

DECISION NOTICE

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

22nd January 2018

Agenda Item	Title	Lead/Action
	Attendance	<p>Stewart Towe – Chairman Paul Brown – Ernst & Young Andy Cox – Cox & Plant Simon Eastwood – Carillion Developments plc Chris Handy - Accord Ninder Johal – Nachural Communications Tom Westley – Westley Holdings Lowell Williams – Dudley College Cllr Patrick Harley – Dudley MBC Cllr Paul Moore – Sandwell MBC Cllr Aftab Nawaz – Walsall MBC Cllr Roger Lawrence – City of Wolverhampton</p> <p>Observer - Cllr Brian Edwards – Leader of South Staffordshire District Council –</p> <p>Officers Chief Exec - Keith Ireland, City of Wolverhampton Stuart Everton – City of Wolverhampton Sarah Middleton – Black Country Consortium Ltd Katherine Birch - – Black Country Consortium Ltd Rachel Goodwin – 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	<p>Apologies were received from – Prof Geoff Layer; Cllrs. Sean Coughlan, Lee Jeavons, Steve Eling and Deborah Williams.</p>
1/18	Declarations of Interests	<p>Simon Eastwood, as Managing Director of Carillion Development Ltd, declared his pecuniary interest in the item on Carillion and advised that he withdraw from the meeting at when that matter was to be considered.</p> <p>Chris Handy, Chief Executive of Accord and Simon Eastwood and Ninder Johal, as Non-Executive Board Members of Accord, declared their respective interest in Minute No. 14/18 Birchley Island Transport Development Funding, insofar as Accord may bid for any potential development opportunity. No bid having been submitted to date.</p>

2/18	Minutes of the Meeting Held on 20th November 2018	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 th November 2017.
3/18	Policy Update	<p>Sarah Middleton provided an update on the following Policy items: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Policy Away Day Notes and outcome • Margot James Letter – 28th November 2017 • Annual Conversation • Mary Ney Review and LEP Network • LEP Review • Local Enterprise Partnership governance and transparency – Best Practise Guidance for LEPs • Ministerial Re-shuffle and impact on BC LEP • WM Local Enterprise Partnerships Chairs meeting • Major Road Network – Consultation Launch • The Future of Local Enterprise Partnerships – Shared Intelligence • Institutes of Technology – Competition Launched • LEP Network Additional Updates: - <p style="padding-left: 40px;">DIT; DfE Skills Summit – next steps; DCLG; and –FSB Skills report.</p> <p>In respect of Carillion plc, the meeting was advised that this would be taken as private business at the ned of the meeting, in accordance with the provisions of</p>

4/18	Employment and Skills - Regional Schools Commissioner and Black Country Schools data	Agreed: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the LEP notes the minutes of the Regional Schools Commissioner (RSC) meeting; 2) That the LEP continue to work with RSC and LA's to help understand and help to coordinate a bid to the Schools Improvement Fund to the value of £500,000 to £1,000,000; 3) That the LEP support the RSC with locations and volumes of future housing and industry sector information and relevant Labour Market Information; 4) That the LEP continue employer engagement in schools through their Careers & Enterprise Adviser Network (EAN); and 5) That the LEP notes the latest progress on the establishment of the EAN.
5/18	Careers and Enterprise – Black Country Strategy	Agreed: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the LEP notes the targets and direction of the National Careers Strategy for Young People; and 2) that the LEP consider the Black Country Ambitions documents, and receives a report to the next meeting.
6/18	Innovation Alliance for the West Midlands	Agreed that Board Members identify two business leads to represent the LEP on the WMCA Innovation Board.
7/18	West Midlands Combined Authority Update	Agreed that 1 the LEP Board note WMCA decisions from their respective meetings held on 8 th December 2017 and 12 th January 2018.
8/18	Local Industrial Strategy	Agreed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the LEP note the progress on the Local Industrial Strategy; and 2) that the LEP receive regular updates on the Local Industrial Strategy and the evolving Strategy with the WMCA and neighbouring LEPs.
9/18	Dashboards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In flight current financial year • Future years • Transport 	Agreed that the updates be noted.

10/18	A34 Corridor Transport Development Funding (SEPPL13)	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the funding request for the A34 Corridor Transport Development Funding. Grant funding is to be awarded to the value of £70,000 with delivery to commence in the 18/19 financial year; and 2) Note that the project would be underwritten by Walsall Council.
11/18	Accessing Growth – Springfield Phase 2 (SEPPL44) – Change Request	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the LEP Board approve the Change Request for the Accessing Growth – Springfield Phase 2 project from within the Growth Deal programme with grant funding of £550,000 to be transferred from 2017/18 to 2018/19.</p>
12/18	Accessing Growth: Walsall Economic Growth and Infrastructure Package (SEPPL44)	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the LEP Board approve the funding request for the Accessing Growth: Walsall Economic Growth and Infrastructure Package project from within the Growth Deal Programme, with grant funding to be awarded to the value of £918,000 and delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.</p>
13/18	Accessing Growth: Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension Development Funding (SEPPL44) – Additional Funding Request	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the Additional Funding request for the Accessing Growth: Wednesbury to Brierley Hill Metro Extension Development Funding from within the Growth Deal programme. Additional grant funding is to be awarded to the value of £230,000 - with £130,000 in 2017/18 and £100,000 in 2018/19. 2) Note that this project will be underwritten by Dudley Council.

