

Report on the LEP Annual Performance Review

Recommendation: That the HoTSW LEP Scrutiny Committee satisfies itself with the progress of the LEP to answer the challenge posed by government.

Background

On the 9th January representatives from HoTSW LEP met with government for the Annual Performance Review. For the first time the Scrutiny Chair and Head of Scrutiny were invited to this meeting. The Annual Performance Review is the process by which Government monitors LEP achievements, and is measured against three themes;

- Governance
- Delivery
- Strategy

In line with the Government's articulated strategy and ambition for LEPs the 'Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnerships' paper published in July 2018 by the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government states:

'This is one element of the wider assurance system, which also comprises of Local Enterprise Partnership reporting to Government on agreed outputs, evaluation frameworks and annual performance reviews. In January 2018 we issued best practice guidance in response to the recommendations of the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government Non-Executive Director Review into Local Enterprise Partnership governance and transparency.'

The meeting took a thorough review of the evidence presented and concluded positively. Indications given at the meeting were that the HoTSW LEP was making expected progress and that Government was happy with the actions taken to address issues previously outlined (see Annex C for more detail).

For more information and detail please see the referenced documents attached to this report

- Annual Strategic Review
- Annex C: LEP Preparation
- Annex D: Section 151/73 Assurance Statement
- Annex E: Governance Assurance Statement