

**MINUTES of the VIRTUAL MEETING OF THE  
HUMBER LEADERSHIP BOARD  
Held on 25<sup>th</sup> March, 2021**

**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 Stan Shreeve
<u>Humber LEP</u> (observer)	Stephen Parnaby
<u>Greater Lincolnshire LEP</u> (observer)	Pat Doody
<u>Hull and East Riding LEP</u> (observer)	James Newman

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 Sharon Wroot – North East Lincolnshire Council Teresa Chalmers – Humber LEP Richard Kendall – Humber LEP Ruth Carver – Greater Lincolnshire LEP (HLB.33 onwards) Paul Windley – North East Lincolnshire Council
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**HLB.28 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

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

## **HLB.29      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

## **HLB.30      MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**

The minutes of the Humber Leadership Board meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> January 2021 were agreed as a correct record.

## **HLB.31      OFFSHORE WIND UPDATE**

The Board received a report received a report providing an update on progress with offshore wind projects across the Humber region.

Councillor Jackson welcomed the report but noted that although there was a commitment in principle for the offshore renewable energy catapult currently located in Grimsby, it had yet to receive funding. He asked that lobbying around how to move this forward be added to the suggested actions in the report.

Councillor Waltham supported the need for lobbying around the contract for difference but felt that specific evidence was required around the benefit to the local economy.

RESOLVED – That the suggested actions within the report now submitted be agreed with the addition of actions to support lobbying around the offshore renewable energy catapult located in Grimsby and in relation to the contract for difference auction.

## **HLB.32      FREEPORTS UPDATE**

The Board received an update on progress with the establishment of the Humber Freeport.

Mr Tritton reported on the success of the Humber Freeport bid, noting that it had been very well received by government. Following on from the announcement, an introductory meeting had been held between the bid team and the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government. A 'next steps' paper would be submitted to the next meeting of this board. The main issue was likely to be around governance and the accountable body will need to be identified from one of the four local authorities. There was also likely to be pressure to formalise the Memorandum of Understanding. Timeframes were also being worked on and it was hoped that the first phase of the project would be in place by autumn 2021.

RESOLVED – That the update be noted.

### **HLB.33      DECARBONISATION**

The Board received a report setting out the significance of the Humber region in the achievement of the government’s decarbonisation goal of being a net zero economy.

Councillor Jackson reiterated the need to include lobbying around the offshore renewable energy catapult in the lobbying section of this report.

The board raised concerns about combining the Freeport and decarbonisation in relation to lobbying but noted the need for a joined up approach to avoid duplication.

RESOLVED – That the report be noted.

### **HLB.34      MARKETING HUMBER 2021 PROGRAMME**

The Board received a paper setting out the Marketing Humber programme for 2021.

Councillor Burton felt that co-ordination across the Humber was vital to raise the profile of the area and maximise opportunities via engagement with the Waterline Summit and Cop 26 in particular.

Mr Doody enquired whether there was expected to be a Humber presence at Cop 26.

While noting that there was a bidding process for Cop 26, Councillor Waltham suggested that an action plan be developed to identify all opportunities for the Humber local authorities and business partners.

RESOLVED – That the Marketing Humber 2021 programme be noted and an action plan be developed to identify all opportunities for the Humber local authorities and business partners.

### **HLB.35      DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Board agreed to schedule its next meeting towards the end of April, 2021 to consider next steps for the Humber Freeport. It was further agreed to continue with monthly meetings beyond that.

RESOLVED – That the next meeting of the Humber Leadership Board be scheduled towards the end of April 2021 and that a schedule of monthly meetings be prepared for the 2021/22 Municipal Year.

There being no further business, the Chair declared the meeting closed at 9.08 a.m.