

Lancaster City Council | Report Cover Sheet

Meeting	Lancaster and South Cumbria Joint Committee	Date	22 July 2020		
Title	The Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy				
Report of	Chief Executives Lawrence Conway (South Lakeland DC), Kieran Keane (Lancaster CC) and Sam Plum (Barrow BC)				
Purpose of the Report					
To request members to consider, revise if necessary and agree submission of the document to government and distribution to the wider stakeholder Group.					
Key Decision (Y/N)	N/A	Date of Notice	N/A	Exempt (Y/N)	N

Report Summary

This report formally introduces *the Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy* developed for and consultation with the three councils by Hatch Regeneris. This strategy outlines our exciting proposals for collaborative work, centred on eight themes. The initiatives we will work on jointly will drive up prosperity and build resilience in these challenging times. It is essential that we secure immediate interest and investment from UK Central Government in our growth agenda. We have set out a series of immediate requests that we intend will initiate meaningful and progressive dialogue.

Recommendations:

Members are asked to:-

Review and agree the final content of the prospectus

Agree the amount of financial support to be requested from government.

Agree, subject to any final revisions, that the document be submitted to government and circulated to the wider stakeholder group.

Relationship to Policy Framework

Such an approach is congruent with the strategic goal of each authority.

Conclusion of Impact Assessment(s), where applicable

Climate	Wellbeing & Social Value
Digital	Health & Safety
Equality	Community Safety

N/A at this stage

Details of Consultation

To be addressed if necessary whenever proposals are submitted through each council's governance structure.

Legal Implications	
Not applicable at this stage	
Financial Implications	
Successful submission would support funding of feasibility etc for arrange of cross boundary projects	
Other Resource or Risk Implications	
Minor	
Section 151 Officer's Comments	
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Monitoring Officer's Comments	
As above	
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Links to Background Papers	

1.0 Introduction

- 1.1 The three adjacent authorities of Barrow, Lancaster and South Lakeland comprise a dynamic, functional economic area with world class assets. It was recognised that tackling a number of core issues collaboratively is both efficient and impactful.
- 1.2 Our three authorities signed a Statement of Intent in 2017 to work collaboratively on economic and prosperity issues. This has recently translated into a fully constituted Joint Committee. Prior to the formation of the Joint Committee the three authorities had jointly commissioned a piece of work from Hatch Regeneris to create what has become the *Bay Prosperity and Resilience Strategy* a copy of which is attached at Appendix 1.
- 1.3 The document essentially has two purposes; it brings together the councils' collective ambitions in terms of how resilience and prosperity might be achieved in the future and the prospectus which can then be used, through its submission, as a means of asking central government for an amount of project development funding to provide short term capacity to work up proposals. In particular it will enable us to:-
- Identify a small number of genuinely cross-authority projects that will drive prosperity and serve to further reinforce collaboration and economic integration.
 - Develop up business cases for these priority investments so that we are ready when opportunities emerge for additional government funding.
 - Work on some of the immediate issues that are holding back growth in our functional economic area – our brand and identity is one of these issues and we can achieve some quick wins on this with the right financial support.

2.0 Recommendations

- 2.1 The Joint Committee is asked to:-
- 1) Review and agree the final content of the prospectus.
 - 2) Agree the amount of financial support to be requested from government.
 - 3) Agree, subject to any final revisions, that the document be submitted to government and circulated to the wider stakeholder group.