



Agenda

Overview and Scrutiny Committee

Date: **Wednesday 17 September 2025**

Time: **2.00 pm**

Place: **Ergo, Bridgehead Business Park, Hessle**

Membership

Councillor Richard Meredith	(Chair)
Councillor Tom Astell	
Councillor Jonathan Bibb	
Councillor Maria Coward	
Councillor Steve Gallant	
Councillor Darren Hale	
Councillor Denis Healy	
Councillor Barbara Jeffreys	
Councillor Shane McMurray	
Councillor Christine Randall	
Councillor Sarita Robinson	
Councillor Gary Wareing	

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Item	Page(s)	Suggested Timings (pm)
1. APOLOGIES To note the apologies for absence received in advance of the meeting. <i>(Please notify Democratic Services before the meeting)</i>	N/A	3 Minutes (2 – 2:03)
2. NAMED SUBSTITUTES To note the details of any named substitute (councillor) to attend the meeting in place of a member of the committee. <i>(Please notify Democratic Services in advance of the meeting)</i> .	N/A	2 Minutes (2:03 – 2:05)
3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST To receive declarations of interest in respect of agenda items.	N/A	5 Minutes (2:05 – 2:10)
4. Welcome and Introduction led by the Chair		10 Minutes (2:10 – 2:20)
5. Mayor's Q/A session <i>(Please send your written questions to Democratic Services by Friday 12th September).</i>	N/A	30 Minutes (2:20 – 2:50)
6. Hull & East Yorkshire Local Get Britain Working Plan – Background and Structure To receive a report on the proposal to draft the first edition of the Hull & East Yorkshire Local Get Britain Working Plan. Report Author/Lead Officer: Anita Hallbrook, Programme Director – Employability, Health and Communities	4	25 Minutes (2:50 – 3:15)
7. Mayoral Community Investment Fund To receive a report on setting up a Community Development Fund. Report Author/Lead Officer: Jayne La Grua, Strategic Director of Legal & Governance and Monitoring Officer.	12	25 Minutes (3:15 – 3:35)
8. Forward Plan of Decisions 8(a) Executive Forward Plan 8(b) Draft Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority Gameplan – Overview and Next Steps Report Author/Lead Officer: Steve Skelton, Strategic Adviser for Prosperity	20 31	25 minutes (3:35 – 4:00)
9. Date of the next meeting: 19 November 2025	N/A	2 Minutes

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Report for Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Report Title	Notification of Intent – Hull & East Yorkshire Local Get Britain Working Plan – Background and Structure – Covering Report
Meeting date	17 September 2025
Executive date or Forward Plan reference (if applicable)	26 September 2025, Forward Plan reference: 20/25
Key Decision	No
Classification:	Public
Report author/owner	Anita Hallbrook – Programme Director – Employability, Health and Communities Andrew Hewitt - Strategic Programme Lead - Employability & Health
Appendix	A – Executive Board report: Hull & East Yorkshire Local Get Britain Working Plan – Background and Structure

1, Purpose

To enable pre-decision scrutiny of the proposal to draft the first edition of the Hull & East Yorkshire Local Get Britain Working Plan, including outlining this documents structure and envisaged content.

2, Executive summary

- **Proposal:** Approve structure and outline content proposed for the 1st Edition of the Hull and East Yorkshire Get Britain Local Plan.
- **Context:** Two EPs currently operate separately. A Combined EBPA would provide a single statutory framework to support consistent standards, integrated ticketing, joint infrastructure planning and strengthened oversight.
- **Issues the proposal seeks to address:** Addressing structural weakness in the Hull and East Yorkshire Labour Market which sees the performing below the UK Government's ambition of an 80% employment rate – HEYCA's current employment rate is 74.4% (+/- 2.9% pts) Oct 2024 – Sept 2024. The area also suffers an issue of low paid employment. This plan in conjunction with the forthcoming Skills Strategy will put in place actions to address this issue.

- **Legal basis:** The UK Government published its 'Get Britain Working' White Paper on 26th November 2024 – this puts in place the legislative basis for the Local Get Britain Working Plans
- **Indicative timetable in main report:** Plan drafted September 2025, Approved by HEYCA, Integrated Care Board and Department for Work and Pensions October 2025.
- **Finance headlines:** External support c. £100k from DWP to support drafting of the document. Any longer-term financial implications would be subject to separate approval.
- **Risks noted:** Timescales for production of document by DWP, stakeholder engagement within time envelope, production of complimentary HEYCA strategies within the same time envelope.
- **Equalities:** The core tenet of this plan is to reduce financial, work, access to employment and health deprivation.

3. Any other relevant details

- None at this time.

4. Suggested recommendations

The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to:

- a. **Analyse** the background to the plans, its scope and intended outcomes.
- b. **Comment** on the proposed approach outlined.
- c. **Agree** the structure for the document and any constructive and practical recommendations to the Executive.

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Report to the HEYCA Board

26 September 2025

Hull & East Yorkshire Local Get Britain Working Plan – Background and Structure

Report of the Strategic Programme Lead - Employability & Health

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 purpose of this report is to provide the HEYCA Board with a synopsis of the published Local Get Britain Working Plan (LGBWP) guidance and expectations from the Department of Work and Pensions (DWP) alongside information on how Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority and partners are planning to structure the local plan, developing governance and timelines for completion of the document.

2. Recommendations

- 2.1 It is recommended that the HEYCA Board note the content of this report and approve the suggested structure of three key pillars for completion of the Local Get Britain Working Plan.

3. Reasons for Recommendations

- 3.1 It is important that the board are aware of the background of the Local Get Britain Working Plan as this is key document which will contribute to the alleviation of health deprivation and positively impact the desire to support residents to play a full role in the labour market. The structure of this document has been designed to best deliver the requirements of this plan to meet the needs of DWP as

laid out in their 'guidance for developing get Britain Working Plans' but also to capture the maximum local value from the process to inform other strategic documents which are currently being prepared, namely the Local Growth Plan, and Employment & Skills Plans.

