

Chief Executives' Group – North Yorkshire and York

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York, North Yorkshire & East Riding Local Enterprise Partnership

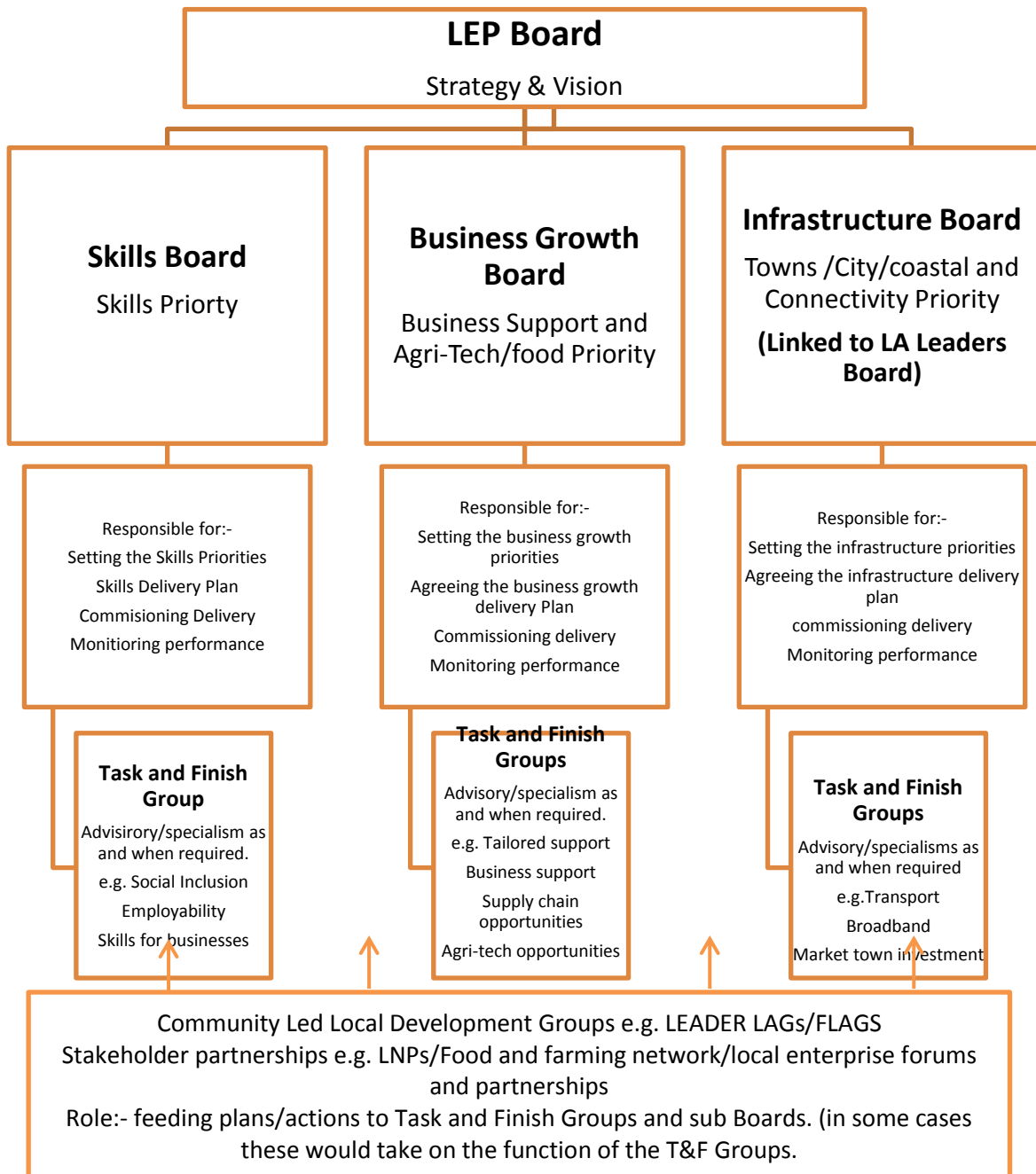
1 Purpose of the Report

- 1.1 To provide an update on the development of the Growth Strategy to secure maximum investment from Single Local Growth Fund.

