) clarity on figures relating to the ports as, due to many of our large businesses not having headquarters within the City there may be issues recognising our / their contribution; d) updates on timelines; e) updates in regard to developments	a) To ensure that the Consultation document is as relevant as possible. b) For pre-decision scrutiny.	a) Alex Codd / Deb Gray b) Maria Kohler

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<p>around E20; and, if possible the Strategy be made more incisive and the wording more accessible to all.</p> <p>b) That at an appropriate future meeting the Committee will consider the final version of the HEY LEP Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy and the planned Delivery Plan.</p>		
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40	BREXIT RELATED ISSUES
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A. Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development and Regeneration) attended the Commission to provide an overview of the performance data available regarding feedback received into the Council.

The Committee discussed the detail within the briefing:

- i. The Autumn Budget / Spending Review 2021 and the funding that would impact on Brexit issues.
- ii. Import and Export issues, such as the financial cost of trading abroad, and other issues such as the need to complete increased paperwork.
- iii. Increased energy costs and the pressures on businesses.
- iv. Labour shortages and increasing wages paid to retain staff, which impacted on businesses.

Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
<p>a) That future reports include more information based on the impact within the City rather than nationally.</p> <p>b) That Officers provide an update to the Chair prior to January's OSMC in advance of a further report to the Committee in February.</p> <p>c) That information on the actions taken to improve access to and tackle barriers in relation to training and employment, including whether the Council was offering any work experience, should be included in the February update.</p>	<p>a) Local information was of more interest and use to members than the more readily available national detail.</p> <p>b) To ensure the Chair was aware of most recent developments.</p> <p>c) Members wanted to know that the issues were being addressed and that the Council was playing its part.</p>	<p>a) – c) Alex Codd / Paul Burnley</p>

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41	REFERRAL REPORT	
<p>The Head of Governance presented an item to inform the Committee of referrals received from the various Committees and Commissions of the Council.</p> <p>The Committee discussed a referral from the Economy and Regeneration OSC in relation to the future consideration of reports related to the Humber Freeport.</p>		
Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
<p>a) That, as Humber Freeport is a cross-Scrutiny issue and the item would benefit from the different knowledge and skills sets of the Chairs and members of a number of Scrutiny Commissions, the future Freeport report will be considered by this Committee.</p>	<p>a) To ensure all aspects of the Freeport agenda are considered by appropriate scrutiny.</p>	<p>a) Alex Holgate</p>

42	NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS REPORT	
<p>The Head of Governance presented an item to support consideration by the Committee of the new entries in the Forward Plan.</p>		
Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
<p>a) Item 1 - 20211115 Albion Square - that the decision be considered by the Economy and Regeneration OSC, but that it be ensured that the decision is also on the Planning Committee agenda at an appropriate time.</p> <p>b) Item 2 - 20211115 Replacement of Oracle eBusiness Suite - that this decision be considered by the Finance and Value for Money OSC.</p>	<p>a) For pre-decision scrutiny and to ensure Planning Committee had input.</p> <p>b) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p>	<p>a) – h) Alex Holgate / Scrutiny Officers</p>

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<p>c) Item 3 - 20211115 Results of consultation and outcome of the stock appraisal - that, as the decision is mainly focussed on the financial aspect of the development, it be considered by the Finance and Value for Money OSC, with the members of People and Community OSC invited to attend the meeting where the decision is considered in order for them to input based on their Housing expertise.</p> <p>d) Item 4 - 20211215 SPD Houses in Multiple Occupation (HMOs) - that this decision not be subject to pre-decision scrutiny as it was to be considered by the Planning Committee.</p> <p>e) Item 5 - 20211115 Active Travel Fund - Experimental Traffic Regulation Orders - that the decision be considered by the Infrastructure and Energy OSC.</p> <p>f) Item 6 - 20211115 Alcohol and Drugs Partnership Strategy - that the decision be considered by the Health and Social Well-Being OSC</p> <p>g) Item 7 - 20211115 Infection Control and Testing Fund Round 3 - that the decision be considered by the Health and Social Well-Being OSC</p> <p>h) Urgent Item - Implementation of the outcomes of the Independent Mental Health Review - that the decision be considered by the Health and Social Well-Being OSC.</p>	<p>c) For pre-decision scrutiny, and to ensure all appropriate Commissions had feed in.</p> <p>d) The Planning Committee leads on SPDs.</p> <p>e) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p> <p>f) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p> <p>g) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p> <p>h) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p>	
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The Head of Governance presented an item to inform the Committee of progress against agreed actions.

The Committee discussed the items on the list and agreed how they would be taken forward.

Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
a) Row 1 - Transit (Transport) Council Motion - that it is left on the resolution list as a lead member is to be appointed.	a) The Council motion in regard to transport, including rail electrification, and the setting up of a member group had yet to be progressed.	a) Alex Holgate
b) Row 2 - Cyclist Enforcement - that it be left on the list as it has ben chased by Cllr Herrera-Richmond but still no response from the PCC or Chief Constable.	b) As per the minute.	b) Alex Holgate
c) Row 3 - Brexit - Remove from the list as a Brexit update will cover this at the February meeting.	c) As per the minute.	c) Alex Holgate
d) Row 4 - Resourcing of Scrutiny - Remove from the list as a report will be delivered to the February meeting covering options for Scrutiny.	d) As per the minute.	d) Alex Holgate
e) Row 5 - Member Development and Scrutiny - that this remains on the list and consideration be given to the Member Development budget and how it can be allocated to deliver Scrutiny training, and this issue be considered by the Member Leadership and Development steering group.	e) To explore how training can be given to members in regard to scrutiny, including external issues.	e) Alex Holgate / Di Taylor

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