

Agenda Item: 4.ii

One Nottingham Board

Title of Paper: Inclusive Growth Commission Final Recommendations

Date: 12 May 2017

1. Purpose

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| 1.1 | Update ON Board on the final recommendations of the Inclusive Growth Commission |
| 1.2 | Make connections to the wider system change agenda and work currently being undertaken by One Nottingham in respect of increasing physical activity, improving literacy and tackling poverty. |
| 1.3 | With reference to the item on Nottingham City Council's Growth Plan 2 that is also on the agenda, consider how the recommendations of the Commission can be addressed. |
| 1.4 | Follow up on any further discussions/actions for ON Board to take forward. |

2. Recommendations

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| 2.1 | <p>The Board is asked to consider:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The final recommendations of the Inclusive Growth Commission 2. How best ON Board can take forward the issues raised by the Commission, and how these align to the One Nottingham headline objectives of Aspiration and Fairness, and the Nottingham Plan. |
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3. Background

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| 3.1 | The RSA Inclusive Growth Commission was supported by Core Cities UK, Key Cities, LGA City Regions Board, London Councils and others, and was chaired by Stephanie Flanders. |
| 3.2 | As part of this, the Inclusive Growth Commission visited Nottingham for an Evidence Hearing on 1 st November. A number of ON Board and ONCOG members took part in the Roundtable and Panel sessions held at Biocity. |
| 3.3 | Following on from that, a final "Nottingham" submission to the Commission was submitted on 9 th January. The Commission reported on 7 th March 2017, one day before the Spring Budget, and the term 'Inclusive Growth' was then mentioned by the Chancellor in his Budget speech. |
| 3.4 | A summary of the Commission's final recommendations is set out below. A copy of the Commission's Final Report and Putting Principles into Practice documents |

have previously been circulated to ON Board and ONCOG.

4. Summary of Inclusive Growth Commission Recommendations

4.1 The Commission defines inclusive growth as “*broad-based growth that enables the widest range of people and places to both contribute to and benefit from economic success. Its purpose is to achieve more prosperity alongside greater equity in opportunities and outcomes*”.

4.2 The Commission has made recommendations in four areas:

i) Place-based industrial strategies: Delivering business-led productivity and quality jobs:

- City regions work together to form sectoral coalitions linking industry sectors and places in order to modernise industrial strategy
- The creation of new institutions or civic enterprises to connect business and industry, training providers and universities.
- That cities become places of life-long learning, with a commitment to human capital development.

ii) A fundamental reset of the relationship between Whitehall and the town hall, underwritten in new social contracts:

- National standards with local flexibility so that combined authorities are able to pool budgets and co-commission public services for their place.
- Immediate, pragmatic action to spread co-commissioning – applying Greater Manchester’s model of joint place-based service commissioning for health and social care to other mayoral combined authorities and other public service areas such as education, skills and employment support.
- Maximising impact from total local resources. Over the long term, places with mature governance should take on full responsibility for the economic and social outcomes of their place, enabling local coordination of all public spending.
- Place-based budgeting and spending reviews that attribute the total amount of public sector spending and investment to places rather than departmental siloes.

iii) Inclusive growth at the heart of public investment:

- Central government establish a new independent UK Inclusive Growth Investment Fund, incorporating repatriated ESIF funds and other relevant funding streams. Applications for funding would be based on their expected impact on broad based ‘quality GVA’ and the Fund would be overseen by a multi-stakeholder board.
- Central government should explore and encourage the establishment of regional banks.

iv) Making inclusive growth our working definition of economic success:

4.3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Central government commission an assessment of the social infrastructure gap • Maximising the impact of national and local investment by mainstreaming inclusive growth in all public investments including physical infrastructure projects. • Establishing inclusive growth as a regular, official statistic by publishing a quarterly national measure of inclusive growth alongside GDP. • Places should define and be accountable for agreed inclusive growth metrics, and these should form part of the Gateway Reviews for mayoral investment funds. • An appropriate evaluation timeframe should be developed as part of the new social contracts negotiated between city regions and central government. <p>Next Steps: As part of the discussions with the Commission at the Evidence Hearing, ON Board members and other attendees raised a number of areas that may best be addressed locally rather than waiting for national government to get on and address them. These included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • What more can be done locally to improve engagement with local employers and encourage their participation in work experience/apprenticeships and positive action style schemes for Nottingham residents. • What can public sector (and other organisations) do in terms of procurement to encourage the above. • What can ON Board and others do to support the Board’s priorities of Aspiration and Fairness. <p>An example of a local action is the “Future Leaders of Nottingham” programme, involving the Renewal Trust, City Council and public/private sector partners (including members of ON Board), which aims to identify people from all backgrounds with the potential to take on future leadership roles.</p> <p>It may therefore be of interest to ON Board to discuss how the Commission’s final recommendations and the areas identified above can be addressed and actioned at a local level, with locally driven outcomes, and how this aligns to the Board’s headline priorities of Aspiration and Fairness.</p>
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