

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday, 20th May 2019 at 3.00pm
The Hawthorns, WBA, West Bromwich

Decision Notice

Minute No	Item	Decision
	<p>In attendance</p>	<p>Chris Handy, Paul Brown, Prof Jackie Dunne, Simon Eastwood, Lindsey Flynn, Ninder Johal, Prof Geoff Layer, Jatinder Sharma and Tom Westley. Cllrs David Vickers, Cllr Adrian Andrew and Cllr. Ian Brookfield</p> <p>Chief Executive – Jan Britton</p> <p>Apologies – Stewart Towe, Andy Cox and Deborah Williams and Cllrs. Mike Bird and Patrick Harley</p>
78/19	<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>Prof Jackie Dunne and Prof Geoff Layer declared their respective pecuniary interest in Minute No. 99/19, as employees of the University of Wolverhampton, Dudley Institute of Transformational Technology – left the room during the consideration and took no part in the consideration or voting thereon.</p> <p>Tom Westley and Ninder Johal declared their non-pecuniary interests in Minute No. 99/19 Dudley Institute of Transformational Technology – as Governors of Dudley College of Technology and University of Wolverhampton respectively.</p>
79/19	Minutes of the LEP Board held on 15 th April 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 th April 2019.

80/19	Policy Update	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the LEP Board receive and note the following Policy updates: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Local Election Results • Municipal Journal on LEP Geographies • Outcome of Institutes of Technology Competition • Introducing Active Partnerships – the new name for CSPs • Public Accounts Committee and National Audit Office • Stronger Towns – opportunities to accelerate regeneration in Dudley Ministerial visit by Rt Hon, James Brokenshire – Secretary of State for Housing, Communities and Local Government • West Midlands Local Industrial Strategy – launch date 16th May 2019 • Lord Mayor Mansion House – 16th May 2019 • LEP Network CEO • Queens Award for Enterprise • LEP Women Leaders 2019 - 6th June 2019 • EIU Statistics <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Black Country Sectors ○ Exports ○ Black Country Qualifications 2) That the Public Accounts Committee update from their meeting held on 13th May 2019 be circulated; and 3) That a monetary estimate of the “in-kind” work undertaken by private sector Board Members be reported through to the next meeting.
81/19	West Midlands Local Industrial Strategy	<p>The meeting was advised that when the Agenda was published the Strategy had not been published and thus was in the private section of the Agenda. However subsequently on 16th May 2019, the WM Local Industrial Strategy was launched and was now available for public viewing. It was noted that Paul Brown, Stewart Towe and Tom Westley had been in attendance and Sarah Middleton had, along</p>

		<p>with the Minister, the Mayor, Andy Street, and Jonathan Browning, Chair of the WMCA Strategic Development Board.</p> <p>Agreed that the LEP Board note the launch of the West Midlands Local Industrial Strategy on 16th May 2019.</p>
82/19	Diversity and Representation Scoping Paper	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Note the research undertaken and literature review which informs the initial scoping of this work. 2) Comment on the proposal where relevant, and agree the scope, the 5 ‘exam questions’ (listed below), and next steps of this research, including timescales: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) How does the Black Country perform on diversity, particularly within leadership, in both the private and public sectors? b) How can the LEP work with partners to influence the Black Country business base to adopt practices that encourage diversity in leadership? c) How can the LEP work with partners to improve leadership diversity in the public sector, including within the LEP itself as an organisation? d) How will the LEP ensure diversity activity is integrated within the existing Black Country strategy and that progress is monitored appropriately? e) What is the potential impact of increased diversity in leadership in the Black Country? How can this contribute to our growth ambitions?
83/19	Black Country LEP Delivery Plan 2019	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and agree the content of the LEP Delivery Plan ahead of submission to government by 31st May 2019.</p>

