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Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee

2pm on Monday 29 March 2021

Council Chamber, The Guildhall, Alfred Gelder Street, Hull

Present: Councillors Chaytor (Chair), Akbar, Burton, Dad, Fareham, Herrera-Richmond, McMurray, Nicola, Ross, and Wilson.

In attendance:

- A. Holgate (Governance Group Manager) Minutes 171,176 & 177
- A. Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development & Regeneration) Minutes 173 - 176
- D. Gray (Economic Strategy & Partnership Manager) Minutes 173 &174
- A. Burton (Assistant Director – Streetscene) Minute 176
- M. Leighton (Head of Transformation Support) Minute 176

Apologies:

Apologies were received from Councillors Bridges, Kirk, Neil and Pritchard.

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169	DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST	
No declarations of interest were received in respect of the items that follow below.		
170	MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY, 1 MARCH 2021	
The Governance Group Manager submitted the minutes of the meeting of Monday, 1 March, 2021 for approval.		
Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
That the minutes of the meeting held on 1 March, 2021, having been printed and circulated, be taken as read and correctly recorded and be signed by the Chair.	N/A	Scrutiny Officer (FH)
171	HULL AND EAST RIDING UNITARY LEADERS BOARD POLICY FRAMEWORK AND SCHEME OF DELEGATION	
<p>A. Holgate (Governance Group Manager) presented a report seeking authority from the Leaders Board for adoption of the initial policy framework and decision-making structures to facilitate decision making on behalf the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership through Hull City Council as Accountable Body.</p> <p>The Governance Group Manager informed the Committee that the report was to be considered at the meeting of the Leaders Board on the 31 March 2021.</p> <p>The Committee discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. That without sight of the Policy Framework and Scheme of Delegation it was difficult to support their use, as recommended within the report.ii. Concerns about the Humber LEP and its transparency, and the need for the HEY LEP to be transparent in its policy making.iii. The need for a specific timeline in regard to when the transferred working arrangements would be reviewed.iv. The need for more accountability via Council or Scrutiny.		

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v. The need for proportionate influence and representation. vi. Options for if the LEP turned down the recommendations.		
Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
a) The Committee supports the recommendation at section 2 of the report. b) That, whilst recognising the merits of adopting the current Policy Framework, it be subject to on-going review and revision as appropriate. c) That it is also recommended that it is ensured that there are proportionate levels of influence across the two authorities. d) That there is a requirement for transparency and accountability in decision-making, and to support this consideration is given to including a regular section on the agenda of the Hull City Council Full Council meetings to enable questions to be asked of policy makers from the Hull and East Yorkshire LEP.	a) N/A b) To ensure that going forward it remains the most appropriate format. c) To ensure that no party or authority has more influence than the other. d) To enable members to hold the HEY LEP to account in a public, formal forum.	a) N/A b) Alex Holgate / Ian Anderson c) Alex Holgate / Ian Anderson d) Alex Holgate / Ian Anderson

173	HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE LEP – ACCOUNTABLE BODY RISK SHARING AGREEMENT
<p>D. Gray (Economic Strategy & Partnership Manager) and A, Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development & Regeneration) presented a report providing Leaders with the history and background information to enable the Joint Board to formally agree to the ongoing support to the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership and seek approval of the risk sharing agreement between the two Councils.</p> <p>The Economic Strategy & Partnership Manager informed the Committee of the background to the report and to the Risk Sharing Agreement; that the Agreement was between the Hull and the East Riding authorities; and, that no costs from the LEP were to be borne by the authorities.</p> <p>The Committee discussed:</p>	

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- i. Why Hull CC was to be the accountable body rather than East Riding Council.
- ii. With reference to point 1.2 of the report the definition of “enduring”, and with reference to point 6.3, the definition of “diverse and equal”; and, with reference to point 6.2, the detail behind the remodelling that could possibly be needed if government funding were not forthcoming.
- iii. With reference to point 6.3, concerns about the equal distribution of funding across rural and urban regions.
- iv. Concern at the lack of options included in the report to support broader discussion.

The Economic Strategy & Partnership Manager responded that:

- i. Hull was proposed as the accountable body because the authority already had the necessary systems and staffing in place.
- ii. There had been no confirmation yet that government funding was to be distributed, but if Hull did not receive it then no other LEP would receive any either.
- iii. If funding was not received then elements such as staffing would be reviewed; and, the current staffing budget was £600k.
- iv. Enduring under point 1.2 referred to no actual time frame, as there would be a review on a year on year basis for the lifetime of the LEP.

The Committee continued to discuss:

- i. The need for additional information on the risk element for the authority, including what was meant by “shared” and whether this equated to an equal share of staffing costs, regional population and other elements that could be equally split.
- ii. That questions would be asked of representatives of the HEY LEP when they attended Scrutiny.
- iii. Concerns at the secretariat of HEY LEP continuing to be housed in Wykeland and that they should be housed in a Council building.

Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
a) The Committee supports the recommendation at section 2 of the report.	a) As per the reasons for recommendations at section 3 of the report.	a) N/A
b) That further detail on the risk sharing agreement, and its potential impact for the Council, will be considered by this Committee.	b) Once the risk sharing agreement was developed then the Committee needed to be updated and further informed.	b) Alex Holgate / Deb Gray
c) That, whilst recognising that strategies and arrangements reflect the diversity across Hull and the East Riding in terms of geography and demography, consideration be given to the differing levels of	c) Concerns were raised that should funding be awarded equally to rural and industrial areas the cost benefits of investment in industrial areas may not	c) Alex Holgate / Deb Gray

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economic activity within individual areas and the economic benefit of investment.	be recognised.	
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174	HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE LEP – ASSURANCE FRAMEWORK
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D. Gray (Economic Strategy & Partnership Manager) and A. Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development & Regeneration) presented a report detailing a request for the Leaders to support the Accountable Body by adopting the Hull & East Yorkshire LEP Assurance Framework, whilst acknowledging that the document will develop over the first few months of the LEP’s existence.

The Economic Strategy & Partnership Manager advised the Committee of the background to the Assurance Framework, and that the report was asking for permission to temporarily adopt the current framework until such time as a new one could be adopted.

The Committee agreed to the temporary adoption until such time as a review took place, but advised that the new Assurance Framework should be subject to scrutiny prior to its agreement, and that the ERYC should be involved in that process.

The lack of Portfolio Holder comment within the report was queried and the Committee was advised that, as the Portfolio Holder was a member of the Leaders Board he would make his comment at the Leaders Board meeting.

Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
a) The Committee supports the recommendations at section 2 of the report.	a) As per the reasons for recommendations at section 3 of the report.	a) Alex Holgate / Deb Gray
b) That the current version of the Framework is accepted as an interim measure, but that an updated version be developed and be subject to scrutiny by Hull City Council and considered by the East Riding of Yorkshire Council prior to agreement by the Leaders Board.	b) The Committee wished to see further development of the Framework and agreement through the democratic process.	b) Alex Holgate / Deb Gray

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CIVIL SERVICE OFFICE OPPORTUNITIES		
<p>A. Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development & Regeneration) presented a briefing giving a detailed update of progress against Civil Service office opportunities and a draft prospectus for agreement.</p> <p>The Assistant Director informed the Committee that the report was a draft prospectus which recognised the changing shape of the Civil Service portfolio; it deliberately identified three locations in the City Centre, based on the sites used by successful Cities; the identified locations were Colonial Street, Albion Square; it built on the City Centre SPD; and, there was an awareness that there were smaller Civil Service offices that could be accommodated, so smaller buildings such as Debenhams were also being considered.</p> <p>The Committee discussed:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">i. Concerns that discussion with the government had been on-going for two years but with no results.ii. That there did not appear to be any differences between Hull and successful cities such as Darlington and Wolverhampton in terms of skills, and that Hull had a lot to offer in terms of location, housing and aspects of quality of life.iii. Whether there was real desire to attract government departments.iv. Whether the movement of offices to named cities were politically motivated.v. The need for immediacy as there were offices ready in the City, and also the latest phase of C4Di which needed tenants before it could be built.vi. Whether the East Riding needed to be involved to ensure a sub-regional unified approach with all MPs on board.		
Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
a) That the briefing is noted and further updates will be presented to the Committee as appropriate.	a) To keep the Committee updated on any developments in regard to attracting government departments to the City.	a) Alex Codd / Richard Lowther

176	UNITED KINGDOM'S EXIT FROM THE EUROPEAN UNION	
<p>M. Leighton (Head of Transformation Support), A. Burton (Assistant Director – Streetscene) and Alex Codd (Assistant Director Economic Development & Regeneration) attended the Committee to deliver a presentation providing additional information requested in relation to the Brexit Transition and providing an updated version of issues so far.</p>		

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The Head of Transformation Support informed the Committee that the presentation covered the detail of two elements that had been requested at the previous meeting – driving in the EU and requirements for travelling arts and performers, and the position to date; and, that there had been changes to deadlines for imports, detail of which would be circulated off-agenda.

The Committee discussed:

- i. Trade aspects and business; what impact there had been on Hull businesses; what concerns had been raised; and, what support had been offered by the Council.
- ii. Increased documentation and processes for the import and export of goods through the ports.

Officers responded that:

- i. There had not previously been any issues in relation to business, but that Covid restrictions were also now playing their part alongside the Brexit restrictions.
- ii. There were concerns in regard to food products and distribution; that there had been issues with the import and export of perishables into and out of Northern Ireland, but it was hoped that those issues were now resolved.

Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
a) That the briefing is noted and a further update will be delivered at the Committee's June 2021 meeting, with off-agenda updates circulated as appropriate before then.	a) To ensure the Commission is kept aware of developments resulting from Brexit.	a) Mark Leighton / Andy Burton
b) Further detail of changes to imports as a result of Covid, including changes to deadlines, will be circulated to Committee members off-agenda.	b) To inform the Committee members of potential impacts on businesses.	b) Mark Leighton / Andy Burton

177	OSMC FUTURE WORK PROGRAMME AND RESOLUTION LIST
<p>The Governance Group Manager presented an item to inform the Committee of items coming up on future agenda and on progress against agreed actions.</p>	
<p>The Committee discussed the future Work Programme and resolution list and made recommendations based on the outstanding actions on</p>	

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the list.		
Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
a) That rows 1, 15, 17, 18, 27, 28, 40, 41 be removed from the Resolution List.	a) All actions had been resolved.	a) Fiona Harbord
b) That rows 25 and 26 remain on the Resolution List until such time as the Chair of the LEP can attend.	b) The Committee wanted the LEP Chair to attend a meeting in a timely manner in order to advise him of their priorities.	b) Alex Codd
c) That rows 38 and 3 be removed once it has been confirmed that issues around the new cycling infrastructure have been considered by the I&E OSC.	c) Rather than duplicating the work of the I&E OSC it was agreed that, on condition the I&E OSC had received the level of information requested by OSMC, the cycling infrastructure actions should be removed from the work programme.	c) Fiona Harbord
d) That row 4 remains until such time as the enforcement of cycling on pavements has been addressed at the Police and Crime Panel meeting.	d) Councillor Herrera-Richmond would take this to the next meeting of the PCC Panel that he attended.	d) Cllr Herrera-Richmond
e) That rows 30 and 31 remain until the Utilising Customer Generated Data briefing has been delivered to the June 2021 OSMC meeting.	e) As per the minute.	e) Fiona Harbord / Michelle Garlick
f) That row 32 remains as discussion around a review will take place off-agenda, and any review that is progressed needs to come back to the Appeals Committee and to OSMC.	f) As per the minute.	f) Alex Holgate
g) That row 34 remains as discussion off-agenda will enable OSMC to agree next steps in regard to the scrutiny arrangements for the Leader's Board.	g) To ensure suitable scrutiny of the Leader's Board is agreed and carried out.	g) Alex Holgate
h) That rows 22 and 23 remain and enquiries be made as to the availability of the Chair of the LEP to attend a May OSMC meeting.	h) The Committee wishes to meet with the Chair at the earliest opportunity.	h) Alex Codd

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<p>i) That rows 6 and 21 remain until such time as NPS are in a position to report back on their COVID-19 Business Impact Update & Recovery Plan.</p> <p>j) That the issues around the Ring Road remain on the resolution list, with a meeting to take place on rise of E&I OSC in April, to include the Leader, Cllrs Fareham and Chaytor, the Governance Manager and the Director of Regeneration to progress the way forward.</p> <p>k) That row 11 remains until such time as the Member working group delivers an item to I&E OSC addressing the transport Council Motion.</p>	<p>i) NPS continue to work on this.</p> <p>j) To enable a cross-party and cross-Committee and Commission decision to be made on how to move the ring road issues forward.</p> <p>k) The Member working group will meet to recommend how issues around the City's transport infrastructure, including rail electrification and increased freight transit, and how it can be improved to support economic growth and investment.</p>	<p>i) Nick Howbridge</p> <p>j) Antony Spouse</p> <p>k) Members of the Committee</p>
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178	NOTICE OF KEY DECISIONS REPORT	
<p>The Governance Group Manager presented an item to inform the Committee on progress against agreed actions.</p> <p>The Committee discussed the Notice of Key Decision entries and agreed to their allocation for pre-decision scrutiny.</p>		
Recommendations:	Reasons for Recommendations:	Officer Assigned
<p>a) Item 1 Hull Economic Strategy – 2021-2026:- That the report will be considered by the Economy and Investment OSC.</p> <p>b) Item 2 - Commission for Integrated Homeless Service Provision:- That the report, rather than being considered by the People and Communities OSC, will</p>	<p>a) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p> <p>b) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p>	<p>a) Antony Spouse</p> <p>b) Antony Spouse</p>

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<p>be considered by the Health and Social Well-Being OSC as it relates more to what needs to be supplied rather than the physical provision.</p> <p>c) Item 3 - Recommissioning of Social Prescribing and Welfare Advice services:- That the report will be considered by the Health and Social Well-Being OSC.</p> <p>d) Item 4 - Flood Risk Management Plan – Cycle 2:- That the report will be considered by the Infrastructure and Energy OSC, and that the comments of the Commission be referred to the Planning Committee.</p> <p>e) Item 5 - Infection Control Grant – ICF2:- That, as the NKD refers to the extension of an existing contract, the report will not be subject to further scrutiny.</p> <p>f) Item 6 - Agenda for Change funding:- That, as the NKD refers to the extension of an existing contract, the report will not be subject to further scrutiny.</p> <p>g) Item 7 - Hull's Local Flood Risk Management Strategy:- That the report will be considered by the Infrastructure and Energy OSC, and that the comments of the Commission be referred to the Planning Committee.</p>	<p>c) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p> <p>d) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p> <p>e) Pre-decision scrutiny not required.</p> <p>f) Pre-decision scrutiny not required.</p> <p>g) For pre-decision scrutiny.</p>	<p>c) Antony Spouse</p> <p>d) Fiona Harbord</p> <p>e) N/A</p> <p>f) N/A</p> <p>g) Fiona Harbord</p>
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