4. **Background**

4.1 *Overview of Local Get Britain Working Plans* - LGBWP are central to the Government's ambition for a thriving labour market where everyone has the opportunity for good work and to get on in work. It hopes to achieve the ambition of an 80% employment rate – HEYCA's current employment rate is 74.4% (+/- 2.9% pts) Oct 2024 – Sept 2024.

LGBWP will:

- Identify local labour market challenges and show how local areas are tackling these challenges. They will show how an area is contributing to economic growth, the ambition of an 80% UK employment rate, and wider GBW Outcomes
- Support other local strategies, and plans, including Local Growth Plans, Local Skills Improvement Plans and other health and work Strategies - In mayoral authorities, LGBWP plans should be guided by and support the regional objectives set out in their Local Growth Plan.
- Support integration of Jobcentre Plus / Jobs and Careers Service services into local areas. In addition, DWP will take these plans into consideration nationally and locally for future employment support policy design and development.
- Support local government partners, key stakeholders and wider public services, including the NHS and DWP, to manage and align current provision and to inform decisions on future commissioning, activity and support.
- Develop a whole system approach to tackling the supply and demand side challenges within local labour markets.

LGBWP must bring stakeholders together to ensure a unified understanding of local priorities and challenges, and what services and organisations are currently doing to address these. Local areas must draw from across the local system to develop a local plan of action and agree how partners will work together to review progress against their local plan and associated outcome indicators such as the local employment rate.

Timeframes for delivery of LGBWP - As a minimum all areas are expected to have initial plans covering inactivity completed and published by September 2025. However, due to the atypical circumstances around newly formed Mayoral Combined Authorities Hull & East Yorkshire have been given dispensation to complete their LGBWP by the end of October 2025.

LGBWP and Connect To Work - Connect to Work is the first funding pillar received through the national Get Britain Working Strategy. In Hull and East Yorkshire Connect To Work aims to support 3,500 with a health condition, disability of significant barrier to gaining and retaining employment. The region will be in receipt of a c£13m investment over 4 years to achieve this. The programme currently sits with Hull City Council as accountable body, and working with East Riding of Yorkshire Council this programme is at Delivery Planning stage. Close working between Connect to Work and the Local Get Britain Working Plan will be vital to the success of both.

5. **Issues for Consideration**

5.1 *Structure of the Get Hull and East Yorkshire Working Plan -*

Following this initial consultation and a review of existing data a three-pillar model has been developed in order to deliver the Get Hull & East Yorkshire Working Local Plan.

The Get Hull & East Yorkshire Working Local Plan will conceptualise 'health' in the context of economic activity in three distinct ways which will be woven into the final document. These three conceptions are; Health as an industrial sector (the HEYCA area has a distinct strength in the Med-tech sector through local activity undertaken by Reckitts and Smith & Nephew) Health as prerequisite for optimising the local workforce potential and finally as an institution which delivers vital services, and which requires a workforce with specialised skills to deliver effectively. The final point includes the social care sector which is a significant employer and provides increasing vital services to the area.

The three-pillar approach for completing this plan has been designed to comprise:

Pillar 1 – Evidence Base and Concept Model

This pillar will include:

- Hull & East Yorkshire Economic Profile
- Labour Market Analysis and Economic Inactivity

- Driver and Root Causes of Economic Inactivity
- Concept Model for Economic Inactivity

Pillar 2 – Current System Model

This pillar is likely to include:

- Current Employment and Skills System
- Current system analysis
- Stakeholder Engagement and Partnerships Mapping

Pillar 3 - Future Systems Model

This Pillar will include:

- Strategic Framework & Vision
- Future Systems Design
- Priority Actions and Interventions
- Implementation Framework.

Evidence gathering and stakeholder engagement activity has commenced and is progressing at pace working towards the October deadline of submission of this plan to DWP.

Governance of LGBWP - HEYCA will be the accountable body for its LGBWP. A partnership structure for the LGBWP is currently in development which will provides an overarching board to oversee the development and delivery of this strategy. As such this board will be integrated into the emerging committee structure of HEYCA and link closely to the Connect to Work programme which is a key delivery plank of the LGBWP. Indicative membership of this LGBW Board includes LAs, DWP/ Jobcentre Plus, ICB, Public Health Lead, VCSE sector, Local Business rep, Skills rep and HEYCA. DWP require sign off of the LGBWP from the Integrated Care Board and Jobcentre Plus representatives. and any constituent upper-tier or unitary authorities prior to publication.

Next Steps – The 1st Edition of the Hull & East Yorkshire LGBWP will be presented to the Board at the October Board meeting. A 2nd edition which includes the strategic links to Local Growth Plan,

Work and Skills Plan and HEYCA Gameplan alongside a detailed action plan which will be developed over the autumn 2025 with key partners.

6. **Equalities Impact Information**

- 6.1 The plan is squarely aimed at reducing inequalities in health, employment and earnings within the wider economy and contributing to greater economic prosperity and good work. No negative equalities impacts are expected.

7. **Options and Risk Assessment**

- 7.1 The primary risk associated with this strategy is one of meeting the DWP deadlines. HEYCA have secured full time member of staff on a seconded basis in an attempt to mitigate this risk.

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. An amount of funding has been made available from DWP for the production of this plan. This is contributing to the costs of seconding a member of staff to complete this work.

Report of Andrew Hewitt Strategic Programme Lead - Employability & Health

Contact Officers:

Anita Hallbrook – Programme Director – Employability, Health and Communities

Andrew Hewitt - Strategic Programme Lead - Employability & Health

Officer Interests:

None

Appendices: none

Background Documents:

Department for work and Pensions (DWP) published guidance on:

- The development of LGBWP ([Guidance for Developing local Get Britain Working plans \(England\) - GOV.UK](#)).
- Get Britain Working outcomes ([Get Britain Working outcomes - GOV.UK](#)).

