

**BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP**  
**MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Monday, 15<sup>th</sup> April 2019 at 3.00pm**  
**Dudley College, The Broadway, Dudley**

**DECISION NOTICE**

| Minute No | Item  | Decision  |
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|           | <p><b>In attendance</b></p>   | <p><b>Private sector</b><br/>                     Chris Handy, Paul Brown, Prof Jackie Dunne, Simon Eastwood, Ninder Johal, Jatinder Sharma and Tom Westley.</p> <p><b>Public Sector</b></p> <p>Cllrs Bill Gavan and Judy Foster.</p> <p><b>Apologies –</b><br/>                     Stewart Towe, Andy Cox, Prof Geoff Layer and Deborah Williams<br/>                     Cllrs. Khurshid Ahmed, Adrian Andrew, Mike Bird, Roger Lawrence and Qadar Zada.</p>   |
| 51/19     | <p><b>Declarations of Interests</b><br/>                     (relating to this meeting and notification of any changes that require the Declaration of Interest form to be revised.)<br/> <b>Gift Register</b> - to notify the Company Secretary of any gifts or hospitality with an estimated value of at least £50 which you receive in your role as a member of the LEP.</p> | <p>Prof Jackie Dunne and Ninder Johal, employee and Governor respectively of the University of Wolverhampton, declared their respective pecuniary interests in the following minute items, left the room and took no part in the consideration or voting thereon: -<br/>                     70/19 – School of Architecture and Built Environment<br/>                     71/19 – Springfield Infrastructure and Remediation<br/>                     72/19 - National Brownfield Centre Seed Fund</p> |

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| 52/19 | Minutes of the LEP Board held on 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019  | <p>The meeting was advised of two updates.</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) <b>Minute No. 38/19 – 6. Aldridge Mill Lane &amp; Aqueduct GRIP 2-3 Study</b><br/>The meeting was advised that the decision referenced “project delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.” It was noted and Agreed that the “project delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year”</li> <li>2) <b>Minute No. 40/19 – Bilston Urban Village East Site Investigation (SEPPL112)</b> - reference was made to Wolverhampton City Council not City of Wolverhampton Council, as queried by Cllr. Peter Bilson. The meeting was advised that for legal identity, such as entering into contracts the description had to be Wolverhampton City Council.</li> </ol> <p><b>Agreed</b> that, subject to the revision to Minute No. 38/19 – 6. Aldridge Mill Lane &amp; Aqueduct GRIP 2-3 Study and the note in relation to Minute No. 40/19 – Bilston Urban Village East Site Investigation (SEPPL112), the Minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019 be received and confirmed as a correct record.</p> |
| 53/19 | <p>Policy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Black Country Annual Performance Framework 2019</li> <li>• Annual Stakeholders – 21<sup>st</sup> March 2019</li> <li>• LEP Implementation Plans</li> <li>• Stronger Towns Fund</li> <li>• Brexit</li> </ul> | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the Policy update be received and noted.</p>  |

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| 54/19 | Black Country Assurance Framework 2019 | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note the contents of the report;</li> <li>2) Confirm the revised Black Country Assurance Framework v12 March 2019; and</li> <li>3) Note that in regard to the process for considering Urgent Business for which a decision is required before the next scheduled meeting of the Board, this remained outstanding, as a form of words was required to be agreed with the Accountable Body's Legal Team.</li> </ol>   |
| 55/19 | Black Country Annual Economic Review   | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note the key messages contained in the Annual Economic Review 2019; and the local summary reports and approve the dissemination of the positive messages.</li> <li>2) Agree to receive a report back on the further research been undertaken on global opportunities and international benchmarking.</li> <li>3) Agree to the utilisation of the EIU to seek opportunities that widen our reach nationally and internationally to ensure the Black Country is represented on a national and global platform.</li> <li>4) Agree to receive a report back on gender and ethnic representation and approve the enhancement of our monitoring and reporting on Board composition.</li> <li>5) Note the utilisation of our evidence base approach to continue to develop the Black Country Local Implementation Plan to ensure the current and pipeline activity is aligned to resources and propositions that will impact on the ambitions as set out in the Black Country Performance Management Framework.</li> </ol> |

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| 56/19 | Black Country Energy Steering Group                                    | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve continued funding for the Black Country Energy Steering Group at for 2019-20, to the value of £36,000;</li> <li>2) Note that the proposed budget for 2019-20 had been reduced to £36,000.</li> <li>3) Note that this would cover the ongoing executive support to the Black Country Steering Group only, at a similar level to 2018-19; and</li> <li>4) Note that the BC LEP would no longer contribute to the regional Energy Capital budget, which would now be funded directly by the WMCA.</li> </ol> |
| 57/19 | Careers and Enterprise Update  | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note the progress made across the various programmes of activities; and</li> <li>2) Continue to co-fund the Enterprise Adviser Network programme at the current level (2 Enterprise Coordinators co-funded 50%) for duration of the current CEC co-funding offer (September 2020).</li> </ol>   |
| 58/19 | Local Growth Fund – Project Change Request – Dudley Brownfield Phase 1 | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the Dudley Brownfield Land Phase 1 project, with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year; and</li> <li>2) Note that this request relates to a change in outputs.</li> </ol>   |
| 59/19 | Growing Places Fund – Daisy Bank                                       | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approve the Daisy Bank Site Investigation to the value of £13,107.50 from within the Growing Places</p>  |

