

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday 17th September 2018 at 3.00pm at
The Hub, Walsall College, Littleton Road West, Walsall

DECISION NOTE
PUBLIC

Minute No	Item	
	In attendance	<p>Members Chris Handy in the Chair, Paul Brown, Andy Cox, Lindsey Flynn, Ninder Johal, Tom Westley, Jackie Dunne, Cllr Ian Kettle, Cllr Davis Hosell, Cllr Adrian Andrew, Cllr Roger Lawrence.</p> <p>Officer Sarah Middleton BCC Ltd Simon Tranter, Walsall MBC</p> <p>Apologies Stewart Towe, Prof. Geoff Layer Cllrs. Bird, Eling, Gavan and Harley.</p>
137/18	Declarations of Interests, etc.	None
138/18	Minutes of the LEP Board held on 16 th August 2018	Agreed That the minutes of the meeting held on 16 th August 2018, be received and confirmed as a correct record.
139/18	Policy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i. LEP Review Update ii. Birmingham City Council – Clean Air Zone – ABCA response and presentation iii. UK Export Strategy iv. Garden City – BC Submission v. Boundary Commission – proposed new constituencies ADDITIONAL – Letter received from Head of European Social Fund (letter circulated)	Agreed that the Board note the Policy Update, to include the letter from the Head of European Social Funding advising of the impact of exchange rate changes.
140/18	WMCA Board meeting decisions	Agreed that the Board note the WMCA Board

		decisions from 14 th September 2018.
141/18	5G – Urban Connected Communities	Agreed that the LEP Board notes: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) The detail of what 5G will provide; 2) Notes the proposed next steps from Government; 3) Note the 5G survey will be sent to all Black Country
142/18	Transport Projects Update	Agreed that the LEP Board note the transport update.
143/18	Commonwealth Games (CG) Terms of Reference and BC LEP Champion update	Agreed That the LEP board <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the revised Terms of Reference for the Black Country CG steering group; 2) Endorses a Black Country stakeholder consultation exercise to be held November 2018; 3) Provides initial feedback on the headline themes for the Black Country CG Legacy Framework. 4) Identify Local Authority representatives to represent the 4 Authorities on the steering group. 5) The board acknowledge the development of an outline business case for additional capacity to develop and coordinate the Black Country CG Legacy Framework.
144/18	Local Programme Dashboards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Flight Current Financial Year • Future Years • Pipeline • Land and Property Investment Fund • Growing Priority Sectors • Enterprise Zones 	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the Local Programme Dashboards.

145/18	Local Growth Fund (LGF) a) Managing Short Trips Change Request	Agreed That the LEP Board: 1) Approves the Change Request for the Managing Short Trips Tranche 2 Project from within the Growth Deal Programme; and 2) Notes that the Change Request relates to a change in scope.
146/18	Funding Sub-Group – 7 th August 2018	Agreed that minutes of the Funding Applications Sub-Group held on 7 th August 2018, be received and confirmed as a correct record.
147/18	LEP Core and Strategic Funding Report	Agreed that the LEP Board: - 1) Approve the LEP funding and expenditure position as at 31 st March 2018. 2) Approve the Programme Office and SEP Proposition Funding expenditure at 31 st March 2018. 3) Agree the 2017/18 expenditure and carry forward figures (Core £158,128 and Strategic £116,173). 4) Agree that Walsall MBC continue to operate as Accountable Body.
149/18	PR and Comms Report	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the report.
150/18	Date of Next Meetings – 17 th September 2018	Agreed that the Board note that the next will be held on 22 nd October 2018 – Dudley College, The Broadway.
151/18	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'. Agenda (Not Open to Public and Press) Exempt Information	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: - Paragraph 3 – Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information)
152/18	Private minutes of the LEP Board – 16 th August 2018	Agreed that the minutes of the private session of the meeting held on 16 th August 2018, be received and confirmed as a correct record.

153/18	WMCA – Local Industrial Strategy Consultation	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the LEP Board note the update on the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS); and 2) Note the arrangements for the forthcoming West Midlands LIS consultation.
154/18	LPIF Dashboard	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the LPIF Dashboard.</p>
156/18	Phoenix 10	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Note the contents of this report and details provided regarding the ongoing due diligence that is required to ensure that the Phoenix 10 project will meet the requirements of the Accountable Body and the Joint Committee for approval; 2) Recommends that the Joint Committee approve the Accountable Body for the Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund (Wolverhampton City Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Walsall Council to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the Phoenix 10 Project - with delivery to commence in the 2018/19 financial year.
157/18	M6 Junction 10	<p>Agreed that the Black Country LEP Board note the contents of this report, and the progress of the project.</p>
158/18	Birchley Island	<p>Agreed that the Black Country LEP Board note the contents of this report, and the progress of the Birchley Island project.</p>
159/18	LEP Review update	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board support the suggested principles of the Black Country LEP response to the Review with specific reference to the determining the ‘geography’ as outlined in the Annex B table in the report.</p>