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Report for Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Report Title	Mayoral Community Investment Fund – Covering Report
Meeting date	17 September 2025
Executive date or Forward Plan reference (if applicable)	26 September 2025
Key Decision	No
Classification:	Public
Report author/owner	Mark Rogers – Interim Chief Executive
Appendix	A – Executive Board report: Mayoral Community Investment Fund

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To enable scrutiny of the proposal to establish the Mayoral Community Investment Fund, including the intended approach to set-up and delivery.

2. Executive summary

- 2.1 **Proposal:** Note the creation of a new Community Investment Fund and consider arrangements for its set-up and delivery. The initial programme will invest up to £1m over 12 months through a small grants scheme focused on inclusion, cohesion and resilience in the region's most deprived neighbourhoods.
- 2.2 **Context:** The fund supports the Mayor's commitment to make decisions with local people and aligns with HEYCA's principle of promoting inclusivity. It responds to persistent challenges of poverty, poor health and low aspiration, recognising that social and economic outcomes are closely linked to community capacity.
- 2.3 **Delivery approach:** Grants management and administration will be provided through East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Grants Management System under an existing service arrangement. Grant assessment panels will be chaired by the Mayor or a representative, with support from stakeholders including relevant constituent council officers.
- 2.4 **Legal basis:** The proposals fall within the combined authority's purpose and remit. The intended route for procuring providers is through an open process compliant with procurement law, subsidy control and related regulation. A detailed business case will be developed to meet the Local Assurance Framework requirements of the English Devolution Accountability Framework.

- 2.5 **Finance headlines:** An initial budget of £1m over 12 months, funded from the Investment Fund revenue budget under delegated authority. The current Investment Fund budget is £7.2m with no other spending plans identified. Costs of design and delivery will be contained within the overall allocation. Any future rounds would be subject to separate consideration.
- 2.6 **Risks noted:** The need for a robust process that ensures Best Value and compliance with procurement and subsidy control. Capacity pressures on smaller charities and community groups, and the need for clear communications to explain the targeted approach.
- 2.7 **Equalities:** The fund is intended to support residents at risk of social and economic exclusion, tackling poverty, deprivation and health inequalities by strengthening social capital and community capacity.
- 2.8 **Monitoring and evaluation:** Impact will be evaluated and reported to the Executive Board to inform potential future funding.

3. Any other relevant details

- 3.1 The fund aims to mobilise HEYCA investment alongside that of constituent councils and existing VCSE organisations to create new opportunities in communities.
- 3.2 In future years, the option of delivering allocations through a partnership with a VCSE organisation may be considered, subject to evidence and decision.

4. Suggested recommendations

- 4.1 **The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to:**
- a. Consider the background, scope and intended outcomes of the proposed Fund.
 - b. Comment on the proposed approach to set-up, delivery and evaluation.
 - c. Note the risks, financial and legal implications outlined.
 - d. Agree any constructive and practical recommendations to the Executive.



Report to the HEYCA Executive Board

26 September 2025

Mayoral Community Investment Fund

Report of the Interim Chief Executive

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 This paper records the Mayoral Non-Key Decision to establish a new Community Investment Fund, supporting both the Mayor's election commitment to make decisions with the people of Hull and East Yorkshire, not for them, and one of the Combined Authority's core principles of promoting inclusivity which creates economic opportunities for our most deprived communities, ensuring we address the persistent cycle of poverty, poor health and low aspiration. The initial fund will invest up to £1million over 12 months in a new community grants programme.
- 1.2 The funded activity is intended to achieve a range of positive outputs and outcomes in some of the region's most deprived neighbourhoods.
- 1.3 Mobilising the Combined Authority's investment, alongside that of its Constituent Councils and existing Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) organisations in the region will create new opportunities for communities to ensure that Hull and East Yorkshire is a resilient region where everyone thrives and has the opportunity to contribute to the region's success.

2. **Recommendations**

- 2.1 Note the creation of the Mayor's Community Investment Fund; and
- 2.2 Consider the arrangements for the set-up and delivery of the fund.

3. **Reasons for Recommendations**

- 3.1 The Mayor's Community Investment Fund is intended to support delivery of the HEYCA Gameplan by developing greater community capacity and social capital in targeted areas.
- 3.2 Many people living in the region experience worse social and economic outcomes than those living in other parts of the UK. This inequality poses a significant risk to realising the full potential of the powers and investment opportunities presented by the Hull and East Yorkshire devolution deal. We know that strong cohesive communities and inclusive sustainable growth go hand in hand. Positive economic outcomes are underpinned by a wide range of social factors, from physical and mental health to community safety and access to affordable childcare. The success of our region and its economy is inextricably linked to the collective wellbeing of our people and places.
- 3.3 Many of our more deprived areas are less likely to have levels of existing social capital that equip them to secure resources or take on services and facilities. This is reinforced by recent national research overlaying deprivation and community capacity to identify 'left behind areas'.
- 3.4 National and local findings point to the importance of developing social capital in order to bring about growth that is inclusive in nature, rather than entrenching existing inequalities. There are a number of areas within the HEYCA region that face the dual challenge of deprivation and lack of community and voluntary organisations with the capacity to take ownership of solutions and 'help themselves'. To achieve HEYCA's objective of inclusive growth, communities need to be equipped to play an active role in shaping and seizing future opportunities.
- 3.5 Small charities and community groups are the building blocks of cohesive, inclusive and resilient communities, and prosperous regions. They work with residents furthest from the labour market and most at risk of being left behind. These organisations are experiencing increasing demand on their services due to the cost-of-living crisis. They are also experiencing increasing running costs. They often have limited resources to be able to compete for funding and tend to miss out on commissioning processes that favour bigger regional or national charities.