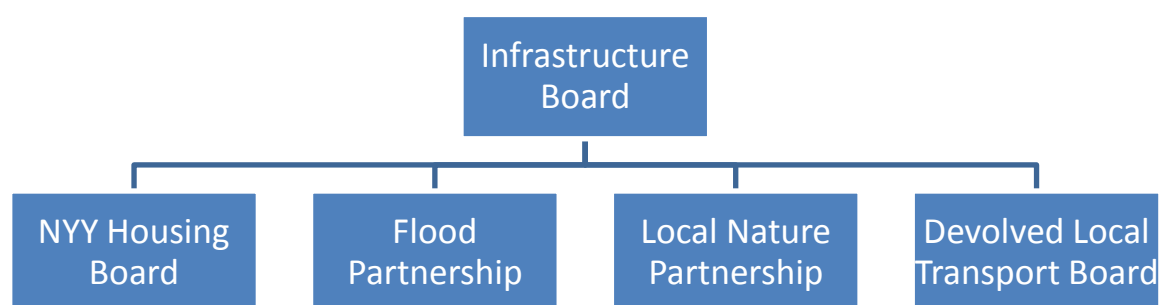
2 Background

- 2.1 The York, North Yorkshire & East Riding LEP has been asked to develop an economic strategy for alignment with future EU Structural & Investment Funds (ESIF) and the compete for funds from a central Government Single Local Growth Fund (SLGF).
- 2.2 The LEP area has been provisionally allocated c.€97.5m ESIF monies for the period 2014-202. In addition the SLGF is c£2bn nationally for which c.£1bn will be allocated and c£1bn will be allocated through competition.
- 2.3 Broadly speaking the ESIF investment strategy can cover Business Support, Innovation, Low Carbon, Skills & Social Inclusion. The SLGF Investment Strategy is primarily Infrastructure, Transport, Housing & Skills.
- 2.3 Timeframes are critical. The draft ESIF Investment Strategy must be submitted to Government by 7 October and the SLGF Investment Strategy by December 2013. Final decisions on allocation per LEP will be mid 2014.
- 2.4 A region wide consultation is currently under way (ending 6 September) and has included 7 open consultation events across the LEP area, delivered in partnership with the Local Authority teams. Additionally Local Authority Economic Development teams have been working to co-produce the content with the LEP team.
- 2.5 Feedback is currently being considered and incorporated into the draft Strategy. Key changes which have been emerged from the consultation so far are;
1. Supporting start-up businesses
 2. An improved spatial representation which better reflects the distinctiveness of the area and the opportunities;
 - A1/A19 Corridor
 - Yorkshire Coast
 - City of York and its hinterland
 - Links to Leeds City Region
 - Links to Hull & Humber ports
 - Dales
 - Moors & Wolds
 3. Changes to skills to better reflect issues around Social Inclusion and to include opportunities around community led development and building local capacity.
- 2.6 We are currently working with partners to identify infrastructure and transport priorities to then go through a process of assessment and prioritisation. All Economic Development teams are fully engaged including National Parks.
- 2.7 Of fundamental importance will be the governance and decision making process. The model being developed includes a LEP Board with three sub Boards (Skills, Business Growth & Infrastructure).

The Sub-Board will be responsible for creating delivery plans based on the LEP Strategy and commissioning work.



- 2.7 The Infrastructure Board will have a direct relationship with a number of existing structures to ensure co-ordination of agenda priorities.



- 2.8 **Collaboration & Sharing of resources** – One of the critical challenges will be demonstrating capacity and capability to deliver, and in particular pooling of resources and collaboration.

