

# Stoke and Staffordshire 5G Connected Region Task & Finish Group

## 1. Purpose of the Sub Group

To develop a 5G Connected Region Growth Deal which will include investment for a publicly owned 5G infrastructure network across Staffordshire.

## 2. Roles & Responsibilities

The role and responsibilities of the Sub Group are to:

- 2.1 Identify the barriers to growth and economic challenges pertinent to the remit and specialism of the sub group;
- 2.2 Contribute to building the economic case for what the future of industry with 5G connectivity could look like across Stoke and Staffordshire (initially concentrating upon identifying areas of greatest need and potential for cost savings and future service delivery), focussing upon opportunities identified in workshops on:
  - 5G Health & Social Care/Ageing Society;
  - 5G Advanced Manufacturing;
  - 5G Enabled Entertainment & Media
  - Low Carbon Energy Systems
  - Repurposing of Public Sector Services
- 2.3 Provide leadership and support to the development of strong business engagement across this work stream, championing coordinated bid activity and identifying actions and potential investment that might feed into delivery planning;
- 2.4 Provide opportunity for engagement with partner technical staff, essential to completion of robust bid development; and
- 2.5 Identify opportunities to inform and influence LEP policies, strategies and delivery planning, relevant to the remit and specialism of the sub group.

### **3. Timetabling/Frequency**

The sub group will meet up to three times during bid development. The Chair will have the discretion to convene extra meetings to ensure the delivery of the bid to the LEP Executive Board.

### **4. Accountability**

The Sub Group will be accountable to the LEP Executive Board.

### **5. Representation & Attendance**

The members of the sub group are:

- Chair - Alun Rogers, LEP Digital Lead
- Growth Deal Lead/LEP Seconded – Gary Thompson, University of Staffordshire
- HEI/thematic specialist/Technical application focus technological skills innovation – Martin Jones, University of Staffordshire
- HEI/thematic specialist/Technical application focus clean growth – Mark Bacon, University of Keele
- Thematic specialist/Technical application focus Health & Social Care – Tony Fryer, Staffordshire & Stoke on Trent NHS Partnership trust
- Thematic Specialist/Technical Application focus infrastructure, cost savings, repurposing public services applications – John Henderson, Staffordshire County Council for Network Staffordshire; Phil Cresswell, Stoke-on-Trent City Council tbc
- Secretariat Support– Jacqui Casey, LEP Secretariat