- 3.6 Local Authorities play a pivotal role in supporting community activity, but devolution provides additional opportunities to invest in the work of small charities and community groups working at a hyper-local level to create opportunity and fight inequalities.
- 3.7 The Mayor's Community Investment Fund is intended to make direct investment in the ideas and activities of our communities and help make the things that matter to local people a reality.

Fund Design

- 3.8 A detailed business case detailing the Fund's design, and grant evaluation criteria, will be brought back to Executive Board prior to programme delivery. However, the following principles will apply.
- 3.9 The Mayor's Community Investment Fund will invest up to £1million in its first year in a new small grants programme supporting activities delivered by small charities and grassroots community groups. Funding will be targeted at organisations delivering activity that supports inclusion, cohesion and resilience in some of our most socially and economically deprived areas.
- 3.10 The Mayor's Community Investment Fund aims to build and strengthen community capacity and develop existing and new community and voluntary groups and networks, focusing on areas where the current capacity and infrastructure is limited and where there are significant challenges of social mobility, deprivation and inequality.
- 3.11 The Mayor's Community Investment Fund will:
- a. Primarily benefit residents at risk of social and economic exclusion, contributing towards the Mayor's commitment to tackling poverty, deprivation and health inequalities;
 - b. Support the Mayor's commitment to work with local businesses, community leaders and the Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise (VCSE) sector, as well as public service partners, to support and invest in the health, wellbeing and aspiration of local communities, recognising the role of the VCSE sector in supporting some of our most vulnerable residents by helping them get out of poverty;
 - c. Promote aspiration, opportunity and pride through volunteering and community-led campaigns;
 - d. Champion initiatives that improve public health and wellbeing;

- e. Support strong communities, building civic pride, tackling isolation, and strengthening the social fabric of places across Hull and East Yorkshire;
 - f. Work with partners to reduce poverty, including addressing the root causes of deprivation and supporting access to opportunity and work;
 - g. Engage with local VCSE organisations, volunteers and anchor institutions to unlock the energy and capacity of local people and communities;
 - h. Support the Combined Authority's wider commitment to supporting strong and connected communities that help to reduce inequalities and improve wellbeing for all;
 - i. Recognise the value of active and engaged communities in delivering HEYCA's ambitions for the region.
- 3.12 In seeking to empower and provide communities with greater agency, the fund will be targeted at tackling one of the key barriers to inclusive growth that has been widely identified, nationally and locally.
- 3.13 Recognising the limited impact that top down and over-prescribed programmes can have in tackling the barriers identified, this funding is intended to be neutral regarding the form that the increase in capacity and community confidence takes. It may be that investment in community development results in groups being formed in order to run or influence local services, bid for funding for projects, support local volunteering, manage or take ownership of local assets or participate in wider networks. Similarly, the formal structure of any groups formed could be a charity, community interest company, co-operative or social enterprise. These would not be prescribed, since the focus and form would depend on the outcome of the development and capacity building work, rather than being determined in advance. This approach also allows for local partners to align the investment with current or planned programmes that seek or rely on similar outcomes within the targeted areas. The overriding impact sought is that communities have greater agency to contribute to and benefit from inclusive growth.
- 3.14 Grants management and administration will be undertaken by East Riding of Yorkshire Council's Grants Management System (which provides an end-to-end grant management solution from application to due diligence checks, appraisal, grant panels, grant award, monitoring, evaluation and through to close down) together with the skills, knowledge and expertise of their highly experienced Grant Programmes Team, whose services will be provided to HEYCA as

part of a Service Level Agreement with ERYC for the provision of Finance Services.

- 3.15 The Mayor, or a representative of his choosing, will be invited to chair the grant assessment panels, which will be supported by stakeholders including relevant constituent council officers.
- 3.16 Evaluation of the fund's impact will be reported to the Executive Board, ensuring evidence-based decision-making for potential future funding, when consideration may also be given to the option of making grant allocations through a partnership with a VCSE organisation.
- 3.17 A communications strategy will also be developed to clearly explain the rationale for the fund's targeted approach.

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

- 4.1 The proposals for a fund to provide communities with greater agency in order to contribute to and benefit from inclusive growth falls within the overall purpose and remit of the combined authority.
- 4.2 The intended route for procuring providers is through an open process that complies with procurement law, subsidy control and related regulation. Contracting with providers will require support from the legal and procurement teams. The decision process around procured delivery and distribution of grant funding will need to be governed by a robust process which ensures Best Value.
- 4.3 The Fund design will be further developed in a detailed business case that meets the Local Assurance Framework requirements of the English Devolution Accountability Framework.
- 4.4 This decision has been taken by the Mayor exercising a Mayoral General Function. It is not a key decision.

5. **Financial Implications and Statutory Officer Comments**

- 5.1 The budget proposed for an initial Community Investment Fund is £1m spread across 12 months. This would be met from the Investment Fund revenue budget under delegated authority. As reported in the budget outlook for 2025-26 elsewhere on the agenda for this meeting, the current Investment Fund budget is £7.2m. No other spending plans have yet been identified against this budget. The costs of fund design and delivery will need to be incorporated within the overall budget allocation. Successful progress towards the intended outcomes and benefits of the fund could lead to proposals for further rounds of investment in future years, but no further financial commitments are sought from the Board at this stage.

Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive

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Officer Interests:

None

Appendices:

None.

Background Documents:

Left Behind? Understanding communities on the edge, Local Trust and OSCI, 2019

Social Capital 2025: The hidden wealth of nations, Demos, 2025

Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority

Forward Plan of Decisions

The Forward Plan is an indication of future decisions. It is subject to continual review and may be changed in line with any revisions to the priorities and plans of the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority. It is re-published on a regular basis to reflect such changes.

Purpose

The Forward Plan sets out all the known decisions to be taken by the Combined Authority Board, Advisory Committees or by way of a Mayoral Decision Notice in the coming months. This makes sure that local residents, businesses and other organisations know what decisions are due to be taken and when. The Forward Plan is a live document which is updated regularly and published on the Combined Authority website (click the 'Forward Plan' button to view). At least 28 clear days' notice will be given of any key decisions to be taken (see below for meaning of "key decision") unless there are circumstances as to why this timescale is impracticable, in such cases the Authority has processes in place to ensure transparency in its decision making.

