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Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority25<sup>th</sup> July 2025Ergo, Bridgehead Business Park, HesslePRESENT:-

Mayor Luke Campbell, Councillors Handley, Dad, Ross and Tucker, J. Evison (Humberside Police and Crime Commissioner), J. Adamson (HEY Skills Board Chair) and J. Speedy (HEY Business Board Chair).

IN ATTENDANCE:-

J. La Grua (Director of Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer), A. Mays (Strategic Adviser Resources), J. Neilson (Section 73 Officer), Deborah Gray (Programme Director) and L. Hawkins (Democratic Services Officer).

APOLOGIES:-

None.

Minute No.	Description/Decision	Action By/Deadline
<b>PROCEDURAL ITEMS</b>		
13.	<b>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</b>  No declarations of interest were received in relation to the items that follow below.	
14.	<b>MINUTES OF THE HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY EXECUTIVE BOARD MEETING HELD ON 26<sup>TH</sup> JUNE 2025</b>  <b>Agreed</b> – that the minutes of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Executive Board held on 26 <sup>th</sup> June 2025 be approved as a true and correct record.	
15.	<b>ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM THE MAYOR</b>  The Mayor began by thanking the officers who had attended the recent Policy Sprint sessions. It had been good to see everyone working together on solutions for the region.	

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	<p>It was confirmed that the Combined Authority had been successful in securing £700,000 for the installation of solar panels in buildings in Hull and East Yorkshire. It had been great news for both Councils as it would save them money in the future. The funding could be drawn down in September.</p>	
16.	<p><b>PUBLIC QUESTIONS</b></p> <p>The Interim Monitoring Officer reported that a question had been received from a member of the public.</p> <p>Mr Edward Washer attended the meeting to ask the following question:</p> <p>“The Mayor will be aware that the Deputy Leader of Reform UK has written to energy companies to put them on notice that a Reform government will, in Mr Tice's words "...seek to strike down all contracts signed under AR7 [Difference Allocation Round 7]" In the light of this statement, what advice would the Mayor give to companies in our area that might be considering entering bids in AR7?”</p> <p>The Mayor gave the following response:</p> <p>“Thank you for your question. I would suggest that energy companies would need to enter at their own risk. I do not have any solutions. I am not an expert on green energy. I am following guidelines from the current Government and all I can work with is what is in front of me.”</p>	
17.	<p><b>ALLOCATION OF PORTFOLIOS</b></p> <p>The Monitoring Officer submitted a report which sought approval of each Member of the Combined Authority's portfolio of responsibility for the 2025/26 municipal year.</p> <p>The proposed portfolios were confirmed as –</p> <p>Mayor's Portfolio - Luke Campbell Fit and Healthy</p> <p>Investment - Anne Handley</p>	

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	<p>Transport - David Tucker</p> <p>Skills - Mike Ross</p> <p>Housing - Jackie Dad</p> <p>The Monitoring Officer explained that the portfolios aligned with the functions that had been devolved to the Combined Authority and that they would be reviewed annually at the Annual General Meeting.</p> <p>Members queried why interaction with the Business Board had not been included within the Investment portfolio. The Monitoring Officer explained that it had been agreed at a previous meeting of the Board that a review of the Business and Skills Boards would take place.</p> <p><b>Agreed –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>that the Board approves the Member Portfolios for the municipal year, and</li> <li>that the Board approves the allocation of portfolio responsibility.</li> </ol> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The draft portfolios are intended to align with the devolved functions of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority (HEYCA), which are as follows: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Economic development and regeneration functions;</li> <li>Adult education and skills functions;</li> <li>Transport functions, including responsibility for an area-wide Local Transport Plan, and to set up and coordinate a Key Route Network;</li> <li>Housing supply, regeneration and place-making functions, along with provision of housing and land, land acquisition and disposal and the development and regeneration of land functions.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>	Monitoring Officer
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18.	<p><b>APPOINTMENT OF CHAIRS OF THE OVERVIEW &amp; SCRUTINY AND AUDIT &amp; GOVERNANCE COMMITTEES OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>The Monitoring Officer submitted a report which sought appointments to the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee for the 2025/26 municipal year.</p> <p>It was confirmed that at its last meeting the Board had agreed the membership of both the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and Audit and Governance Committee and the remuneration for the Chairs and other members had also been agreed.</p> <p>There was a discussion about which of the options outlined in the report should be followed. Councillor Ross expressed a preference for option 2, with responsibility for appointing the committee chairs being delegated to the committees themselves. Councillor Handley queried if it were a requirement of the establishing legislation that the Combined Authority Board make the appointments. Councillor Tucker expressed a preference for option 1, with the Board appointing the committee chairs in year one, and that this could be reviewed in future years. Members agreed to follow option 1.</p> <p>Councillor Handley confirmed that Councillor Meredith would replace Councillor Whyte as a member of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p><b>Moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Dad</b> That Councillor Healy be appointed as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p><b>Moved by Councillor Handley and seconded by Councillor Tucker as an amendment</b> That Councillor Meredith be appointed as Chair of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee.</p> <p>A vote took place. <b>Motion lost.</b> <b>Amendment carried.</b></p> <p><b>Moved by Councillor Ross and seconded by Councillor Dad</b></p>	
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	<p>That Councillor Neal be appointed as Chair of the Audit and Governance Committee.</p> <p><b>Motion carried.</b></p>	
19.	<p><b>REPORTS FROM ANY OTHER COMMITTEE OF THE COMBINED AUTHORITY</b></p> <p>The Strategic Adviser Resources informed the Board that a meeting of the HEYCA Employment Panel had taken place on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2025. The Panel had agreed to progress the process of appointing a permanent Chief Executive and that the contract for the current Interim Chief Executive would be extended until a permanent appointment was agreed.</p> <p><b>Agreed –</b> that the update be noted.</p>	
20.	<p><b>CONSULTATION ON THE YORKSHIRE WOLDS AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive submitted a report which summarised the proposal to establish a new Yorkshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) and sought approval to submit a supportive response to Natural England.</p> <p>The Programme Director explained that Natural England had extended the consultation period until 17<sup>th</sup> August 2025 to enable the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority to consider the proposal and submit a response; that the area covered by the AONB sat predominantly in East Yorkshire, and that East Riding of Yorkshire Council were in support of the proposal.</p> <p>A discussion took place and members queried whether the introduction an AONB would impact on farmers developing on land they owned. The Board was informed that the AONB removed some permitted rights however that did not prevent development as planning permission could be applied for.</p> <p><b>Agreed -</b> that the Board agrees to delegate authority to the Chief Executive to respond to Natural England's proposal for the Yorkshire Wolds to be designated as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty.</p>	

