DEVELOPING THE 2020/21 ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN

1. ISSUE

1.1 Developing CLEP’s 2020/21 Annual Delivery Plan.

2. RECOMMENDATION

2.1 That LEP Scrutiny Board members note:

   a) The process for the development of the Annual Delivery Plan;

   b) That the Annual Delivery Plan will be circulated to the Scrutiny Board in correspondence once it is available;

   c) Consider its inclusion as a substantive item for the September meeting of the Scrutiny Board.

3. BACKGROUND

3.1 At the point that the Chair of the LEP Scrutiny Board agreed the Agenda the assumption was that government would have clarified its requirements for the 2020/21 Annual Delivery Plan would have been clarified, given that the expectations for 2019/20 were ‘light touch’. However, the commissioning requirements are still to be confirmed.

3.2 In the absence of these CLEP has sought advice from Cities and Local Growth Unit colleagues in BEIS/MHCLG; and the LEP Network and proposed that the focus for the 2020/21 Annual Delivery Plan should be similar to the 2019/20 Plan but augmented by the inclusion of a high level version of the LIS Work Programme. This approach has been suggested to ensure that there is focus on macro-economic issues alongside the Annual Performance Review themes of governance, strategy and delivery. This is in recognition that the delivery of Cumbria’s socio-economic priorities will only be achieved through partnership working and delivery of the LIS priorities, which are focused on delivering productivity and inclusive growth.

3.3 This suggestion appears to have been well received and CLEP has agreed to prepare and produce a draft document by end of March 2020, given that the scope has still to be formally confirmed.

3.4 The Annual Delivery Plan will be circulated to LEP Scrutiny Board members once available. It is also proposed that this is a substantive agenda item at the September meeting of the Scrutiny Board, subject to the Chair and members’ agreement.