Commitment to Transparency

Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority is committed to the benefits that transparency can bring to effective decision-making, recognising that increased transparency can have a positive impact on performance, efficiency, accountability and delivering greater value for money. The Forward Plan therefore seeks to positively enable transparency by going beyond the publication of just key decisions. For transparency, the Forward Plan sets out all key decisions and seeks to set out all non-key decisions and update reports to be considered within the Authority's formal governance arrangements.

In accordance with the Combined Authorities (Overview and Scrutiny Committees, Access to Information and Audit Committees) Order 2017 (as amended), at least 28 clear days' notice, excluding the day of notification and the day of decision taking, must be published on the Forward Plan of any intended key decision. In the further interests of transparency and driving greater accountability the Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority seeks to publish details of expected decisions at the earliest

opportunity. In circumstances where there needs to be a decision made for which it is impracticable to meet this 28 day requirement we will publish the notice as soon as possible complying with our Constitution.

Exempt information need not be included in the Forward Plan and confidential information cannot be included. There may be times when a decision has not been published in the Forward Plan 28 days in advance. This is usually because the matter is urgent, and a decision has had to be made quickly. These decisions can still be made but are subject to the exemptions set out in our Constitution in the Access to Information Rules.

What is a Key Decision?

The definition of a key decision is found in law and in our Constitution. Our Constitution in Article 13: Decision-Making refers to a key decision as meaning a decision, which is likely to: (a) result in the Combined Authority or the Mayor spending or saving a significant amount, compared with the budget for the service or function the decision relates to (currently £1 million) ; or (b) have a significant effect on communities living or working in an area made up of two or more wards or electoral divisions in the Combined Authority area.

When assessing whether or not a decision is a key decision, Officers and Members must consider all the circumstances of the case. However, a decision which results in a significant amount spent or saved will not generally be a key decision if that amount is less than £1,000,000. All key decisions by law must be published on the Forward Plan.

Access to reports

A report will be available to view online one week before a decision is to be taken. You are entitled to view any documents listed on the Forward Plan after publication, or obtain extracts from any documents listed, subject to any restrictions on disclosure. There is no charge for viewing the documents, although charges may be made for photocopying and postage. The simplest way to access reports is via the Combined Authority website: [Hull and East Yorkshire Combined Authority/Governance and Meetings](#), here you can visit the agenda content for all published meetings. The Forward Plan will state if any reports or appendices are likely to be exempt from publication or confidential and may therefore be discussed in private.

If you wish to make representations that a decision which is proposed to be taken in private session should instead be taken in public session, then please contact the Monitoring Officer via: info@ca.hullandeastyorkshire.gov.uk at least 5 working days before the decision is due to be taken.

Notice of decisions

Notice of the decisions taken by the Combined Authority and its committees will be published online within three days of the meeting taking place.

Mayoral Decision Notices and Officer Decision Notices

All Mayoral and Officer decisions that are key decisions require the completion of a Decision Notice; these will be published on our website. Any other Mayoral decision that is taken will also be published and marked that it is not a key decision. The Monitoring Officer will publish any such notice on the Forward Plan on the Combined Authority's website at least 28 clear days before the key decision is due to be taken.

Standing Items

It can be taken that each Combined Authority meeting and formal committees will begin with Apologies, Declarations of Interest, and Minutes of Previous Meeting. Where public question time provision exists that will also be undertaken. For further enquiries regarding the Forward Plan please contact louise.hawkins@ca.hullandeastyorkshire.gov.uk

Ref	Title of Report	Decision	Purpose	Consultation	Statutory Consent required	Lead Member/ Decision Maker	Lead Officer	Documents relevant to decision other than report and appendices	Confidential or exempt papers?
HEYCA Skills Board 21 May 2025									
	Adult Skills Fund Readiness Submission	Pre-decision briefing	HEYCA is due to take on responsibility for the Adult Skills Fund by September 2026. In order to stay on track to meet this timescale, a suite of	Public consultation HEY skills framework included questions to	No	n/a	Claire Watts, ERYC	None	None

			documentation is required to be submitted to the DfE by the end of May 2025 to demonstrate that it will have all arrangements in place to successfully operate the fund. The required documentation will be attached as appendices to the report and endorsement is sought to submit to the HEYCA Board prior to being submitted to the DfE	inform the ASF strategy.					
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Combined Authority 28 May 2025

1/25	Mayoral Update	Update	To allow the Mayor to update the Board following election to office.	n/a	n/a	The Mayor	Lisa Dixon, Monitoring Officer	None	None
2/25	Adult Skills Fund Readiness Submission	Key Decision	HEYCA is due to take on responsibility for the Adult Skills Fund by September 2026. In order to stay on track to meet this timescale, a suite of documentation is required to be submitted to the DfE by the end of May 2025 to demonstrate that it will have all arrangements in place to successfully	Public consultation on HEY skills framework included questions to inform the ASF strategy. Submission will have been presented to the	No	Board	Claire Watts, ERYC	None	None

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			operate the fund. The required documentation will be attached as appendices to the report and permission is sought to submit to the DfE.	Skills Board 21/05/25					
3/25	Investment Principles	Decision	To agree the principles upon which the Investment Strategy for the Combined Authority will be based.	n/a	No	Board	Alex Codd, HCC	None	None
4/25	Local Transport Funding	Key Decision	During April 2025, the Department for Transport confirmed its transport funding allocations payable to HEYCA in 2025/26. The report will highlight plans for deployment of this funding in accordance with the grant conditions.	n/a	No	Mayor and Board	Julian Neilson s73 Officer	None	None
5/25	UKSPF	Key Decision	As detailed in the UKSPF paper at the inaugural HEYCA meeting the allocation methodology for year 4 of the UK Shared prosperity Fund changed significantly. This led to an overall cut in the fund, which disproportionately impacted on the East Riding. Hull City Council saw a 19% cut to the revenue allocation, while East Riding of Yorkshire	n/a	No	Board	Julian Neilson s73 Officer	None	None

