

AGENDA ITEM 10

REPORT TO THE TEES VALLEY COMBINED AUTHORITY CABINET

28 MARCH 2018

REPORT OF THE STRATEGY DIRECTOR

ADVANCED MANUFACTURING SECTOR ACTION PLAN

SUMMARY

At the December 2017 Cabinet Meeting it was agreed that Cabinet would be provided with each of the Sector Action Plans. The attached document contains the first completed Action Plan, which is for the Advanced Manufacturing Sector and also contains a foreword by the Sector Champion.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that the Combined Authority Cabinet:

- i. Approve the findings of the Advanced Manufacturing Sector Action Plan.

DETAIL

1. At the December 2017 Cabinet Meeting, the overview document for the 7 Sector Action Plans¹ was discussed. Although this document provided clear strategic direction across the 7 priority sectors and 1 cross cutting sector, it was agreed that Cabinet would be provided with each of the Sector Action Plans.
2. The attached document (Appendix A) contains the first completed Sector Action Plan, which is for the Advanced Manufacturing Sector and also contains a foreword by the Sector Champion, Mike Matthews, Chief Executive of NIFCO in Stockton-on-Tees as well as a list of indicative activities.
3. All existing indicative activities, across each of the 7 Sector Action Plans have already been collated and presented to Cabinet in the Sector Action Plan Overview Document in December 2017. Of these, 7 interventions were shortlisted for immediate action and are currently subject to due diligence in line with the Assurance Framework. Going forward, it is anticipated that the

¹ Advanced Manufacturing, Process, chemicals and energy, Logistics, Health and Biologics, Digital and Creative, Culture and Leisure and Business and Professional Services. and cross cutting plan for the circular economy.

subsequent roll out of the remaining 6 Sector Action Plans and Circular Economy Cross Cutting Theme Plan will augment the existing project pipeline.

4. The remaining Sector Action Plans will be submitted on a rolling basis across the scheduled Cabinet Meetings in 2018.

FINANCIAL IMPLICATIONS

5. This is a research report and consequently there are no direct financial implications.

LEGAL IMPLICATIONS

6. This is a research report and consequently there are no direct legal or procurement implications.

RISK ASSESSMENT

7. This is a research report with no direct operational risks attached.
8. This research report is categorised as low risk. Existing management systems and daily routine activities are sufficient to control and reduce risk.

CONSULTATION

9. This report has been subject to an extensive consultation exercise with both the public and private sectors.

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