14/18	Birchley Island Transport Development Funding (SEPPL39)	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the funding request for the Birchley Island Transport Development Funding, with grant funding to be awarded to the value of £150,000 and delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year; and 2) Note that the project would be underwritten by Sandwell Council.
15/18	Black Country Train Stations Development Funding (SEPPL13)	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the funding request for Black Country Train Stations Development Funding, with grant funding to be awarded to the value of £75,000 and delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year; and 2) Note that £37,500 was to be underwritten by Dudley Council and note that £37,500 was to be underwritten by Walsall Council.

16/18	<p>City North Gateway Phase 1 (SEPPL84) – Amend Existing Grant Agreement</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <p>That the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve a change in approach from project to programme management by the City of Wolverhampton Council and the BC LEP in relation to the City of Wolverhampton Council’s Growth Deal Projects; Wolverhampton Interchange project and City North Gateway Phase 1 (M54 Junction 2 to Vine Island). 2) Approve for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to amend the existing Grant Agreement with City of Wolverhampton Council for the City North Gateway Phase 1 (M54 Junction 2 to Vine Island) project to reflect an amended Grant Award of £2,368,000 in 17/18. This is a reduction in the overall funding award of £4,003,000. 3) Note that the reduction in the overall funding award for City North Gateway Phase 1 will result in a transfer of funding to the Wolverhampton Interchange project in the current financial year. This is a provision to ensure achievement of year-end spend on the 17/18 Growth Deal programme. 4) Note that the current grant intervention rate for the City North Gateway phase 1 project is 88%. A reduction in funding award of £4,003,000 will result in a revised grant intervention rate of 33%.
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17/18	Wolverhampton Interchange (SEPPL41) – Amend Existing Grant Agreement	Agreed That the LEP Board <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve a change in approach from project to programme management by the City of Wolverhampton Council and the BC LEP in relation to the City of Wolverhampton Council’s Growth Deal Projects; Wolverhampton Interchange project and City North Gateway Phase 1 (M54 Junction 2 to Vine Island); 2) Approve an Additional Funding award for the Wolverhampton Interchange project from within the Growth Deal Programme. Additional grant funding is to be awarded up to the value of £4,003,000 in the 17/18 financial year; 3) Note that the value of the additional funding award was subject to the year-end expenditure position of the City North Gateway phase 1 project, is a provision to ensure achievement of year-end spend on the 17/18 Growth Deal programme. 4) Note that the original grant intervention rate for the Wolverhampton Interchange project was 27%. Following an increase to overall project costs, the current grant intervention rate for Wolverhampton Interchange project is 16%. If additional funding of £4,003,000 is awarded, the revised grant intervention rate will be 21%.
18/18	I54 Western Extension Transport Development Funding (SEPPL12)	Agreed That the LEP Board: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the funding request for the i54 Western Extension Transport Development Funding, with grant funding to be awarded to the value of £75,000 and delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year; and 2) Note that the project would be underwritten by City of Wolverhampton Council.

19/18	Securing Sandwell's Engineering Skills (SEPP29)	Agreed That the LEP Board: - 1) Note the withdrawal of the Securing Sandwell's Engineering Skills project from the Growth Deal programme; and 2) Note that removal of this scheme would create capacity of £542,230 for future Growth Deal scheme bids.
20/18	Sustainable Transport Scheme Development Funding (SEPPL74)	Agreed That the LEP Board: - 1) Approve the funding request for Sustainable Transport Scheme Development Funding, with grant funding to be awarded to the value of £40,000 and delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year. 2) Note that the project would be underwritten by TfWM.
21/18	Minutes of Funding Sub – 10th January 2018	Agreed That the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the Funding Sub-Board held on 10 th January 2018 and the decisions contained therein.
22/18	Draft Minutes of Place and Land Theme Advisory Board – 27th November 2017	Agreed That the LEP Board note the Minutes of the Place Making and Land Theme Advisory Board held on 27 th November 2017.
23/18	BCJC – 22nd November 2017	Agreed That the LEP Board note the decisions of the BCJC held on 22 nd November 2017.
24/18	PR and Comms	Agreed That the LEP Board note the PR and Communications update.
25/18	Dates of Future Meetings	Agreed That the LEP Board note that the next meeting of the Board would be held on 19 th February 2018, at 3.00pm at Walsall College.

26/18	<p>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’.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agenda (Not Open to Public and Press)</p>	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board confirm 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 7 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person</p>
27/18	Carillion Item	Agreed that the LEP Board note the update provided.

Estimated finish 4.45pm