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			Council saw a 48% cut to the revenue allocation. It was agreed that East Riding of Yorkshire Council could make a request to HEYCA to top up their revenue allocation from the Mayoral Investment Fund to the level it would have received had the HEYCA total revenue allocation been apportioned on a 50:50 basis. This report makes the case for this increase to revenue funding.						
6/25	Great British Energy's Mayoral Renewables Fund	Key Decision	1. To note that the Combined Authority has worked with the Hull and East Yorkshire Business Growth and Skills Hub (HEY BGS Hub), Hull City Council (HCC), and East Riding of Yorkshire Council (ERYC) to develop and submit one primary application of up to £700k and two supplementary applications to the	Constituent Councils	No	Board	Harry Baross, HCC	None	None

			Great British Energy Mayoral Renewables Fund; and 2. to seek authorisation to accept such funding if granted and subsequent allocation to the two Constituent Councils to carry out the relevant renewable energy regeneration projects						
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7/25	Mayoral Update	Update	To allow the Mayor to update the Board	n/a	No	The Mayor	Lisa Dixon, Monitoring Officer	None	None
8/25	To note the Mayor and Combined Authority Members and Substitute Members	Update	To note the membership of the Combined Authority including Mayor and Combined Authority Members and Substitute Members	Constituent Councils	No	Board	Lisa Dixon, Monitoring Officer	None	None
9/25	Mayor's Appointment of Deputy Mayor and	Decision	Appointment of Deputy Mayor and any arrangements concerning mayoral functions	n/a	No	The Mayor	Lisa Dixon, Monitoring Officer	None	None

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	arrangements concerning Mayoral functions								
10/25	Appointment of members to Committees of the Authority (Audit and Scrutiny) and outside bodies	Decision	To consider the nominations by the constituent councils to the Audit and Scrutiny Committees of the Combined Authority and to nominate HEYCA representatives to Transport for the North	Constituent Councils	No	Board	Lisa Dixon, Monitoring Officer	None	None
11/25	Agree and note Officer Arrangements and Resourcing	Decision	To consider and agree proposals for the staffing of the Combined Authority including interim arrangements	n/a	No	Board	Mark Rogers Interim Head of Paid Service	None	None
12/25	Report on allowances from the Independent Remuneration Panel	Decision	To consider and agree a scheme of allowances for the Mayor and members of the Combined Authority following a review undertaken by the Independent Remuneration Panel	IRP	No	Board	Lisa Dixon, Monitoring Officer	None	None
13/25	To approve the Schedule of Meetings for the municipal year	Decision	To consider and approve the Schedule of Meetings for the municipal year	n/a	No	Board	Lisa Dixon, Monitoring Officer	None	None

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14/25	Mayoral Update	Update	To allow the Mayor to update the Board	n/a	No	The Mayor	Jayne La Grua, Monitoring Officer	None	None
15/25	Allocation of Portfolios for 2025/26	Decision	To agree the allocation of portfolios for 2025/26	n/a	No	The Mayor	Jayne La Grua, Monitoring Officer	None	None
16/25	Appointment of Chairs to Committees	Decision	To agree the appointment of the Chairs of the Overview and Scrutiny Committee and the Audit Committee	n/a	No	The Mayor	Jayne La Grua, Monitoring Officer	None	None
17/25	Consultation on the Yorkshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	Decision	Response to the Consultation on the Yorkshire Wolds Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty	n/a	No	Board	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive	None	None
18/25	Appointment of a Service Provider to Develop the pay and Grading Framework	Decision	To appoint a service provider to develop the pay and grading framework for the Combined Authority.	n/a	No	Board	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive	None	None
19/25	HEYCA's Office Premises	Decision	To consider the location of the HEYCA office premises.	n/a	No	Board	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive	None	Yes

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20/25	Notice of Intent to Establish a Combined Enhanced Bus Partnership	Decision				Board	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive	None	None
21/25	Hull and East Yorkshire Get Britain Building Plan	Decision	To agree the structure of the plan and the associated governance.				Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive		
22/25	Establishment of a Community Fund	Decision	To agree the establishment of a Community Fund	N/A	No	Mayor / Board	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive	None	None
23/25	Draft Prosperity Strategy/Game Plan	Consultation	To consider the draft strategy.	N/A	No	Board	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive	None	None

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24/25	Hull and East Yorkshire Get Britain Building Plan	Decision	To agree the plan.			Board	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive	None	None
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25/25	Draft Prosperity Strategy/Game Plan	Decision	To consider the draft strategy.	N/A	No	Board	Mark Rogers, Interim Chief Executive	None	None
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Report for Overview & Scrutiny Committee

Report Title	Draft HEYCA Gameplan – overview and next steps
Meeting date	17 September 2025
Executive date or Forward Plan reference (if applicable)	26 September 2025
Key Decision	No
Classification:	Public
Report author/owner	Mark Rogers – Interim Chief Executive
Appendices	1 – Mayoral Priorities 2 – Mayoral Priorities and Portfolios 3 – Overview of draft HEYCA Gameplan

1. Purpose

- 1.1 To provide an initial briefing on the development of the HEYCA Gameplan ahead of further discussion at a future meeting.

2. Executive summary

- 2.1 Following the May election, Mayor Campbell established a framework of strategic priorities for the Combined Authority. These are set out in **appendix 1**, below. The Mayoral priorities informed the design of the Portfolio arrangements adopted by the HEYCA Board in July. The alignment of priorities and Portfolios is shown in the diagram at **appendix 2**.
- 2.2 The HEYCA Gameplan will act as the ‘keystone’ of the Combined authority’s strategic framework and will:
- Describe, to stakeholders and the public the role of the Combined Authority and its organisational priorities, governance arrangements and ways of working,
 - Act as an early statement of what the CA will do, through statements of policy aspiration and initial Portfolio delivery plans that commit to near-term and medium-term actions, and
 - Establish a framework of outcomes across the range of HEYCA activity, against which future progress can be assessed.

