

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday, 23rd July 2018 at 3.00pm at
PB019, Business Solutions Centre

DECISION NOTICE

Minute No.	Item	
	Attendance and Apologies	<p>Board Members Cllr Adrian Andrew Paul Brown Simon Eastwood Lindsey Flynn Cllr Bill Gavan Christopher Flynn Ninder Johal Cllr Ian Kettle Cllr Roger Lawrence Tom Westley</p> <p>Mark Taylor – CWC Sarah Middleton – BCC Ltd Ian Cary – BCC Ltd Robbie Chahal – BCC Ltd Ian Cribbes – BCC Ltd Delma Dwight – BCC Ltd Peter Smith – BEIS Hywel Ruddick – BCC Ltd</p> <p>Apologies – Andy Cox, Jackie Dunne, Prof Geoff Layer, Stewart Towe, Deborah Williams Cllrs. Steve Eling, Mike Bird, Patrick Harvey and Brian Edwards (Leader of South Staffordshire DC)</p>
91/18	Declarations of Interests, etc.	Tom Westley declared his personal interest Minute No. 104/18 – Growing Priority Sectors Thomas Dudley Foundry Ltd, insofar as he knew the Managing Director and took no part in the consideration or voting thereon.
92/18	Minutes of the LEP Board held on 21 st May 2018	Chair For confirmation.

93/18	Notes of the LEP Board Away Day meeting held on 11 th June 2018 and Progress	<p>Agreed</p> <p>1) That the Board note and confirm the outcomes of the Away Day contained in the Action Note; and</p> <p>2) That the Board note the update on the Health & Care Sector Task & Finish Group, held on 9th July 2018.</p>
94/18	<p>Policy Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. PM Council of LEP Chairs – 19th June 2018 ii. Health and Care Task and Finish Group iii. Careers Hubs iv. LEP Review Update v. Government White paper – The Future Relationship between the UK & EU vi. LEP Network – LEP Review Section 151 Officer CIPFA consultation response 	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board note the Policy Update.</p>
95/18	<p>West Midlands Combined Authority Update</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. WMCA Appointments 2018/19 ii. Leadership Commission iii. Regional Skills Strategy iv. 5g Connected Communities v. Mayors Business Advisory Board vi. Midlands Connect Sub-National Transport Body Proposal – WMCA Mayor response vii. Northern Powerhouse – LEPs – NP11 	<p>Agreed</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that Board Members’ are asked to note the update; 2) that Board Members note the appointments to the WMCA and associated Boards; 3) That the WMCA be asked if a substitute member can be appointed to the Investment Board; and 4) That Members be asked for nominations to the Culture, Creative Industries & Tourism Advisory Group.
96/18	WMCA State of the Region – Key Messages	<p>Agreed that the LEP board note the key findings of the WMCA State of the Region for the Black Country.</p>
97/18	Commonwealth Games and Developing a Legacy	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Acknowledge the work completed to



		<p>date and the opportunity provided by CG2022;</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 2) Receive and provide input to the Director of ABC on the terms of reference for the proposed Black Country Commonwealth Games steering group. 3) Appoint Lindsey Flynn as the CG2022 Black Country LEP Lead; 4) Acknowledge the draft plan and receive a report and developed legacy plan at the September 2018 LEP board meeting; and 5) Acknowledge the Active Black Country nomination to the Black Country CG2022 steering group.
98/18	Black Country Local Industrial Strategy – Approach and Emerging Themes	Agreed that the LEP Board note the update on the development of the Black Country Local Industrial Strategy.
99/18	<p>Local Programme Dashboards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Flight Current Financial Year • Future Years • Pipeline • Land and Property Investment Fund • Growing Priority Sectors • Enterprise Zones 	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the updates on the respective dashboards.
100/18	Growing Priority Sectors – A&M EDM Ltd	Agreed that the LEP Board approves the A&M EDM Ltd project, part of Growing Priority Sectors, from within the Growth Deal programme. Grant funding is to be awarded to the value of £50,000 with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.
101/18	Growing Priority Sectors – Mellish Engineering Ltd	Agreed that the LEP Board approves the Mellish Engineering Services Ltd project, part of Growing Priority Sectors, from within the Growth Deal programme. Grant funding is to be awarded to the value of £178,740 with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.

