

16 December 2021

Wards: All

Hull and East Riding Unitary Leaders Board Policy Framework and Scheme of Delegation

Report of the Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

This item is not exempt
Therefore exempt reasons are not applicable

This is a key decision. The matter is in the Forward Plan

1. Purpose of the Report and Summary

1.1 This report seeks authority from the Board for adoption of the initial policy framework to facilitate decision making on behalf of the Hull and East Yorkshire Local Enterprise Partnership (HEY LEP) through Hull City Council as Accountable Body.

2. Recommendations

2.1 That the following policy documents are included in the HEY LEP Policy Framework:

- i) HEY LEP Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026
- ii) Humber Estuary Plan
- iii) Humber Cluster Plan

3. Reasons for Recommendations

3.1 The LEP does not have a formal constituted status but acts through an Accountable Body.

3.2 Hull City Council has provided the Accountable Body role for the Hull and East Yorkshire LEP (HEY LEP) since its creation in 2021. As Accountable Body, the Council employs all Hull and East Yorkshire LEP staff and provides the Hull and East Yorkshire LEP with a strong covenant in the form of local authority backing to enable contracts to be entered into along with democratic accountability for decisions taken by the LEP

Board.

3.3

4. Impact on other Executive Committees (including Area Committees)

- 4.1 There is no direct impact. The adoption of the documents proposed for the policy framework, alongside the Assurance Framework establishes the governance and strategic objectives of both the LEP and the Hull and East Riding Leaders Board. The Assurance Framework is the subject of a separate report.

5. Background

- 5.1 The HEY LEP was established on 1st April 2021, when the Humber LEP ceased to exist.
- 5.2 The Strategic Economic Plan (SEP) for the Humber has guided decision making in relation to the commitment of funds for the Humber region to date.

Following its establishment, the HEY LEP has developed the Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026 which will replace the SEP for the Humber in the HEY geographical area.

The Estuary Plan and Cluster Plan remain Humber-Wide policy documents, being adopted by the Humber Leaders Board. It is acknowledged that there remains a close relationship between partners across the Humber region and these policy documents facilitate the goals and activity between these partners which is needed in respect of this. However, given the independent status of both the HEY LEP and HEY Leaders Board it is important to formally adopt these as key strategic documents which will have an impact on part of the region.

6. Issues for Consideration

- 6.1 The HEY LEP have adopted the proposed policies and the HEY Leaders Board is requested to confirm their adoption, as the Executive Committee providing democratic accountability for the HEY LEP. .

7. Options and Risk Assessment

7.1 Do Nothing

This will provide no policy framework for the implementation of decisions from the HEY LEP. This risks lack of strategic basis, accountability and transparency for funding decisions which could lead to challenge and delays in releasing funding and consequently the implementation and delivery of projects.

7.2 Develop a revised approach

Given that the plans were developed and endorsed by the Humber LEP based on a Humber-wide approach and some aspects are already in delivery, there is no reason to consider that these will not be applicable for the HEY LEP for the North Bank. A revision is therefore not recommended.

8. Consultation

- 8.1 The proposals will be considered by the Scrutiny Commissions of Both Councils and advice arising therefrom brought to the attention of the Board.

9. Comments of the Monitoring Officer (Director of Legal Services and Partnerships)

- 9.1 The report gives rise to no immediate legal issue. It is prudent for the Board to adopt the policies of the former Humber LEP to the extent that these apply to the two Authority areas and their assumption as policy by the Unitary Leaders will facilitate support of projects already in progress and expedite decision-making by the Accountable Body.

10. Comments of the Section 151 Officer (Director of Finance and

Transformation)

10.1 The Director of Finance and Transformation supports the inclusion in the Policy Framework of:

- i) The HEY LEP Economic Growth & Workforce Wellbeing Strategy 2021-2026
- ii) The Humber Estuary Plan
- iii) The Humber Cluster Plan

11. Comments of Assistant Director of HR & OD and compliance with the Equality Duty

11.1 The Assistant Director of OD & HR notes this report and supports its recommendation to include the policy documents in the Policy Framework.

12. Comments of Overview and Scrutiny

12.1 This report will be considered by the Overview and Scrutiny Management Committee at its meeting of Monday, 6 December 2021. Any comments or recommendations made by the Committee will be included in the report for consideration by the Hull and East Riding Unitary Leaders Board. (Ref. Sc6589 (FH))

13. Comments of Councillor Darren Hale, Portfolio Holder for Investment, Regeneration, Planning, Land and Property

13.1 To be provided at the meeting.

Ian Anderson, Director of Legal Services and Partnerships

Contact Officer: Alex Holgate, Governance Group Manager

Officer Interests: None

Background Documents: - none

Implications Matrix

This section must be completed and you must ensure that you have fully considered all potential implications

This matrix provides a simple check list for the things you need to have considered within your report

If there are no implications please state

I have informed and sought advice from HR, Legal, Finance, Overview and Scrutiny and the Climate Change Advisor and any other key stakeholders i.e. Portfolio Holder, relevant Ward Members etc prior to submitting this report for official comments	Yes
I have considered whether this report requests a decision that is outside the Budget and Policy Framework approved by Council	Yes
Value for money considerations have been accounted for within the report	Yes
The report is approved by the relevant Assistant Director	Yes
I have included any procurement/commercial issues/implications within the report	Yes
I have considered the potential media interest in this report and liaised with the Media Team to ensure that they are briefed to respond to media interest.	Yes
I have included any equalities and diversity implications within the report and where necessary I have completed an Equalities Impact Assessment and the outcomes are included within the report	Yes
Any Health and Safety implications are included within the report	Yes
Any human rights implications are included within the report	Yes
I have included any community safety implications and paid regard to Section 17 of the Crime and Disorder Act within the report	Yes
I have liaised with the Climate Change Advisor and any environmental and climate change issues/sustainability implications are included within the report	Yes

I have included information about how this report contributes to the City Plan/ Area priorities within the report	Yes
I have considered the impact on air quality, carried out an appropriate assessment and included any resulting actions or opportunities necessary to improve air quality in the report.	Yes