- 2.3 Appendix 3 provides an overview of the draft document which, in summary, will include:
- An opening section with introductory statements from the Mayor and HEYCA Board, an overview of the HEYCA outcomes framework, and a short overview of the HEY context and economy and the role of the Combined Authority.
 - The core 'gameplan', with a section that explains the context, aspirations and key indicators for each priority, followed by initial delivery plans for the supporting Portfolios.
 - A short section on how the Combined Authority will deliver on the plan. This section will evolve as further work is completed on organisational design and the development of key operational capabilities.
- 2.4 In many respects, the Gameplan will confirm the approach that will be taken to deliver on the devolution deal, which was extensively consulted on, with over 4,000 responses to an online survey and an aligned programme of focus groups to ensure boosted samples for key groups. The Gameplan will make a series of commitments to working with the residents of Hull and East Yorkshire, including through high levels of transparency, formal consultation on key issues and supporting the voice of children and young people in our engagement processes.
- 2.5 In addition, upon endorsement by the Combined Authority Board, a stakeholder consultation phase will be opened, with the draft Gameplan shared with partners and presented to key audiences. The consultation will take comments on the draft content and aim to build consensus and support for the plan. The consultation will also ask stakeholders to identify supporting actions that they will take that deliver on the HEYCA priorities and that can be included in the final document.

3. Any other relevant details

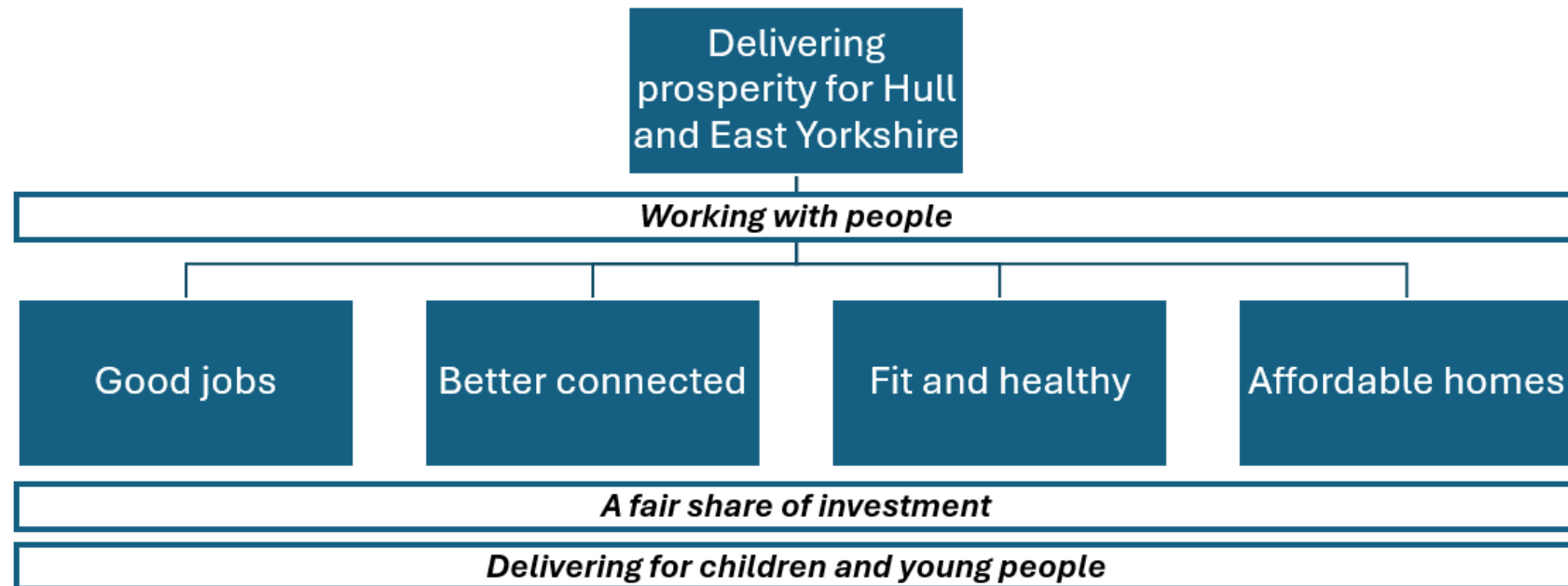
- 3.1 A consultation draft of the HEYCA Gameplan will be considered by the Executive Board on 26 September. Following consultation, the Gameplan will be updated and is expected to be brought to Executive Board for approval early in the New Year.

4. Suggested recommendations

- 4.1 **The Overview and Scrutiny Committee is invited to:**
- a. Consider the overview of the HEYCA Gameplan set out here.
 - b. Note the arrangements for Executive Board consideration and further engagement in the work.
 - c. Agree to be consulted on the draft Gameplan at their October meeting.

