

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday, 14th December 2020 at 12.00pm
DECISION NOTICE

Min No	Item	Decision
	<p>Apologies and welcome</p>	<p>Tom Westley – Chair; Cllr Adrian Andrew – Walsall MBC; Cllr Ian Brookfield – City of Wolverhampton; Paul Brown – EY; Kevin Davis - The Vine Trust; Rachel Eade MBE - Red; Cherry Elliott – Higgs & Sons; Chris Handy – Accord Group; Cllr. Patrick Harley – Dudley MBC; Ninder Johal – Nachural Communications; Prof Nazira Karodia – University of Wolverhampton; Prof Geoff Layer - University of Wolverhampton; Cllr Danny Millard – Sandwell MBC; Jatinder Sharma – Walsall College; Amanda Tomlinson – Black Country Housing Group;</p> <p>Other attendees Cllr. Brian Edwards – Leader South Staffs Sarah Middleton – BCC Ltd. Kevin O’Keefe – Dudley MBC; Michelle Nutt – BEIS; Aaron Toussaint – BEIS; Prof Delma Dwight – BCC Ltd. Katherine Birch – BCC Ltd. Jaspal Sohal – BCC Ltd. Lara Smith – BCC Ltd. Stuart Everton – BC Transport Team; Kelly Valente – Walsall Accountable Body; Richard Lawrence – City of Wolverhampton</p> <p>Apologies Cllrs Adrian Andrew, Mike Bird, Maria Crompton and Danny Millard and Simon Eastwood and Lindsey Flynn.</p>
197/20	<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>There were no declarations.</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>	
198/20	Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 23 rd November 2020	Agreed that the Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 23 rd November 2020 confirmation and approval.
199/20	<p>Assurance Framework - Exemptions</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Membership • WMCA Strategic Economic Development Board • Expression of Interest and Guarantee Member Approval 	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the LEP Board extend the Board tenures of Paul Brown, Simon Eastwood, Chris Handy and Ninder Johal, through to 31st March 2021, subject to the final Exemption provisions on the Assurance Framework. 2) That the LEP Board note the nomination rights provided to the LEP Board in respect of the Construction Sector and Further Education Sector. 3) That the LEP Board note that approval for the appointment of the new Director was being consulted upon with the Black Country Consortium Ltd.
200/20	<p>Policy Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) BC Delivery Plan b) Treasury Green Book – 3rd December Launch c) LEP Away Day d) Annual General Meeting arrangements 2020/21 <p>Economic Intelligence Unit</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> e) Retail Sector Intelligence f) ONS Health Index 	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Confirm and approve the BC LEP Delivery Plan for 2020/21; 2) Receive and note the updates on the following: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) BC LEP Delivery Plan b) HM Treasury Green Book c) LEP Board Away Day – 18th January 2021, with an updated programme informed by the comments of Board Members; and d) the Economic Intelligence Unit’s updates on the Retail Sector and ONS Health index; and 3) Annual General Meeting Arrangements 2020/21 to be held on 22nd February 2021, subject to confirmation that a virtual format meet the requirements of legislation and the BC Consortium Limited’s Articles of Association.

201/20	Black Country Local Skills Plan	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board endorse the work being done to develop a Black Country Local Skills Plan and the development of propositions identified to support Black Country businesses and residents.</p>
202/20	Ten Point Plan for a Green Industrial Revolution	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) To note the Government’s approach to the 10 Point Plan and to provide challenge and suggestions about the emerging proposals coming forward and to consider making this topic a central part to the proposed January 2021 LEP Policy session. 2) Key observations to be considered in more detail moving forward from a Black Country perspective: Of the ten further policy announcements listed; All would benefit from greater recognition of the potential role of ‘Place’ and regions in cost effective, efficient delivery of national policy objectives, and therefore the BC needs to consider how our place-based implications are recognised in emerging government responses from this Plan. <p>Such considerations are clearly beginning to gain traction in Whitehall (e.g., in mentions of Place in transport and Super Places in CCUS)² but they need to go further. In particular:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Can we / should we be seeking to influence The Energy White Paper to recognise that the most cost-effective zero carbon energy system for the UK needs to draw on a greater variety and more context-sensitive range of technologies than the existing system and places like the BC will need investment to support supply chain diversification. b. Gain an understanding of the affordability factors driven by innovation and implications for levelling up agenda, businesses and communities.

		<p>3) Risks from assuming a one-size fits all solutions if this emerges and the implications in a BC context and regional disparities.</p> <p>4) How the Black Country can influence the Industrial Decarbonisation Strategy to create opportunities and a sustainable future for the 295,000 companies for whom contribute towards 55% of industrial carbon emissions.</p> <p>5) How best for the BC / WM to make the case that the Net Zero, Heat and Buildings and National Infrastructure Strategies must recognise the value of allocating a clear role to regions and places in delivering these policies cost-effectively and in a suitably targeted way, also aligned to local opportunities and needs.</p> <p>6) Work with BC Planning colleagues in understanding land use implications re the BC Plan (2021 – 2038).</p> <p>7) Explore and gain an understanding of the role of institutionalised funding re HMT Net Zero Review</p>
203/20	PR and Communications Report (Information)	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the update.
204/20	Exclusion of the Press and Public	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’.
205/20	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 23 rd November 2020	Agreed that the private minutes of the LEP Board held on 23 rd November 2020 be confirmed and approved.
206/20	Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 2 nd December 2020	Agreed that the minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 2 nd December 2020 be confirmed and approved.
207/20	Private Policy Update	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the following updates: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Freeports update b) Levelling Up fund c) Comprehensive Spending Review

208/20	Black Country Pipeline Development Presentation	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the Black Country Pipeline Development Presentation.
209/20	Risk Register – Covid19 Programme Risk update	Agreed that the LEP Board note the contents of the Risk Register.
210/20	Local Programmes – Dashboards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth deal - In Flight Current Financial Year • Growth Deal - Future Years • Black Country Pipeline (PowerBi) • Land and Property Investment Fund • Growing Places Fund • Black Country Enterprise Zones 	Agreed that the LEP Board note and comment on the Dashboards.
211/20	Date of Next Meeting and 2021 Schedule of meetings	Agreed that the LEP Board note the following schedule of meetings for 2021: - 18 th January; 22 nd February; 22 nd March; 19 th April; 17 th May; 14 th June*; 19 th July; 16 th August; 20 th September; 18 th October; 22 nd November; and 13 th December*. * Policy Away Days