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Managing Director'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. MIPIM

Discussions have started with the Northern Powerhouse 11 LEP Chairs group to discuss how a more collaborative Northern Powerhouse-level offer can be developed. The Sheffield City Region is leading on this work. Outline agreement from the NP11 Board to develop this proposal further has been secured.

2. Growth Hub

A procurement process has been started for the Growth Hub to retain its specialist advisor support offer.

3. Global Innovation Corridor

The work to turn a Global Innovation Corridor vision into deliverables is ongoing with consultations being done to understand how we drive economic growth, attract inward investment, drive changes in productivity and embed innovation.

This has included a number of senior stakeholder interviews to shape and consult on the SCR's vision to connect people, places and skills and opportunities. The first external stakeholder workshop was held at the Digital Media Centre in Barnsley on Weds 8th May.

4. Transport Strategy Event

Partners, key stakeholders and local councils were engaged in a Transport Conference held at the New York Stadium Rotherham. The conference focused on promoting the new Transport Strategy and the progress made on the active travel agenda.

5. NP11 (Northern Powerhouse 11)

The Board of the NP11 met on 2nd May. Key items for discussion included the NP11 Business Plan, collaborating on Trade and Investment activity and MIPIM. The NP11 work is currently funded through an MHCLG grant totalling £850,000 for the financial year 2019/20.

6. SCR Energy Strategy

Work is ongoing to prepare the SCR's Energy Strategy to ensure alignment with the emerging revised SEP ambitions. The draft document will be reported to a future LEP board.

7. Planning Performance Improvement

A workshop supported by the Planning Advisory Service and attended by a range of public and private sector representatives recently took place to consider planning's role in better supporting the delivery of the SEP, including putting in place measures to ensure consistency and continual improvement in planning services across the SCR.