



Report of:	Meeting	Date
The Leader of the Council (Councillor David Henderson) and the Chief Executive (Garry Payne)	Council	11 March 2021

Appointment to Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Scrutiny Committee

1. Purpose of report

- 1.1 To report the appointment of a councillor as the Council's representative on the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Scrutiny Committee for the period until the next elections in May 2023.

2. Outcomes

- 2.1 Effective scrutiny of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership.

3. Recommendation

- 3.1 That Councillor Matthew Vincent be appointed as the council's representative on the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Scrutiny Committee until the next elections in May 2023.

4. Background

- 4.1 The Lancashire Enterprise Partnership is a business-led public-private partnership set up to drive economic growth across Lancashire. It has since its inception in 2011, set out an economic strategy for Lancashire, most recently expressed in its Strategic Economic Plan. It collaborates with public and private sector partners, having successfully secured major strategic programmes and funding based on Growth Deal, City Deal, Growing Places, European funds and three local Enterprise Zones. More recently, it has supported the Transforming Cities and Housing Infrastructure Bids.
- 4.2 In November, 2017 the Government published the Industrial Strategy White Paper that set out a new direction for Britain. In light of this new direction and the Strengthening LEPs White Paper, the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership is now seeking to re-invent itself to ensure it is fit

for this new purpose, including continuing to align itself with key public and private sector partners.

- 4.3** Until now, the County Council's Scrutiny Committee has received annual reports on the work of the LEP and has been given opportunity to scrutinise the Assurance Framework. The new Scrutiny Committee involving all fifteen local authorities will widen involvement and engagement and will perform the scrutiny function as and when the Assurance Framework is amended in the future.

5. Key issues and proposals

- 5.1** The Joint Scrutiny Committee, which will meet for the first time on 24 March 2021, comprises one elected representative from each of the 15 councils in Lancashire plus an Independent Private Sector Representative who acts as Chairman. There are no requirements for the committee to adhere to political balance rules.
- 5.2** In addition to the 15 Lancashire Council Members there will, in accordance with Government guidance for Local Enterprise Partnerships, be one representative from the business sector who cannot be an existing Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Director or Committee Member.
- 5.3** The Joint Scrutiny Committee will meet at least twice a year in accordance with business needs, as and when required.
- 5.4** The remit of the committee includes:
- To make positive recommendations for how future decisions of the LEP can be effectively implemented;
 - To increase transparency of the decisions made by the LEP;
 - To make reports or recommendations to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board, and its Committees;
 - To hold general strategy and policy reviews and to assist in the development of future strategies and policies of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership and to make recommendations to the Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Board as appropriate;
- 5.5** Meetings of the Joint Scrutiny Committee will be webcast.

Financial and legal implications	
Finance	There are no significant financial implications associated with this report.

Legal	There are no additional legal implications associated with this report.
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Other risks/implications: checklist

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risks/implications	✓ / x
community safety	x
equality and diversity	x
sustainability	x
health and safety	x

risks/implications	✓ / x
asset management	x
climate change	x
ICT	x
data protection	x

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List of background papers:		
name of document	date	where available for inspection
None.		