

**MINUTES of the VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
HUMBER LEADERSHIP BOARD
Held on 1st October, 2020**

Present:

<u>Hull City Council</u>	Cllr Stephen Brady Cllr Mike Thompson
<u>East Riding of Yorkshire Council</u>	Cllr Richard Burton
<u>North Lincolnshire Council</u>	Cllr Rob Waltham Cllr Richard Hannigan
<u>North East Lincolnshire Council</u>	Cllr Philip Jackson Cllr John Fenty
<u>Humber LEP</u> (observer)	Stephen Parnaby
<u>Greater Lincolnshire LEP</u> (observer)	Pat Doody

Officers	Rob Walsh – North East Lincolnshire Council Denise Hyde – North Lincolnshire Council Matt Jukes – Hull City Council Caroline Lacey – East Riding of Yorkshire Council Alan Menzies - East Riding of Yorkshire Council Mark Jones – Hull City Council Simon Green – North Lincolnshire Council Clive Tritton – North East Lincolnshire Council Kishor Tailor – Humber LEP Paul Windley – North East Lincolnshire Council
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HLB.1 APPOINTMENT OF CHAIR

RESOLVED – That Councillor Waltham be appointed as the Chair of the Humber Leadership Board for the 2020/21 Municipal Year.

HLB.2 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from this meeting were received from Councillor Stathers (East Riding of Yorkshire Council).

HLB.3 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest in any items on the agenda for this meeting.

HLB.4 HUMBER COLLABORATION - INDUSTRIAL STRATEGY

The Board considered a report presenting a draft of the revised Humber Local Industrial Strategy and proposing next steps for agreement.

Councillor Jackson welcomed the report and particularly that it recognised the strength of collaboration across the Humber and the LEPs. He suggested that once the Humber Estuary Plan had been agreed, that this be communicated to the Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government to highlight that there was strong collaboration taking place across the Humber.

RESOLVED –

- (1) That the priorities and actions proposed in the draft Humber Estuary Plan be endorsed.
- (2) That authority be delegated to the Joint Strategy Unit (JSU) to liaise with the Minister's officials on finalising the document.
- (3) That the Humber LEP Chair and Greater Lincolnshire LEP Chair be requested to consult their boards on the draft.

HLB.5 FREEPORTS UPDATE

The Board received an update on the establishment of Freeports.

Mr Tailor reported that responses had been provided to the government's consultation on freeports. The next stage was to prepare the Humber's case for a freeport. This work had been financed by the local authorities, the LEPs and the private sector. A consultant had been appointed to assist with this work. This would involve creating a prospectus for the Humber to use as a lobbying tool. Government guidance was awaited to confirm when the bidding process would commence. In the meantime, it was suggested that this Board be utilised as part of the consultation process on testing of ideas being brought forward.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted and that this Board be consulted on future plans.

HLB.6 LEADERSHIP BOARD ROUTE MAP

The Board considered a report setting out the enhanced remit for this Board, a proposed timeline for its work and associated resource needs.

Mr Green reported that it had been agreed to enhance the Board's remit to take on board the strategic leadership of the following three key areas of activity:

- 1) Developing the Humber Ports and Manufacturing Clusters (notably Freeports)
- 2) Accelerating clean growth in the energy estuary (De-Carbonisation Agenda)
- 3) Managing the Humber Estuary Asset (Humber Strategy 2100)

It was suggested that a programme management approach be taken to this enhanced remit, setting up different workstrands to work on the three identified areas and report back to this Board.

RESOLVED

1. That the three sector workstrands and the programme management approach outlined be agreed and endorsed.
2. That a lead Authority be allocated to oversee "Transition".
3. That in-house work be commissioned to identify new, limited, resource requirements along the lines outlined in the report now submitted.
4. That the high-level timescale outlined in section 4 of the report now submitted, be endorsed.
5. That a letter be sent, on behalf of this Board, to the Minister of State for Regional Growth and Local Government, informing him that the local authority Leaders had agreed the approach identified in the report now submitted.

HLB.7 SCHEDULE OF MEETINGS

The Board agreed the following schedule of meetings for the remainder of the Municipal Year:

Thursday 5th November 2020 at 8.30 am

Thursday 3rd December 2020 at 8.30 am

Thursday 28th January 2021 at 8.30 am

Thursday 25th February 2021 at 8.30 am

Thursday 25th March 2021 at 8.30 am

HLB.8 URGENT BUSINESS – GETTING BUILDING FUND

The Board considered a report recommending making a commitment from the Getting Building Fund allocation to four projects, following LEP Board decision.

This matter was considered urgent in order to avoid any delays with implementation of the projects.

RESOLVED –

That the decision of the LEP Board to make the following commitments from the Humber's Local Growth Fund allocation be endorsed:

- £2m to Hull and East Yorkshire Highways Resilience Programme
- £4.8m to Delivering housing Growth in Hull – Ings and Wawne
- £2.7m to Hull and East Yorkshire Cycle Route Delivery Programme
- £1.5m to Growing Hull & East Yorkshire Programme

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 8.55 a.m.