

DECISION NOTICE

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

19th February 2018

Minutes No.	Title	Decision/Action
		<p>Attendance Chris Handy – in the Chair Paul Brown – Ernst & Young Simon Eastwood – Carillion Developments plc Ninder Johal – Nachural Communications Tom Westley – Westley Holdings Lowell Williams – Dudley College Cllr David Vickers – Dudley MBC Cllr David Hosell – Sandwell MBC Cllr Aftab Nawaz – Walsall MBC Cllr Roger Lawrence – City of Wolverhampton</p> <p>Officers Chief Exec – Helen Paterson, Walsall MBC Simon Nielson – Walsall MBC Sarah Middleton – Black Country Consortium Ltd Katherine Birch - – Black Country Consortium Ltd Robbie Chahal – Black Country Consortium Ltd Paul Mellon – Black Country Consortium Ltd Colin Parker -- Black Country Consortium Ltd Hywel Ruddick – Black Country Consortium Ltd Peter Smith - BEIS</p>
	Apologies	Prof Geoff Layer, Andy Cox, Stewart Towe Cllrs. Sean Coughlan, Patrick Harley, Lee Jeavons, Steve Eling, Paul Moore
28/18	Declarations of Interests, etc.	Chair advised that for alternate local authority Members their duty in respect of the BC LEP extended beyond their Borough/City boundary and was Black Country region wide. Simon Eastwood – Carillion Minute No. 46/18 Tom Westley – Dudley College and Elite Centre for Manufacturing Services

29/18	To Receive the Minutes of the Meeting Held on 22 nd January 2018	<p>Approved and Confirmed</p> <p>Matters Arising: - Minute 3/18 Local Enterprise Partnership governance and transparency – Draft Best Practise Guidance for LEPs</p> <p>The new Register of Interests form has been circulated to all Board Members – Government requirement that they are all on the LEP webpages by 28th February – only 3 received thus far and all Members asked to complete and return by Friday 23rd February 2018.</p> <p>Also noted</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Code of Conduct – compliant we do already have a policy but some revision is required to internal use of LEP resources not being used improperly for political or personal purposes. • Whistleblowing Policy – compliant have Walsall MBC’s policy within Assurance Framework. Government document will be adopted. • Revised Assurance Framework meeting scheduled for mid-March – formal report to April meeting.
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30/18	Policy Update	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • WM LEP Chairs Letter Meeting advised Letter sent to Jake Berry MP seeking a meeting regarding the LEP review across Combined Authority areas meeting scheduled for 20th March 2018. • Jake Berry MP Letter – 23rd January 2018 Meeting advised Confirmation to the Chair of LEP Core and capacity funding of £500,000 for next two financial years. Report 14 in Agenda pack. • Chris Grayling – ABCA letter Meeting advised Letter from ABCA Leaders and LEP Chair supporting the proposed Metro Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Extension and the Works Act Order submitted by WMCA on 12th December 2017. • Andy Street – ABCA Letter Meeting advised Letter from ABCA Leaders and LEP Chair seeking £5,000,000 funding for developing key Black Country highways schemes over the next 4 years. • LEP Network Letter to Meg Hillier MP – Chair of the Public Accounts Committee Meeting advised LEP Network letter attached in Appendices pack and signed by all LEP Chairs. Highlighted commitment of all LEPs to transparency and governance with examples of good practice, to include the introduction of training and development reviews by the Black Country LEP for all Board Members • Annual Stakeholder Conference – 21st March 2018 at 8.00am – 10.30am – West Bromwich Albion Football Ground Meeting advised This year’s event will be LEP led with presentation on the work been undertaken on an Energy solution for the Black Country, the Black Country Garden City Initiative and the Black Country Growth Hub. As with previous years there will be no BC LEP Board meeting in March 2018.
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30/18 (contd.)	Policy Update (contd.)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Carillion To be considered in private session to facilitate full update on work of the Taskforce.
31/18	Careers and Enterprise – Black Country Strategy	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that BCLEP notes the targets and direction of the National Careers Strategy for Young People. 2) that BCLEP endorse the Black Country Ambitions, subject to final comments from the Employment & Skills Board.
32/18	West Midlands Combined Authority Update	Agreed that the LEP Board note the update and the decisions of the WMCA Board held on 9 th February 2018.
33/18	Local Industrial Strategy	<p>Board received a presentation.</p> <p>Agreed that the update and comments be noted.</p>
34/18	<p>Dashboards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In flight current financial year • Future years • Pipeline • Land & Property Investment Funding 	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the dashboard updates be noted: 2) That, the Board noted that in relation to the approved Music Institute application, the private sector funding condition had now been met by Unity Trust, and the City of Wolverhampton would proceed to contract, with the first phase of the project.
35/18	Local Growth Fund report – M6 J10 Revised cost and additional capital funding	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the Board note the public version of report; and 2) Approve the funding request for the M6 J10 (Major Scheme) project from transport allocations within the Growth Deal Programme.
36/18	DRAFT Minutes of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board – 13 th December 2017	Agreed that the draft minutes of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board held on 13 th December 2017 be noted.
37/18	Draft Minutes of Employment & Skills (People) Theme Advisory Board – 18 th January 2018	Agreed that the draft minutes of the Employment & Skills (People) Theme Advisory Board held on 18 th January 2018 be noted.
38/18	Institutes of Technology	Agreed that the presentation on the Black Country Institute of Technology bid be noted.
39/18	Active Black Country - Towards an Active Black Country strategic framework 2017-2033	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the Board note the emerging plans, as reported.</p>

40/18	BCJC – 24 th January 2018	Agreed That the Board note the Black Country Joint Committee's decisions.
41/18	LEP Core and Strategic Funding Report	Agreed That the LEP Board: - 1) Approve the LEP funding and expenditure position as at 31st December 2017; and 2) Approve the Programme Office and SEP Proposition Funding expenditure at 31st December 2017.
42/18	PR and Comms	Agreed that the update on PR activity during January 2018 be noted.
43/18	Dates of Future Meetings	Agreed that the dates of future meetings detailed below be noted: - 21 st March 2018 – Annual Stakeholders 16 th April 2018 – Dudley College

Estimated finish 4.45pm