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1. Purpose

This report introduces the first Hampshire Prosperity Partnership Board workshop supporting the development of the Hampshire and Solent Combined County Authority Local Growth Plan. The session, facilitated by Metro Dynamics, seeks to establish a shared understanding of the region's economic opportunities and challenges and to gather strategic views on the priorities that should shape the Plan

2. Executive Summary

The Local Growth Plan will provide the long-term economic framework for Hampshire and the Isle of Wight, setting out how partners can work together to unlock growth, improve productivity and ensure prosperity is shared across all communities. Evidence presented through the engagement programme highlights that the region is a highly productive economy with significant assets, including internationally important ports, universities, research institutions and key industrial sectors. However, growth has slowed in recent years and constraints relating to housing, skills, transport, water and energy infrastructure continue to limit economic potential.

The workshop will focus on developing a shared ambition, identifying the strengths that should be prioritised and exploring the barriers that need to be addressed collectively through the HSCCA.

3. Key Findings

Early engagement and evidence gathering have identified five consistent themes. Stakeholders recognise the importance of telling a shared story across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight while recognising the distinctive role of individual places. There is a strong view that future growth will depend on addressing infrastructure, housing, skills and connectivity constraints, better connecting residents to employment opportunities, building on the area's sector strengths and converting strategic priorities into deliverable programmes with clear ownership and investment pathways.

The evidence also demonstrates the value of working at Combined County Authority scale to strengthen coordination, align investment, maximise devolved funding opportunities and provide a stronger collective voice to Government.

4. Recommendations

The Board is asked to participate in the workshop discussions and provide strategic feedback on the emerging growth narrative, the priority opportunities that should be reflected in the Local Growth Plan and the areas where action can add greatest value alongside local delivery.

5. Stakeholder Engagement

The Local Growth Plan is being developed through a comprehensive programme of engagement involving local authority leaders and officers, businesses, advisory boards, infrastructure providers, education and skills partners, sector representatives, community organisations and delivery partners. The Board forms part of the highest level of engagement and will play a key role in shaping the direction of the Plan as it develops. (See item 5 (Public Pack)Agenda Document for Hampshire and the Solent Combined County Authority Board, 16/11/2026 14:30)

6. Next Steps

Feedback from this workshop will inform the development of the Local Growth Plan and shape subsequent stakeholder engagement activity. Further workshops will focus on the delivery framework and testing emerging priorities before a draft Local Growth Plan is prepared for wider engagement during 2027.