

September 2020

Chief Executive's Update

Purpose of Report

To provide LEP Board Members with a general update on activity being undertaken by the LEP outside of the agenda items under discussion.

1. Strategic Economic Plan and Recovery Plan Consultation

The consultation is now underway on the Strategic Economic Plan. Consultation closes on the 18th September.

2. Skills Advisory Network

In line with Skills Executive Board approvals the LEP is in the process of formally establishing a Skills Advisory Network which will bring together partners, data and analysis on the regions labour market to inform the work of the Skills Executive Board and MCA.

3. LEP Board recruitment

The recruitment process for new Board members has now closed. Interviews are scheduled in mid-September.

4. Comprehensive Spending Review

The MCA Executive are preparing a submission to the Government's Comprehensive Spending Review process (deadline 24th September). The submission will focus on securing the resources required to deliver the Recovery Action Plan and Strategic Economic Plan.

5. Covid Economic Response - Business Group

The Business Group comprising members from the FSB, MakeUK, CBI, Chambers of Commerce and other business groups continues to meet on a regular basis in support of the work of the Business Growth Executive Board in the implementation phase of the Recovery Action Plan.