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|       |   | Programme, with delivery to commence in 2019/20 financial year.   |
| 60/19 | a) Wolverhampton Environment Centre Site Investigation  | <b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approve the Wolverhampton Environment Centre Site Investigation Project to the value of £7,421.26 from within the Growing Places Programme, with delivery to commence in 2019/20 financial year.   |
| 61/19 | Local Programmes – Dashboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In flight Current Financial Year</li> <li>• Future Years</li> <li>• Pipeline</li> <li>• LPIF (Public)</li> <li>• Growing Priority Sectors</li> <li>• Growing Places</li> <li>• Enterprise Zones</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul> | <b>Agreed</b> that the updates on the following dashboards be noted: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In flight Current Financial Year</li> <li>• Future Years</li> <li>• Pipeline</li> <li>• LPIF (Public)</li> <li>• Growing Priority Sectors</li> <li>• Growing Places</li> <li>• Enterprise Zones</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul> |
| 62/19 | Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019   | <b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the Funding Sub-Group meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> April 2019  |
| 63/19 | Minutes of the Active Black Country Partnership Board – 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019   | <b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board receive and note the minutes of the Active Black Country Partnership Board held on 19 <sup>th</sup> March 2019.  |
| 64/19 | PR and Communications Report  | <b>Agreed</b> that the update on the PR and Communications be noted.  |
| 65/19 | Date of Next meeting  | <b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note that the next meeting will be held on Monday, 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019 at a Sandwell venue.  |
| 66/19 | <b>Exclusion of the Press and Public: -</b><br>‘That the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local   | <b>Agreed</b><br>That the public and press be excluded from the rest of the meeting to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 for the reasons stated on the agenda’  |

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|       | Government Act 1972 for the reasons stated on the agenda'.<br><b>Agenda</b><br>(Not Open to Public and Press)<br><b>Exempt Information</b><br>Paragraph 3 | Paragraph 3<br>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).  |
| 67/19 | Black Country Growth Hub Update   | <b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -<br>1) Reboot and relaunch the Black Country Growth Hub in 2019 as the one-stop solution for impartial Business Support; and<br>2) Update BCGH Website and setup non-geographical enquiries line to encourage more engagement. Partners to promote the BCGH website and non-geo enquiries line.   |
| 68/19 | Transport Underspend  | <b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approve the transfer and utilisation of historic transport underspend.  |
| 69/19 | Growth Deal Programme Proposals   | <b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approve and note the proposed conclusions for the Growth Deal Programme in regard to the following projects being moved from Land and Property Investment Fund into other Black Country LEP funding streams, including any associated changes to funding periods: -<br>a) School of Architecture and Built Environment;<br>b) Springfield Infrastructure and Remediation;<br>c) National Brownfield Institute Seed Funding;<br>d) Black Country Living Museum; and<br>e) Growth Deal - Very Light Rail Programme Changes. |
| 70/19 | School of Architecture and Built Environment  | <b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -<br>1) Approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with University of Wolverhampton, to the value of £3,520,000, to deliver the  |

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|       |  | <p>Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the School of Architecture and Built Environment project – with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year; and</p> <p>2) Note the withdrawal of the School of Architecture and Built Environment project, to the value of £3,520,000, from within the Land and Property Investment Fund.</p>   |
| 71/19 | Springfield Infrastructure and Remediation | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <p>1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with University of Wolverhampton, to the value of £4,420,000, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the Springfield Phase 1 Infrastructure and Remediation project – with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>2) Notes the withdrawal of the Springfield Phase 1 Infrastructure and Remediation project, to the value of £4,420,000, from within the Land and Property Investment Fund.</p> |
| 72/19 | National Brownfield Institute Seed Funding | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <p>1) Approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with University of Wolverhampton, to the value of £500,000, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the National Brownfield Institute Seed Funding project – with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p> <p>2) Note the withdrawal of the National Brownfield Institute Seed Funding project, to the value of £500,000, from within the Land and Property Investment Fund.</p>                       |
| 73/19 | Black Country Living Museum                | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p>   |

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|       |   | <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Black Country Living Museum, to the value of £9,000,000, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the Black Country Living Museum: Forging Ahead project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.</li> <li>2) Notes the withdrawal of the Black Country Living Museum: Forging Ahead project, to the value of £9,000,000, from within the Land and Property Investment Fund programme.</li> </ol>  |
| 74/19 | Growth Deal - Very Light Rail Programme Changes   | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amend the Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Deal (LGF) funded elements of the Very Light Rail Hub to Home project by removing the Development Phase from the Main Scheme.</li> <li>2) Approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Deal (LGF) funded elements of the Very Light Rail Hub to Home project - Development Phase.</li> </ol> |
| 75/19 | Local Programme Dashboard <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Land and Property Investment Fund (Private)</li> </ul> | <p><b>Agreed</b> that the update on the Land and Property Investment Fund (Private) be noted.</p>   |
| 76/19 | West Midlands Combined Authority – Local Industrial Strategy  | <p><b>Agreed:</b> -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) that the update on the emerging final version of the WMCA Local Industrial Strategy be noted; and</li> <li>2) that any comments on the document, other than those captured above, be</li> </ol>   |





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|       |                   | submitted to the Secretariat to enable them to be fed into the ongoing consultation. |
| 77/19 | LEP Review Update | <b>Agreed</b> that the update be noted.  |

**Meeting ended at 4.45pm**