102/18	Growing Priority Sectors – Professional Polishing Services Ltd	Agreed that the LEP Board approves the Professional Polishing Services Ltd project, part of Growing Priority Sectors, from within the Growth Deal programme. Grant funding is to be awarded to the value of £50,000 with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.
103/18	Growing Priority Sectors – Strimech Ltd	Agreed that the LEP Board approves the Strimech Ltd project, part of Growing Priority Sectors, from within the Growth Deal programme. Grant funding is to be awarded to the value of £75,228 with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.
104/18	Growing Priority Sectors – Thomas Dudley Foundry Ltd	Agreed that the LEP Board approves the Thomas Dudley Foundry Ltd project, part of Growing Priority Sectors, from within the Growth Deal programme. Grant funding is to be awarded to the value of £315,000 with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year. (NB Tom Westley declared his personal interest in this item insofar as he knew the Managing Director of Thomas Dudley Foundry Ltd and took no part in the consideration or voting thereon).
105/18	Growing Priority Sectors - Vanity Hall Ltd	Agreed that the LEP Board approves the Vanity Hall Ltd project, part of Growing Priority Sectors, from within the Growth Deal programme. Grant funding is to be awarded to the value of £81,765 with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.

106/18	Growth Deal Project Change Request – Dudley Brownfield Land Phase 1	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the Change Request for the Dudley Brownfield Land Improvement Programme - Phase 1 Project from within the Growth Deal Programme. Grant funding of £416,213 is to be removed from future years of the programme; and 2) Notes that this Change Request relates to a reduction in scope.
107/18	Black Country Living Museum	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Wolverhampton City Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with the Black Country Living Museum, to the value of £9,000,000 to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF), funded elements of the Black Country Living Museum – Forging Ahead project - with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.</p>
108/18	Tibbington (The Cracker) Site Investigation	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Land and Property Investment Fund (Wolverhampton City Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council, to the value of £23,800 to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF), funded elements of the Tibbington Open Space (The Cracker) Site Investigation project - with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year. 2) Notes that this Site Investigation will be underwritten by Sandwell Council.
109/18	Funding Sub-Group – 4 th July 2018	<p>Agreed that the minutes of the Funding Applications Sub-Group held on 4th July 2018, to include all recommendations and</p>

		conditions contained therein be confirmed and approved.
110/18	BC Growth Hub Business Plan	Agreed That the LEP Board approve the BC Growth Hub Business Plan 2018-20, subject to the final confirmation of the Executive Summary by the BC Strategic Growth Hub Board
111/18	Draft Minutes of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board – 24 th May 2018	Agreed that the draft minutes of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory held on 24 th May 2018 be noted.
112/18	Draft Minutes of the Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board – 5 th June 2018	Agreed that the draft minutes of the Place Making & Land Theme Advisory held on 5 th June 2018 be noted
113/18	PR and Communications Report – April 2018 – including Annual Stakeholders Conference	Agreed that the contents of the report be noted.
114/18	Date of Next Meetings – 16 th August 2018 Additional 17 th September 2018	Agreed that the dates of the meetings to be held on 16 th August 2018 and 17 th September 2018 be noted.
115/18	Any Other Business – City of Wolverhampton College	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm the nomination of Sarah Middleton to become a governor at the City of Wolverhampton College.
116/18	Exclusion of the Press and Public: - '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'. Agenda (Not Open to Public and Press) Exempt Information	Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information) 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.
	Black Country Consortium Ltd. Directors meeting	
	BCC Ltd Business Plan	



	Minutes of the Audit Committee held on 29 th May 2018	
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