**Position Paper: [POLICY AREA]**

**Status: DRAFT – for discussion**

**Date:**

This paper will provide the basis for dialogue with Government (HMG). It reflects the views of the Cheshire and Warrington LEP. This paper should be further developed with HMG in light of policy teams’ understanding of national links and best practice. The developed version of this paper will feed into the final Cheshire and Warrington LEP Local Industrial Strategy.

**Proposal / Language for inclusion in the Local Industrial Strategy\***

*\*NB: This should be as ‘plain English’ as possible. Without stating an unfunded spending commitment (i.e. one that couldn’t be funded from existing team budgets), it should be specific, setting out a clear direction. For example, this may include ‘HMG and Cheshire and Warrington to agree a delivery plan by X’, ‘HMG representatives to sit on a steering group for Y’.*

**Evidence Base**

*What quantitative analysis is available in this area? What does local analysis highlight beyond national statistics? How does your area differ from close comparators, e.g. other cities?*

*What evaluative evidence is there on appropriate interventions in this area?*

**Strategic Case**

*What are the particular challenges or opportunities for Cheshire and Warrington in this policy area? This can include reference to the Foundations of Productivity.*

*What market failure exists to justify local / national interventions? How would intervention ‘work with the grain of the market’?*

*How does it relate to the overall narrative and ambitious vision / objectives of the LIS?*

*What do Stakeholders think? Who are the prospective delivery leads and partners in Cheshire and Warrington?*

*What is distinctive about the Cheshire and Warrington area that will help it contribute towards the National Industrial Strategy (e.g. through Grand Challenges / Foundations)?*

**What are we going to do?**

*What are the interventions that are in our gift which could be announced in the LIS? How will HMG support add value to this?*

*How are you going to work with local partners to achieve this? Have you considered cross-border or cross-sector collaboration and how should this be delivered?*

**How we want to work with HMG**

*What is the role of national government in supporting these interventions? How will HMG add value? Do your proposals align with existing national schemes?*