

ICS System Board

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Update from the One Surrey Growth Board

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Action required:	<i>To note progress being made with the One Surrey Growth Board and alignment with the HWB objectives.</i>
Attached:	Summary update below.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The One Surrey Growth Board was set up in summer 2020 with the objective of acting as the voice for the whole Surrey economy and place. It provides a single Surrey perspective across the range of interests which underpin growth and includes representation from key stakeholders, including business. The Board was set up to have a focus on economic growth and aligns strategies across:

The Surrey economy

Digital and transport infrastructure

Whole Surrey place-making

COVID Economic Recovery Plans

LEPs

Climate Change

Skills and Inclusion

Health and Wellbeing

The role of the Growth Board

The main aim of the Growth Board is to respond to key economic challenges and opportunities that Surrey has. It brings together public and private stakeholders and provides leadership and streamlined governance across Surrey. The Growth Board will ensure alignment of spatial, economic and infrastructure plans for Surrey in order to safeguard and

maintain Surrey's quality of life and economic prosperity. The Board will provide a formal partnership which secures agreement between Surrey's key stakeholders about how we will work to manage future growth. The Growth Board is also responsible for developing a Strategic Plan for Growth which will be used to underpin our vision for long term growth funding including a potential Growth Deal with Government. As part of this work, the Board will develop a long-term strategic vision that sets out the broad spatial economic and infrastructure framework for Surrey to 2050.

In addition, the Growth Board will act as the voice of Surrey to Government, the emerging Sub National Transport bodies, Homes England, Highways England, Network Rail, TfL, Energy and Utility providers to ensure Surrey's infrastructure needs (including Digital Connectivity) are heard and recognised in future investment priorities and funding.

Linking strategies

The Growth Board will operate as the senior economic partnership for the county acting as the interface between the economy and wider, related objectives including those related to climate change, health, wellbeing and skills and inclusion. Each strategy will be considered alongside the development of the Growth Board's Plan for Growth and, by routing objectives through the Growth Board, there will be improved coordination and strategic alignment. It will also enable partners to maximise available resources around a single Plan and, through this improved co-ordination, the County will be able to undertake more effective lobbying of the Government.

One key element of the Plan for Growth is the emerging Surrey 2030 Economic Strategy which includes parallel outcomes relating to Surrey's digital infrastructure and skills and inclusion. The element relating to Skills and Inclusion is being developed alongside Priority 3 of the Health and Wellbeing Strategy to ensure complementarity of outcomes. The 2030 Strategy will also be underpinned by the recommendations of the Surrey Economic Commission (see below).

Work undertaken to date

The Growth Board has met twice and begun to develop its vision and Plan for Growth working towards its proposition for a Growth Deal with Government. At its October meeting, the Board received a detailed report from the Lord Philip Hammond as Chair of the Future Economy Surrey Commission setting out significant economic evidence and data with a focus on the impacts of the Coronavirus pandemic. The Growth Board will be using these recommendations and wider evidence to develop its Plan for Growth which will act as a basis for a potential Growth Deal with Government. The Board will consider a first draft of the proposition at its next meeting in December 2020. Four initial priorities have been identified for further consideration;

- Surrey's intra-County economic disparities
- Building a better business ecosystem in Surrey including potential to develop Surrey's 5G / AI / technology presence through Hubs and Corridors
- A 'Healthy and Inclusive Surrey' (including retention of our young talent)
- Improved coordination of local governance

A number of wider economic challenges and opportunities have also been identified for Growth Board consideration, these include;

- Reinventing our High Streets
- Surrey's Rural Economy

- Impact of the pandemic on the Aviation sector
- Surrey's health economy

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