

**MINUTES of the VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE
HUMBER LEADERSHIP BOARD
Held on 3rd December, 2020**

Present:

<u>Hull City Council</u>	Cllr Stephen Brady
<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 Ruth Carver – Greater Lincolnshire LEP Paul Windley – North East Lincolnshire Council
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HLB.14 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

There were no apologies for absence from this meeting.

HLB.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

HLB.16 MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

The minutes of the Humber Leadership Board meeting held on 5th November, 2020 were agreed as a correct record.

HLB.17 MARKETING HUMBER

The Board received a presentation from Mr Bill Walker and Mr Andy Parkinson of Marketing Humber on the potential for improved inward investment and economic growth via regional marketing of the Humber. The presentation noted the scale of work undertaken by Marketing Humber to promote the area and offered a collaborative approach for future marketing programmes.

The Board welcomed the presentation and looked forward to working closely with Marketing Humber to promote the Humber region.

RESOLVED – That the presentation be noted and further discussions be undertaken with Marketing Humber around a collaborative approach to the Humber region’s marketing offer.

HLB.18 FREEPORTS UPDATE

The Board considered a report providing an update on the establishment of Freeports.

Mr Tailor noted that the bidding prospectus for freeports had now been released and a local steering group had been established, to be chaired by Simon Bird of ABP.

Mr David Gwynne of Eurus Consulting, provided a presentation setting out progress locally and the key elements of the government offer.

Mr Tritton introduced the report, noting the timeframe for bid submission and the requirement for all the Humber local authorities to sign off the bid.

Mr Jukes suggested that there be representation from the north bank on the steering group. This was agreed by the Board.

The Board further noted the need for flexibility over forthcoming meeting dates in order to allow the bid to be appropriately progressed.

RESOLVED –

1. That the decision to support a Humber wide Freeport bid be re-affirmed following the publication of the Freeport Guidance on 16 November, 2020.
2. That the Humber Freeports Group be supported in its proposed role in developing and submitting a Freeports bid, noting that accountability for expenditure within the bid sits with the local authorities.
3. That it be agreed that the Board's interests in relation to the work of the Humber Freeports Group are represented via the Chair, Cllr Waltham, supported by an officer role on the group provided by North East Lincolnshire Council. In addition, the Board felt it appropriate to seek additional membership so that the North Humber authorities could be specifically represented.
4. That each local authority represented on this Board agree to ensure the necessary resources are deployed to provide to the Bid Director with any information required in relation to their local authority area in a timely manner in order to realise a robust, cohesive and compelling bid.
5. That, as a matter of priority, each local authority work with private sector businesses or landowners in their area to agree a unified position in terms of aspirations for a tax site within their authority area in order to ease the final site selection process.

HLB.19 COLLABORATION THEMES – LOCAL AUTHORITY LEAD ROLES

The Board considered a report on the appointment of lead roles to its key areas of activity.

RESOLVED – That the work undertaken to date, as set out in the report now submitted, be noted and that the following lead role allocations be agreed:

- Developing the Humber Ports and Manufacturing Clusters (notably Freeports): North East Lincolnshire Council support through Freeports Steering Group
- Accelerating clean growth in the energy estuary (De-Carbonisation and Offshore Agenda): North Lincolnshire Council support through CATCH and the Offshore Cluster Development Group.

- Managing the Humber Estuary Asset (Humber Strategy 2100): East Riding of Yorkshire Council with support through the Humber Strategy 2100 Steering Group.
- Attracting and delivering new investment: Hull City Council with support through the Bondholders marketing initiative.

HLB.20 DECARBONISATION AND ENERGY

The Board considered a report setting the context and rationale for collaboration between the Humber local authorities on decarbonisation and recommending two specific areas of focus for discussion, namely industrial decarbonisation and offshore wind development.

The Board received a presentation from Ms Katie Hedges from CATCH and Ms Emma Toulson from Orsted on the work being undertaken in the Humber region, specifically to establish a Humber Industrial Cluster Plan, Zero Carbon Humber onshore plans and offshore wind growth in the Humber.

RESOLVED –

1. That the proposed way forward utilising both sub-sectors and their representative organisations within the broader energy theme, be endorsed.
2. That it be noted that terms of reference were being developed to ensure a seamless link and added value to all parties involved.

HLB.21 URGENT BUSINESS – GETTING BUILDING FUND

The Board considered a report recommending making a commitment from the Getting Building Fund allocation to three projects, following Humber LEP Board decision on 20th November, 2021.

This matter was considered urgent due to the need to allow the schemes to progress within required timescales.

RESOLVED –

That the following be committed from the Getting Building Fund:

- (1) £1m to RaisE Business Centre and Innovation Hub

(2) £500k to Managed Workspace Programme A (Grovehill)

(3) £500k to Managed Workspace Programme B (Bespoke and Boulevard)

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.55 a.m.