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	<p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• A significant portion of the proposed AONB is within East Riding of Yorkshire's administrative boundary, and as such the council has responded to the consultation. The response was positive and the Council was satisfied that the process for designation was thorough and the necessary definition of 'natural beauty' had been well applied.</li> <li>• The Combined Authority, in its role as a Statutory Consultee, is supportive of its designation, particularly in the anticipation of the positive impact the designation will have on the area's local economy and recognition of the Yorkshire Wolds' national significance.</li> </ul>	
21.	<p><b>UPDATE ON THE PROCUREMENT OF A SERVICE PROVIDER TO DEVELOP PAY GRADES</b></p> <p>The Monitoring Officer submitted a report which sought a decision of the Board on the supplier to deliver the Board's structure for Pay and Conditions.</p> <p>The Strategic Adviser Resources confirmed that one contractor had submitted a quotation.</p> <p><b>Agreed –</b> that the Board approved the appointment of Heads Together Consulting Ltd to develop and implement a Job Evaluation Scheme for the Combined Authority and to deliver the services identified at Appendix 1 to the report.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that the Combined Authority has in place a terms and conditions framework that will enable it to develop an effective operating model.</li> </ul>	

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	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• To ensure that the selected staffing structure reflects the legal requirement of equal work for equal pay.</li> <li>• To ensure that the staff framework developed accords with the requirements of delivering Value for Money.</li> </ul>	
22.	<p><b>EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC</b></p> <p><b>Agreed -</b> that, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Government Act 1972, the public (including the Press) be excluded from the meeting for the following item of business, minute 23 on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in paragraph 14 of Part 1 of Schedule 12A of the Act information relating to the financial and business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) and the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighs the public interest in disclosing the information.</p>	
23.	<p><b>HULL AND EAST YORKSHIRE COMBINED AUTHORITY'S OFFICE PREMISES</b></p> <p>The Chief Executive submitted a report which requested the Board to consider the Combined Authority's requirements in respect of office premises and seeks approval to give notice to quit its current premises at 19 Marina Court and lease alternative, more suitable, premises.</p> <p>The Board was informed that as the organisation grew its current premises would not be suitable.</p> <p><b>Agreed –</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a. That the Board authorises the Director of Legal and Governance to give notice on behalf of HEYCA to terminate the current licence to occupy 19 Marina Court, Castle Street, Hull;</li> <li>b. That the Board agrees that HEYCA should lease 2 Humber Quays in the short to medium term; and</li> </ol>	

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	<p>c. Following consultation with the Mayor and Constituent Council Members, authorise the Director of Legal and Governance to agree terms and enter into an agreement for lease; and report such arrangements to the next appropriate meeting of the Combined Authority Board.</p> <p><u>Reasons for Recommendations</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• HEYCA offices are currently at 19 Marina Court, Castle Street, Hull, HU1 1TJ. HEYCA are currently occupying the premises pursuant a licence to occupy for a maximum of 6 months, with a 3 month notice period. The licence commenced on 1 May 2025, meaning that it expires no later than 31<sup>st</sup> October 2025 and notice to terminate (so as to avoid it converting into a lease) would need to be given by no later than 31<sup>st</sup> July 2025.</li></ul>	
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