



**Report to the Board**

22 October 2025

**Local Growth Plan Development: Stage 1 Consultation**

**Report of the Investment Lead**

**Report Status:**

This item is not exempt

Therefore exempt reasons are not applicable

This is a non-key decision.

**1. Purpose of the Report and Summary**

1.1 The paper outlines the overall approach and current activity to developing a Local Growth Plan for Hull & East Yorkshire Combined Authority through an initial stage 1 consultation

**2. Recommendations**

2.1 It is recommended that the Board note the contents of the report, approve the approach outlined and provide any additional comments and views.

**3. Reasons for Recommendations**

3.1 All Mayoral Combined Authorities are required to produce a Local Growth Plan. The Board is requested to approve the approach including the suggested stage 1 consultation in order that this work can progress to necessary timescales.

#### 4. **Background**

4.1 The Local Growth Plan (LGP) for Hull & East Yorkshire is a ten-year strategy that aligns with both the National Industrial Strategy and local ambitions and approaches.

Its purpose is to drive sustainable economic development through an integrated approach, combining broad support for the business environment with targeted focus on key sectors and workforce skills, supported by a regional approach to investment.

The LGP will help cultivate a thriving, innovative, and resilient business environment across Hull & East Yorkshire. It will also support delivery of the HEYCA Gameplan.

To support growth across all sectors, the plan will be structured around:

- Where We Start From – an analysis of the region's economy, assets and challenges, including a summary of the evidence base.
- Our Plan and Priorities – the core of the document, including:
  - A target growth scenario
  - A small number of shared 'big plays' – the shifts we need to make to realise our economic potential
  - A sectoral framework and strategies, clearly indicating what we believe are our growth ready sectors and most important enabling and foundational sectors
  - Shared priorities for action with government
- Investment and Delivery Plan – the actions, investments and partnerships needed to deliver the Plan and measure impact.

Within the Plan there will also be a set of ten-year priorities and three-year deliverables identified, and these will include the development and utilisation of key strategic enablers such as business support services, expansion of entrepreneurship and start-up networks, access to growth capital, and alignment with skills and employment strategies.

The LGP is grounded in national guidance, which emphasises evidence-based prioritisation, integration with spatial and skills planning, robust partnership arrangements, and adaptive implementation. This ensures the plan is tailored to local needs while remaining responsive to national policy direction.

This includes a process whereby we will agree a set of shared priorities with Government, as well as a set of Investment Priorities to cover the ten-year period of the strategy.

## 5. Issues for Consideration

### 5.1 Engagement

To develop an effective Local Growth Plan, there is need to ensure that we can test our initial thinking and approach with key stakeholders and the wider community. This includes sharing our new Regional Economic Assessment which forms a key part of our evidence base and will inform future delivery planning.

To do this we are proposing that consultation around the Local Growth Plan takes place over two stages:

- Stage 1 Open Consultation which is intended to share our initial thinking around the Local Growth Plan, our research and evidence with stakeholders and allow the regions communities to respond to our overall approach.
- Stage 2 Targeted Consultation focused on working with Stakeholders to refine the draft Local Growth Plan and prioritise resources through the development of the Delivery Plan

The Stage 1 Consultation document is included as Annex A and provides an overall outline of our initial thinking in terms of the development of the Local Growth Plan.

The plan distinguishes between different sectors within the region. This is intended to serve two purposes, the first is to be clear about our priorities and approach as a Combined Authority and a region to those sectors which will have significant impact, and the second is (in line with policy guidance) to ensure that we remain aligned with, and able to benefit from, government priorities, including those identified in the National Industrial Strategy.

In addition, the plan will also identify foundational and enabling sectors (such as construction) which are important to the regional economy.

It is worth highlighting that the 'Big Plays' are strategic issues (e.g. Health, Skills, Innovation/Investment and Energy/Production) identified in the Gameplan and more broadly (such as through the Humber Industrial Cluster work) which need to be addressed to unlock our economic potential as a region and would have significant benefits across the entire regional economy.

### Developing the Local Growth Plan

To progress the development of the Local Growth Plan we will need to work closely with our colleagues in the region, and particularly the constituent authorities. This will include engagement of local

authority colleagues through the Inclusive Growth Working Group convened and led by colleagues at Hull City Council.

The expectation is that the Inclusive Growth Working Group will be asked to support the delivery of specific tasks linked to the development of the plan including the drafting of initial Shared Challenges, and the drafting of sections of the plan.

There will also be ongoing discussions with the Chamber of Commerce to ensure linkages back to the development of the next Local Skills Improvement Plan. The next LSIP will be jointly owned between HEYCA and the Hull & Humber Chamber of Commerce, and although we are still waiting for final guidance and legislative updates, there is an expectation that the Local Growth Plan priorities will be reflected in the LSIP, and the Combined Authority will work closely with the Chamber to share its evidence and insights around sector priorities.

#### Timeline

The indicative timeline for the development of the Local Growth Plan and the timings around consultation is as follows:

Date/Period	Event/Action	Details
Oct	Stage 1 Consultation Opens	Consultation published on HEYCA Website with a copy of Phase 1 Regional Economic Assessment
Nov/Oct	Stage 1 Consultation undertaken	Phase 2 Regional Economic Analysis Undertaken  Investment Pipeline analysis
Jan/Feb 2026	Stage 2 Consultation	Draft LGP published  Phase 2 Regional Economic Assessment Published
March/April 2026	Final LGP Published for approval by CA Board	Strategic Investment pipeline  Delivery Plan

#### 6. Equalities Impact Information

6.1 An initial Equalities Analysis is enclosed at Annex B. This will be updated, based on feedback, ahead for the Draft LGP being presented to the Board.

**7. Options and Risk Assessment**

7.1 All Mayoral Combined Authorities are required to produce a Local Growth Plan. An early consultation is an appropriate step to mitigate the risk that the subsequent Plan lacks legitimacy and local insight.

**8. Legal Implications and Statutory Officer Comments**

8.1 None at this stage

**9. Financial Implications and Statutory Officer comments**

9.1 No financial implications for the HEYCA MCA at this time.

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**Officer Interests:**

None

**Appendices:**

**Annex A – Local Growth Plan Stage 1 Consultation Document (Draft)**

**Annex B – Regional Economic Assessment Phase 1 - Executive Summary**

**Annex C – Equality impact statement – Local Growth Plan stage 1 consultation**

**Background Documents:** None