

Local Enterprise Partnership

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LEP Annual Report 2021/22

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Is this a Key Decision?	No
Has it been included on the Forward Plan?	Not a Key Decision

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Executive Summary

A requirement of the LEP Review 2018, is that all LEPs are required to publish an end of year report to outline the activities, outputs and achievements that have been delivered in the preceding financial year. This paper presents, for approval, the LEP Annual Report (2021-22).

What does this mean for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire?

This Annual Report outlines what the LEP has delivered in the past year for businesses, people and places in South Yorkshire.

Recommendations

LEP Board Members are asked to endorse the content of the LEP Annual Report 2021-22 and provide feedback where required.

Consideration by any other Board, Committee, Assurance or Advisory Panel

None

N/A

1. Background

- 1.1 In line with national government guidance and good practice the LEP produces an annual report. This paper presents the LEP Annual Report for 2021-22 at Appendix A.

2. Key Issues

- 2.1 Notable achievements and successes that are highlighted in the LEP Annual Report 2021-22 include:

- 1) Delivering a successful **Economic Summit** that brought together the brightest thinkers from across the country, the best businesses, entrepreneurs, research institutes and anchor institutions for a day of debate and ideation. The shared goal was renewal for South Yorkshire by working together.
- 2) **Driving the delivery of the inclusion element of our strategic vision for South Yorkshire** through progressive procurement practices and the integration of a Social Value Contract, an agreement between the MCA and any organisation seeking funds.
- 3) Considering implications and possible activity regarding the **Destination Management Organisation** landscape in South Yorkshire and beyond.
- 4) Engaging with specific pieces of research in new or emerging workstreams, for example regarding creative industries mapping and the cultural and creative network.
- 5) Advising the work of the Mayoral Combined Authority through the thematic board structure on:
 - a) **Education, Skills, and Employment:** The £42m Adult Education Budget programme and Skills Bank.
 - b) **Transport and the Environment:** The City Region Sustainable Transport Settlement (In October 2021, the MCA was awarded £570m for a period of 5 years)
 - c) **Housing and Infrastructure:** Getting Building Fund (£33.6m from June 2020-March 2022) and the South Yorkshire Flood Catchment Plan
 - d) **Business Recovery and Growth:** Growth Hub delivery, considering and supporting the **development of a series of business investment proposals** and the design and development of a **new International Strategy** for South Yorkshire. The LEP has also supported the development of the Ownership Hub within the Growth Hub.
- 6) **Private sector input into** Government bids and responses to Government decisions and/or feedback received for our bids.
- 7) **Assurance and value for money:** Through the Assurance Panel, with a private sector LEP Board member acting as a non-executive Chair, the LEP have been heavily engaged in considering and advising on the recommendations going to decision makers regarding major investment schemes.
- 8) **Engagement with business community:** The LEP have continued to build and strengthen relationships with key local, regional and national stakeholders through the Business Advisory Group and Economic Summit, they have

advocated for key South Yorkshire campaigns, such as the GBR Headquarter and responding to Government policy & programmes such as the Integrated Rail Plan.

- 2.2 LEP Board members are asked to consider the draft LEP Annual Report 2021-22 at Appendix A and advise of any additional information that requires capturing to provide a comprehensive overview of the work of the LEP. The finalised document will be submitted to Government and published on the SYMCA website.

3. Options Considered and Recommended Proposal

3.1 Option 1

The LEP is expected to prepare an annual report and delivery plan. Doing nothing and not producing the required documentation is not a viable option as it would adversely affect our Annual Performance Review grading.

3.2 Option 1 Risks and Mitigations

None

3.3 Recommended Option

Option 1

4. Consultation on Proposal

- 4.1 Not applicable

5. Timetable and Accountability for Implementing this Decision

- 5.1 The report will be published within 10 working days of the LEP decision.

6. Financial and Procurement Implications and Advice

- 6.1 Not applicable

7. Legal Implications and Advice

- 7.1 Not applicable

8. Human Resources Implications and Advice

- 8.1 Not applicable

9. Equality and Diversity Implications and Advice

- 9.1 Not applicable

10. Climate Change Implications and Advice

- 10.1 Not applicable

11. Information and Communication Technology Implications and Advice

11.1 Not applicable

12. Communications and Marketing Implications and Advice

12.1 The Annual Report 2021-22 will be published on the SYMCA website.

List of Appendices Included

A LEP Annual Report 2021-22

Background Papers

Not applicable