84/19	<p>Decision – quorum required (Local Growth Fund – a) Transport MRN Development Funding (SEPPL135)</p>	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the Transport MRN Development funding Project with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year; and 2) Notes that the funding will be allocated to the following major schemes: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) A4123 – Major Scheme Business Case development; b) A454 – Major Scheme Business Case development c) A449 – Major Scheme Business Case development
85/19	<p>Decision – quorum required b) Project Closure: Growing Priority Sectors Regional Growth Fund</p>	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves and offer from the Ministry of Housing, Communities and Local Government (MHCLG) to close the Regional Growth Fund Programme Round 3 (RGF 3) early. 2) Approves the actions to be taken for those companies that were recipients of RGF 3 funding, who may have not fulfilled their contractual obligations.
86/19	<p>Project Withdrawal: Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies (SEPB5)</p>	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board note that the report had been withdrawn prior to the meeting, as the WMCA had confirmed funding for the retaining wall.</p>

87/19	Changes to the Growth Deal Programme – Approval of The Projected 2018/19 Year End Position	Agreed that the LEP Board approves the current position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all changes to the Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2018/19 Growth Deal allocation expenditure, requests approval for various changes detailed in the addendum to the Decision Notice.
88/19	Growing Places Fund - Project Withdrawal - Rolfe Street Regeneration, Smethwick	Agreed that the LEP Board: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Notes the withdrawal of £1,400,000 Grant and £1,167,000 Loan for the Rolfe Street Regeneration Smethwick project from within the Growing Places Fund Programme. 2) Notes that the withdrawal of these funds will create spare capacity in the Growing Places Fund.
89/19	Local Property and Investment Fund - Approval of the Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund Accountable Body and Transfer of the Approved Projects	Agreed that the LEP Board: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the request that the Joint Committee endorse the appointment of Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council as the Accountable Body for the Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund Programme; and 2) Approves the request that the Joint Committee endorse the transfer of previously considered and approved LPIF projects by the Local Enterprise Partnership Board and the Joint Committee from Wolverhampton City Council to Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council, and recommends Walsall Metropolitan Borough Council proceed to enter into individual grant agreements (as listed in Attachment 1 of the report).
90/19	Local Programmes – Dashboards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Flight Current Financial Year • Future Years • Pipeline • Land and Property Investment Fund 	Agreed that the LEP Board notes the respective Local Programme Dashboards updates.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growing Places • Enterprise Zones • Transport 	
91/19	Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 1 st May 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1 st May 2019
92/19	Minutes of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board – 27 th February 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board note the draft minute of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board held on 27 th February 2019.
93/19	Minutes of a Meeting of the Employment & Skills (People) Theme Advisory Board – 9 th May 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board note the draft minute of the Employment & Skills (People) Theme Advisory Board held on 9 th May 2019.
94/19	PR and Communications Report	Agreed that the LEP Board note the PR and Communications update.
95/19	Date of Next meeting	Agreed that the LEP Board note the dates of the following meetings: - 1 st July 2019 – Policy Away Day 22 nd July 2019 – Wolverhampton Science Park
96/19	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' Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
97/19	Local Growth Fund a) i54 Western Extension b) Sandwell Aquatic Centre	Agreed that the LEP Board note that these items had been withdrawn as the Funding Sub-Group were awaiting receipt of the change controls.

98/19	Project Approval - Iron Park	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Approves the request for funding detailed in the report to be offered for the Iron Park (Moxley Tip) Project subject to the standard form of grant funding agreement, when the BC LEP considers that it can accommodate this grant funding from its funding programme(s).; 2. Note Walsall MBC considering to rebrand the site, Mosley Iron Park; and 3. Note that the approval is subject to funding being available to the BC LEP.
99/19	Dudley Institute of Transformational Technology	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the request for funding detailed in the report, to be offered for the Dudley College Institute of Transformational Technologies (IoTT) Project subject to the standard form of grant funding agreement, when the BC LEP considers that it can accommodate this grant funding from its funding programme(s). 2) Note that the approval is subject to funding being available to the BC LEP. <p>(NB - Prof Jackie Dunne and Prof Geoff Layer declared their respective pecuniary interest in Minute No. 99/19, as employees of the University of Wolverhampton, Dudley Institute of Transformational Technology – left the room during the consideration and took no part in the consideration or voting thereon.</p> <p>Tom Westley and Ninder Johal declared their non-pecuniary interests in Minute No. 99/19 Dudley Institute of Transformational Technology – as Governors of Dudley College of Technology and University of Wolverhampton respectively.)</p>
100/19	LEP Review Update	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the update.</p>



End time – 4.20pm