Over and above joint working on the LEP strategy, active partnerships exist over shared priorities, albeit in an informal structure, for example;

LEP & Harrogate – Considering the impact of the Barracks closure on Ripon

LEP & Hambleton – Economic Assessment of the Hambleton area

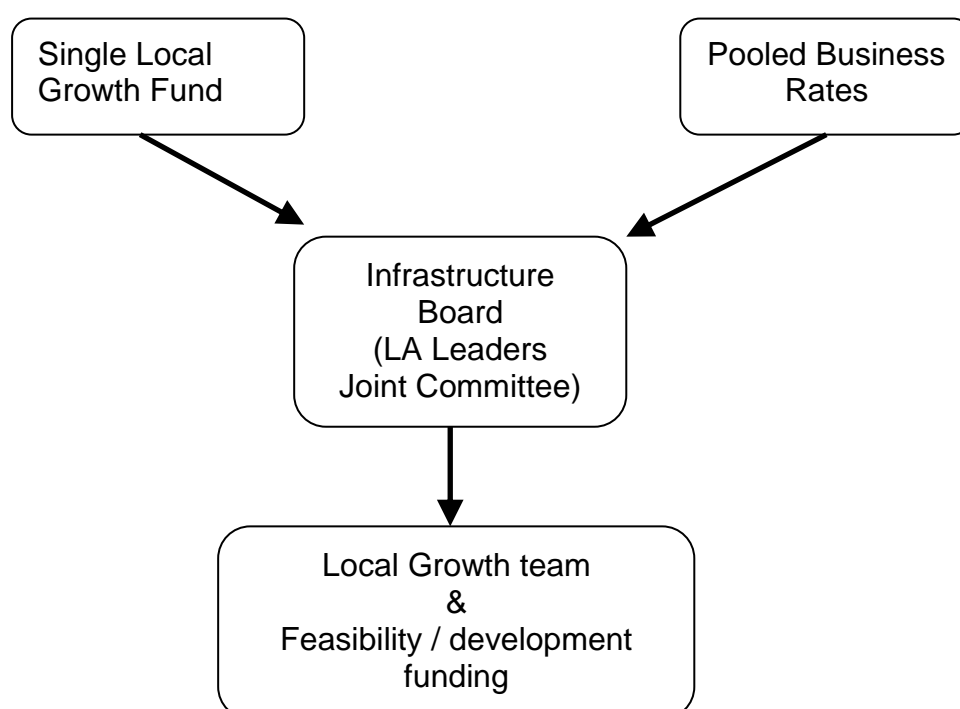
LEP & Ryedale – Developments at FERA inc. highways issues

LEP & Scarborough – Potash & employability

We need to build on this to create a Regional Team, based on existing expertise, who will work jointly together on key areas of the strategy delivery. This will be based on shared priorities and will result in a 'Local Growth team' for the LEP area.

The objective are;

1. To build shared capacity whilst delivering efficiency savings.
2. Improve integration between the LEP, LA's and Local Partners
3. Increase the Investment attracted into the region through greater collaboration and knowledge sharing, not just via the SLGF & ESIF but also through other emerging opportunities.

