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Review of National Sub-committee Terms of Reference and Membership

Purpose:

To update the Growth Programme Board on progress of the review of National Sub-committee terms of reference and membership.

Recommendation(s):

That the Growth Programme Board notes the progress of the review.

Summary:

At its September 2017 meeting, the Board agreed objectives and scope for a 'light touch' review of the National Sub-Committee terms of reference and membership. The Board secretariat is leading the review. A steering group, including representatives from the relevant departments, voluntary & community and local government sectors and LEP Network, has been recruited to provide advice and support.

The steering group met in October to consider the methodology and timescale for carrying out the review. It recommended further development of the draft thematic questions that had been prepared by the secretariat, with a view to consulting sub-committee Chairs and members about current and future operation of the sub-committees; appropriateness and scope of current terms of reference; availability of expertise from among the members and potential to provide advice on development of future policy. Data received from the sub-committees will be used by the secretariat to draw conclusions from the review.

The questionnaire was sent to sub-committee Chairs in early December, with a requested return of late January 2018. The GPB secretariat will analyse the returns, discuss conclusions with the steering group and prepare draft recommendations. Findings and decisions, if required, will be presented to the Board at its meeting on 21 March 2018.

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