

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday 21st October 2019 at 3.00pm
Wolverhampton Science Park

DECISION NOTICE

Minute No	Item	Decision
	In attendance	<p>Stewart Towe, Cllr Adrian Andrew, Paul Brown, Cllr Yvonne Davies, Prof Jackie Dunne, Simon Eastwood, Chris Handy, Lindsey Flynn and Tom Westley.</p> <p>Apologies –, Ninder Johal, Cllr Mike Bird and Cllr Patrick Harley.</p>
162/19	<p>Declarations of Interests (relating to this meeting and notification of any changes that require the Declaration of Interest form to be revised.)</p> <p>Gift Register - 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>Chair to ask for declarations of interest on any items on the Agenda OR any changes to declarations since the last meeting which require an update to the Members Declaration Form.</p> <p>Also, the requirement to declare any gifts/hospitality of £50 or more.</p>
163/19	<p>(Decision – quorum required)</p> <p>Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 23rd September 2019</p>	<p>Chair</p> <p>To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on 23rd September 2019.</p>

164/19	LEP Board Membership - Recruitment Update	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Note and confirm the appointment of the following to the LEP Board, to commence in November 2019 Cherry Elliott, Amanda Tomlinson and Rachel Eade MBE; 2) Note that the appointments would ensure the Board met the required gender balance of 26% female members by the Annual Performance Review and one third female members by the end of March 2020; and 3) Note the following appointment to the Employment & Skills (People) Theme Advisory Board, Kacey Akpoteni.
165/19	LEP Policy Update	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the following Policy Updates: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP Mid-Year Review • Annual General Meeting • Brexit and Growth Hubs Update • High Streets Task Force • ERDF update • LEP Network – Futures paper • EIU Statistics - Business Register and Employment Survey (BRES) • EIU Statistics - UK Business Counts
166/19	Full Indices of Multiple Deprivation Barometer	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the data contained in the Full Indices of Multiple Deprivation Barometer.</p>
167/19	Black Country Strategic Companies Barometer	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Note the Strategic Companies Barometer data; and 2) Confirm that the BC LEP Economic Intelligence Unit would present the data to the relevant senior officers of the four local authorities.

168/19	LEP Core and Strategic Funding	<p>Agreed That the LEP Board: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Note and approve the LEP funding and expenditure position as at 30th September 2019. • Approve an adjusted final balance brought forward figure on the Strategic Fund as set in Table B of £94,609. • Approve the allocation to the Walsall MBC Technical Assistance post of £46,045.
169/19	<p>Local Programmes – Dashboards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Fund of Funds (power Bi) • Growth Deal In Flight Current Financial Year • Growth Deal Future Years • Black Country Pipeline • Land and Property Investment Fund • Growing Places • Enterprise Zones 	<p>Agreed That the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Note and receive the Dashboard Information in relation to: - 2) Agree that the LEP coordinate a meeting of relevant local authority officers to consider “in principle” how Enterprise Zone Business Rate surplus would be re-invested in the Black Country in the future.
170/19	Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group meeting held on 2nd October 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2 nd October 2019.
171/19	Draft minutes of the Active Black Country Partnership Board – 24th September 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the minutes of the Active Black Country Partnership Board held on 24 th September 2019.
172/19	Black Country Executive Joint Committee – 25th September 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the decisions of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee held on 25 th September 2019.
173/19	PR and Communications	Agreed that the LEP Board note the PR and Communications update.
174/19	Date of Next Meeting (to include the BCC Ltd Annual General Meeting – 18th November 2019 – NMC, 47 Birmingham Road, West Bromwich B70 6PY	Agreed that the LEP Board note the date of the next meeting.

175/19	Exclusion of the Press and Public: -	<p>Agreed 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'</p> <p>Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>
176/19	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 23rd September 2019 August 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the private minutes of the LEP Board meeting held on 23 rd September 2019.
177/19	Funding Sub-Group Minutes	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2019; and 2) that the LEP be asked to undertake a review of funding in relation Sandwell MBC projects with Sandwell MBC and report back to the next meeting; and 3) that the LEP be asked to review the local authority invitees to future meetings of the Funding Sub-Group.
178/19	<p>Local Growth Fund –</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Black Country LEP Programme Funding Update b) Birchley Island 	Agreed that the LEP Board note that the items on the Black Country LEP Programme Funding and Birchley Island were withdrawn and would be submitted to the next meeting of the LEP Board.
179/19	Local Growth Fund - City Learning Quarter	Agreed that consideration of this item be deferred to the next meeting of the LEP Board.
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181/19	Risk Register	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the LEP Board receive and note the Risk Registers across the funding profiles – Local Growth Deal; Land and Property Investment Fund; Growing Places; and Enterprise Zones; and 2) That the LEP undertake a review of the Black Country spending priorities at the next LEP Policy Away Day to be held in December.

End time – 4.45pm