**LEP STRATEGY COMMITTEE – AGENDA ITEM 5**

Subject: Strategy Work Programme Update

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**Purpose**

To update the Strategy Committee on progress with the Strategy Work Programme associated with the refresh of the SEP and development of its supporting strategies and delivery plans, including proposals for wider consultation and stakeholder engagement on emerging drafts.

**Recommendations**

The Strategy Committee is asked to

1. Note the content of the report
2. Note progress with the finalisation of the Digital and Science and Innovation Strategies
3. Discuss the draft Delivery Plan and agree a process for prioritisation of the activity set out in the plan, supported by the LEP Strategy Budget for 2019-20.

**Discussion**

1. Work is now nearing completion on all of the supporting strategies to the SEP. The last two strategies for publication are the Science and Innovation Strategy and the Digital Strategy.

*Science and Innovation*

1. A presentation on the main recommendations of the Science and Innovation Strategy was given to the Committee in March, and the final draft strategy for publication should be circulated in advance of the May meeting for review and final sign off.

*Digital Strategy*

1. The final version of the Digital Strategy is now complete and ready for publication. The decision as been taken to retain the format used by the Consultant team that developed the strategy on the LEP’s behalf. Their final draft has, however, been added to in order to bring greater clarity on the delivery plan element. LEP Officers are also looking to commission a digital design company to create an interactive digital summary of the strategy in order to offer a short, accessible summary of the key findings and recommendations, whilst breaking away from more ‘traditional’ printed media.

*Moving forwards to Delivery*

1. The supporting strategies to the SEP all contained a number of delivery components and it was agreed at the March Strategy Committee meeting that these would be brought together into a single RAG-rated delivery plan. The initial draft of this plan is attached as **Appendix A**.
2. There are a wide range of activities and interventions set out in the consolidated delivery plan, and these are spread across a time period from now to 2021. However, a number of the activities are ‘front loaded’ and others will most certainly require a funding commitment from the LEP to enable a number of activities to progress. For FY2019-20 the overall Strategy budget is £200k, of which half is ringfenced for LIS-related activity. The views of the Strategy Committee are sought on how best to prioritise the various activities as set out.

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