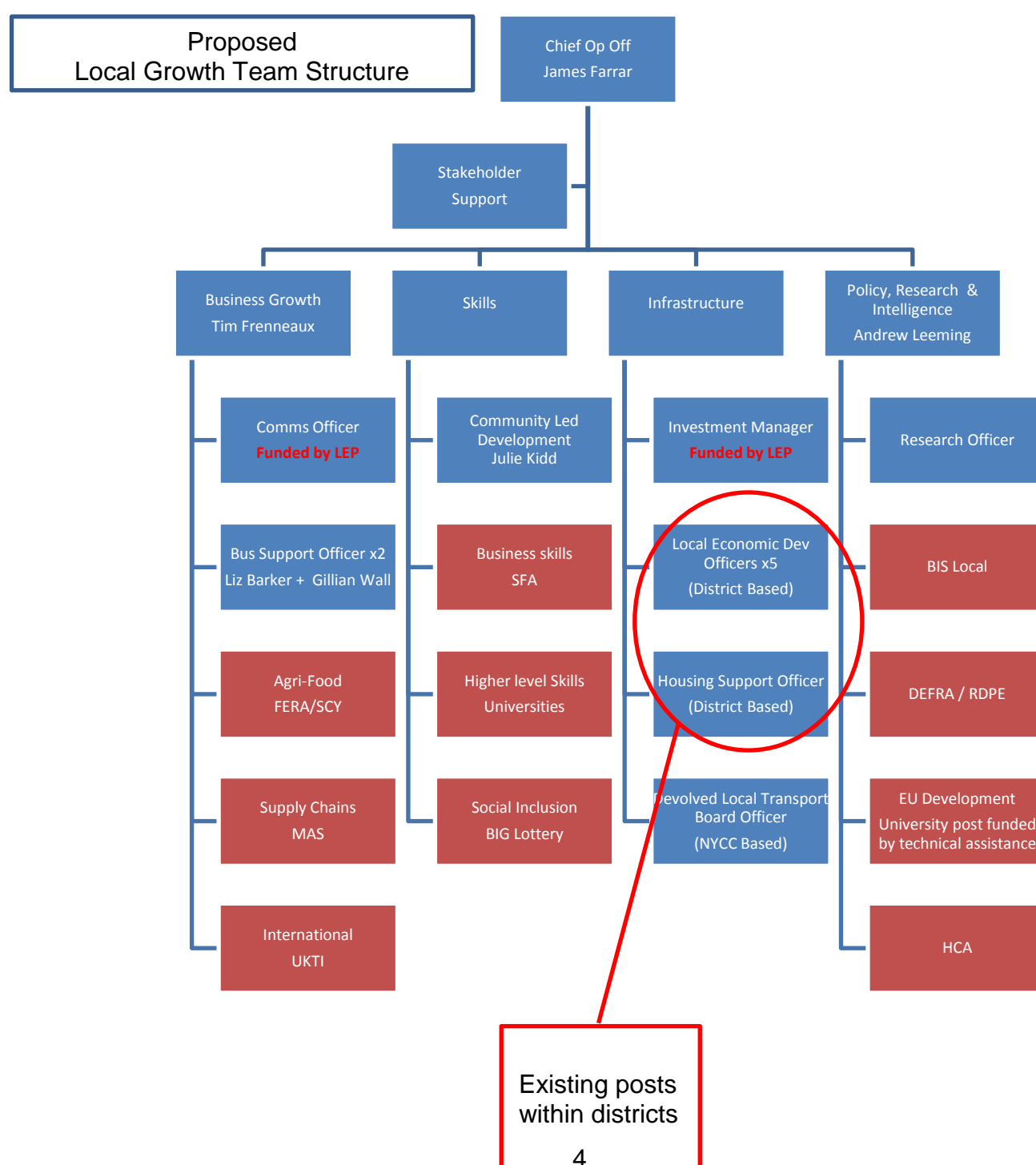


2.9 The organisation structure below outlines the proposed shape of the Local Growth Team.

It is important to note, the positions in red boxes **DO NOT** require any funding, they are fully funded by external partners who will work with us to deliver the strategy.

Key to note is the 'Local Economic Development Officers' under infrastructure. These are likely to be existing posts within the district and would remain locally based, however may undertake regional activity. The exact remit of these posts will be agreed by LA & LEP.

Please note, this has not yet been discussed by the LEP Board and is not for wider circulation



3. Recommendation

The Chief Executives Group comment on the strategy development and in particular;

1. Are there core growth issues not currently being addressed?
2. Support the top level governance structure
3. Support the Local Growth Team development