

LEP BOARD – AGENDA ITEM 7

Subject: LEP Draft Recovery Plan Update and Finalisation

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Purpose

To present the updated draft of the LEP Recovery Plan, following subregional consultation, to the Board for comments and approval.

Recommendations

The Board is asked to: -

- i. Confirm overall approval to finalise the plan, with any comments, subject to the steps set out below, including to give delegated authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair to give final approval to publication.

Background

The draft Recovery Plan (attached in Annex A) incorporates the LEP's priorities for delivery over 2021-22 and the LEP's ambition to meet the subregional vision for the recovery of Cheshire and Warrington from COVID-19, which is to make our area the healthiest, most sustainable, inclusive and fastest growing place in the country.

The Strategy Programme Board has been through the Recovery Plan and the feedback from subregional consultation sessions in more detail (after this paper was issued) and may well have offered comments that we won't yet have taken on board, and these will be tabled verbally to the Board.

Next Steps

It will be important that the Plan is finalised and published quickly, given that the focus is on the immediate short-term recovery.

Given the uncertainty caused by the rapidly changing circumstances of the recovery, we will produce a further version of the plan with a more medium-term focus and aim to produce that plan by the end of the year. In so doing we will work with key partners to ensure all our plans dovetail in the most effective way to deliver the subregional vision for all our places.

If Board Members are content overall with the Plan, the next steps will be to add in the remaining few extra case studies, the Chair's foreword, any feedback from one further session held on 13th May, and for the document to be professionally finished. The Board is asked to give delegated authority to the Chair and Deputy Chair to give final approval to publication.