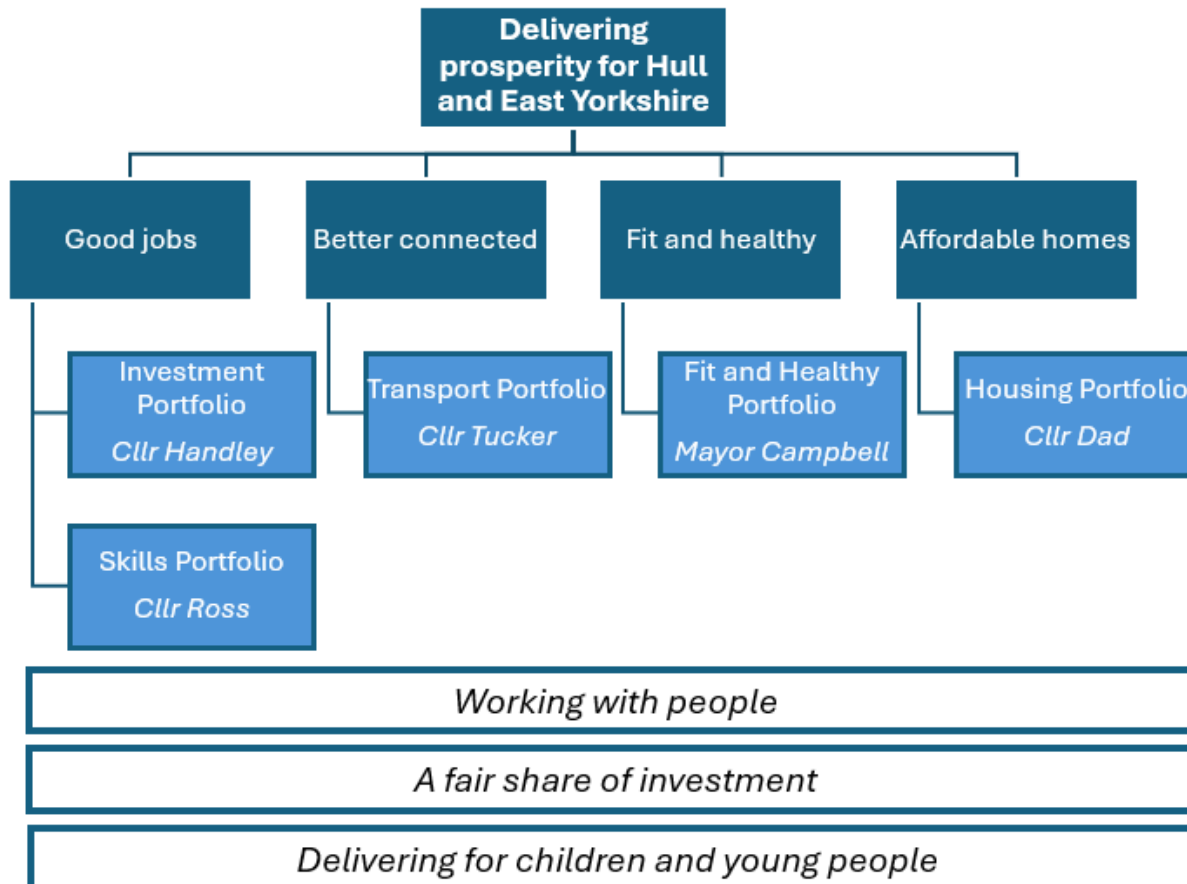
Appendix 1

Mayoral priorities framework



Appendix 2

Mayoral priorities and Portfolios



Appendix 3

Overview of the HEYCA Gameplan – prosperity and opportunity for all What the Gameplan will do

The Gameplan will set a clear vision of prosperity and opportunity for all in Hull and East Yorkshire. It will frame what prosperity will mean for this place, explain what only a Combined Authority can do, and set out the first steps the organisation will take across four mayoral priorities: **Good jobs, Better connected, Fit and healthy, and Affordable homes**. It will provide a shared framework so partners can act together, align investment and capability, and work as one team to deliver outcomes that people will see and feel.

The document will combine leadership narrative with a practical delivery spine. It will open with a mayoral and board framing of purpose, describe the local economic and place context, and then move through a priority-by-priority Gameplan that uses consistent building blocks.

How the Gameplan will be structured

Section 1: Introduction

- **Mayoral Foreword**
The Foreword will set the tone of the document, placing Hull and East Yorkshire's strengths and spirit at the heart of the plan. It will explain that devolution will bring people together, join up decisions across transport, skills, housing and business growth, and help partners move faster by pulling in the same direction.
- **Executive Board introduction**
The Board introduction will confirm that this will be our gameplan for delivery, articulate the vision that Hull and East Yorkshire will be recognised as a region where confidence, connections and creativity bring prosperity and opportunity for all, and emphasise interdependence between portfolios and the importance of partnership.
- **Our priorities for Hull and East Yorkshire**
This part will set out the four Mayoral priorities that form the definition of prosperity and provide the structure for the plan. It will underline a consistent focus on a fair share of investment, working with people, and the role of children and young people in building their future here.
- **HEYCA outcomes framework: headline and supporting indicators**
The framework will introduce a small number of headline and supporting measures for each priority as whole-place, whole-population tests of success.
- **Our place, our economy, our Combined Authority**
This section will describe the Hull and East Yorkshire economics and demographic context; define prosperity; and describe how the Combined Authority will join the system together at the right scale.

Section 2: The HEYCA Gameplan

Section 2 will explain how we will deliver against each of the mayoral priorities and where the Leadership Board portfolios will make their most direct contribution. Each priority will follow the same structure so readers can navigate quickly and see how effort and measurement will fit together.

1. Context and aspirations

For each priority, the Gameplan will summarise the local picture, the opportunities and challenges across the footprint, and the ambition to translate strengths into better outcomes for residents and businesses.

2. Tracking our progress

For each priority, the Gameplan will set out the headline and supporting indicators that will signal movement in the right direction.

3. [Portfolio] delivery plan

For each priority, the chapter will identify the portfolio(s) that will lead the most direct contribution and will describe the first steps the Combined Authority will take to get going, and the big steps that will be necessary to sustain progress in the coming years.

Section 3: How we will deliver

- **Working at scale**

This will set the HEYCA Gameplan in the context of wider Humber, pan-northern and national and international working.

- **Our approach to investment**

The finalised Gameplan will summarise the planned approach to the governance and sequencing of investment decisions.

- **Working with the people of Hull and East Yorkshire**

The document will commit to transparency and participation so residents will be able to see, understand and influence what the Combined Authority does.