

BLACK COUNTRY EXECUTIVE JOINT COMMITTEE – Wednesday 13 September 2017

DECISIONS – Decisions set out below cannot be implemented until 5 clear working days after publication of this notice which is **Thursday 21 September 2017**

1.	<u>Apologies</u> Stewart Towe, Black Country LEP Board Keith Ireland, city of Wolverhampton Council Sarah Norman, Dudley
2.	<u>Notes of Previous Meeting held on 28 June 2017</u> 17/0061 It was resolved that: The notes of the meeting held on 28 June 2017 be confirmed as a true record.
3.	<u>Matters Arising from the notes of the previous meeting</u> None.
4.	<u>Declarations of Interest</u> None.
5.	<u>Local Government (Access to Information) Act, 1985 (as amended):</u> To agree that the public be excluded from the private session during consideration of the agenda items indicated for the reasons shown on the agenda. There are no items to be considered in private session.
6.	<u>Black Country Local Growth Deal - Changes to the Growth Fund Programme - Updated Project Expenditure and Outputs Approval – Sarah Middleton</u> 17/0062 It was resolved that the BCJC: approves the updated expenditure and output profiles for the Growth Deal projects as set out in Attachment 1 of the report.

7. Black Country Local Growth Deal - Approval of Resources for Technical Advice Service – Simon Neilson

17/0063 It was resolved that the BCJC:

- 2.1 approves the allocation of **£616,000 to Walsall Council** in its role as Accountable Body to support the **Technical Advice Service and Legal Support costs** for the Growth Deal as set out within the following table.

Details	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
LGF Specialist TA Support Costs	£120,000*	£125,000	£135,000	£120,000	£500,000
Legal Fees in Support	£18,000	£30,000	£33,000	£35,000	£116,000

- 2.2 agree that the framework approach is utilised as part of the tendering process, so that all LEP programmes Accountable Bodies and the Programme Office have access to the appointed Technical Advice Service provider.
- 2.3 Support the appointment of specialist legal advice to assist the Accountable Body and Programme Office with the continued development of robust grant agreements.

8. Black Country Local Growth Deal – Refurbishment of 203-204 Wolverhampton Street, Dudley - Grant Agreement Approval – Alan Lunt

17/0064 It was resolved that the BCJC:

- 2.1 approves for the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with **Dudley Council to the value of £145,947** to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of Refurbishment of 203-204 Wolverhampton Street, Dudley project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 2.2 This Grant Agreement is subject to the Contract conditions detailed in 3.6 of this report.

9. Black Country Local Growth Deal – Growing Priority Sectors – Individual Project Decision – Drywall Steel Sections Limited, Cradley Heath – Approval to Move to Contracting – Jan Britton

17/0065 It was resolved that the BCJC:

- 2.1 approves Sandwell Council to move to contracting with **Drywall Steel Sections Limited, for a funding allocation of £102,385 from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works** totalling £6.5m, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Drywall Steel Sections Limited project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.

10.	<u>Black Country Local Growth Deal – Growing Priority Sectors – Individual Project Decision – Strut Direct Ltd, Wednesbury – Approval to Move to Contracting – Jan Britton</u>
17/0066	It was resolved that the BCJC: 2.1 approves Sandwell Council to move to contracting with Strut Direct Limited, for a funding allocation of £94,262 from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Strut Direct Ltd project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
11.	<u>Black Country Local Growth Deal – Growing Priority Sectors – Individual Project Decision – Burcas Limited, Sandwell – Approval to Move to Contracting – Jan Britton</u>
17/0067	It was resolved that the BCJC: 2.1 approves Sandwell Council to move to contracting with Burcas Limited, for a funding allocation of £125,000 from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Burcas Limited project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
12.	<u>Black Country Local Growth Deal – Growing Priority Sectors – Individual Project Decision – Interplas Coatings Limited, Dudley – Approval to Move to Contracting – Jan Britton</u>
17/0068	It was resolved that the BCJC: 2.1 approves Sandwell Council to move to contracting with Interplas Coatings Limited, for a funding allocation of £177,000 from the Growing Priority Sectors programme of works totalling £6.5m, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Growing Priority Sectors Interplas Coatings Limited project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
13.	<u>Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund – Appointment of Accountable Body – Councillor Coughlan</u>
17/0069	It was resolved that the BCJC: 2.1 approves the appointment of the City of Wolverhampton Council as Accountable Body for the Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund Programme on behalf of the BCLEP. 2.2 Notes that a future proposal will be submitted to the WMCA for a future bid of a minimum of £150m to support the BC wide Strategic Land & Property Investment Programme, subject to the success of the initial phase; 2.3 Notes that a member from the WMCA is to sit on the Funding Sub-Board of the Black Country LEP when Land & Property Investment Fund bids are being considered; 2.4 Notes the requirement for the WMCA branding to be displayed at the supported site;

- 2.5 Confirms the requirement for sites being supported to also display the BC LEP branding.

14. Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund – Commissioning Framework – Approval of the Commissioning Framework – Councillor Coughlan

17/0070 It was resolved that the BCJC:

- 2.1 approves the **Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund - Commissioning Framework.**
- 2.2 notes that, simultaneously it will be necessary to take the Black Country Land & Property Investment Fund - Commissioning Framework through the various layers of Approval at the WMCA. This will provide assurance to WMCA members that the Black Country are clear in how they want to manage and apply the Fund and the Outputs they are targeting

15. Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund – Music Institute – Cable Plaza Site – Grant Agreement Approval – Alan Lunt

17/0071 Following the West Midlands combined Authority decision on Friday 8 September 2017 to amend its scope and range of investment to include property investment, it was resolved that the BCJC:

- 2.1 approves the Accountable Body for the Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund (City of Wolverhampton Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with **BICMP Limited to the value of £7,159,551** to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund funded elements of the Music Institute - Cable Plaza Site project - with delivery to commence in the 2017/18 financial year.
- 2.1 This Grant Agreement is subject to the Conditions detailed in 3.9 of this report.