

**BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP**  
**MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD**

**Monday, 22<sup>nd</sup> July 2019 at 3.00pm**  
**Wolverhampton Science Park**

**PUBLIC DECISION NOTICE**

<b>Minute No</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Decision</b>
101/19	<p><b>Declarations of Interests</b> (relating to this meeting and notification of any changes that require the Declaration of Interest form to be revised.)</p> <p><b>Gift Register</b> - 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>Chris Handy declared his pecuniary interest in Minute No. 112/19 – Local Growth Fund Phase 2, left the room during consideration of the item and took no part in the voting or consideration thereon.</p> <p>Tom Westley declared his interest in any items pertaining to Dudley College and the Elite Centre for Manufacturing if any matter arose in connection with these.</p> <p>Prof Geoff Layer declared his interest in any items pertaining to the University of Wolverhampton, if any arose in connection with University.</p>
102/19	Minutes of the LEP Board held on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019.
103/19	Notes and Outcome of LEP Away Day – 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019	<b>Agreed</b> that the Notes of the LEP Away Day held on 1 <sup>st</sup> July 2019 be received and confirmed as a correct record.
104/19	Policy Update	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note the Policy update.

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105/19	Black Country LEP Board - Tenure	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note the remaining term of offices of private sector Board Members; and</li> <li>2) Note that these terms of offices do not apply to elected Members; Higher Education and Further Education appointees; the Chair of the Active Black Country Board and the Chair of the Employment and Skills (People) Theme Advisory Board, which are appointed under different processes.</li> </ol>
106/19	Recruitment – Update ( <b>Plus Diversity slide</b> )	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Note the Nomination Process and positive action campaign;</li> <li>2) Note the Leadership Diversity in the Black Country: Evidence Review findings in the context of the existing Board and future recruitment campaigns;</li> <li>3) Confirm Councillor Yvonne Davies, Leader Sandwell MBC, as the board' lead member on diversity issues; and</li> <li>4) Note that a report on enhancing engagement with young people will be submitted to the September board meeting.</li> </ol>
107/19	Joint Committee Advisory Board appointments	<p><b>Agreed</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) That the 4 longest serving Members of the Funding Sub-Group be appointed to the Joint Committee Advisory Board: Simon Eastwood, Chris Handy, Ninder Johal and Tom Westley; and</li> <li>2) That Lindsey Flynn be appointed as the named alternate.</li> </ol>

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108/19	Black Country Climate Change Evidence Report	<p><b>Agreed</b></p> <p>That the LEP Board receive the report and arising from the discussion confirm the following actions for the future work programme of the LEP, at Board and Advisory Board level: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Through the BC local authorities lobby for the review of tolls in relation to the M6 Toll motorway and other routes through the Black Country;</li> <li>b) Receive climate change information on a regular basis to enable variations to be tracked;</li> <li>c) With the BC local authorities, investigate available funding sources and sites for increasing tree planting in the Black Country.</li> <li>d) Consider how to influence businesses to meet environmental targets set nationally; and</li> <li>e) Consider actions to support the retrofit of existing houses to improve their “carbon footprint.”</li> </ul>
109/19	WM Local Industrial Strategy Implementation – Construction Sector Action Plan	<p><b>Agreed</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) Discuss the developing implementation process for the WM LIS and agree the next steps to obtain further assurances from the WMCA that: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Black Country LEP colleagues be included in high-level discussions between WMCA and Government departments, notably the Cities &amp; Local Growth Unit, to ensure greater Black Country representation on all aspects LIS implementation.</li> <li>b) the WMCA define the criteria for prioritising actions within the LIS pipeline to ensure the final actions put forward reflect the whole region.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>

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		<p>c) Key Black Country priorities need to be reflected more clearly in the key LIS proposals.</p> <p>2) Note that the Black Country LEP would lead as an enabler on the creative, content, techniques and technologies, as a new strategic opportunity within the WM LIS.</p> <p>3) Note the production of a construction sector action plan summary for the WM LIS, and the linkages with Black Country priorities and pipeline programmes; and</p> <p>4) Agree that next steps be undertaken to produce similar summaries for all sectors, aligning with sector priorities in the Black Country including noting the Black Country lead on behalf of the WMCA for the sectors of construction, rail, aerospace and metals.</p>
110/19	Measuring Impact	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <p>1) Note and approve the work programme for evaluation of activity as reported to clearly demonstrate the impact of the LEP's key programmes on the local economy; and</p> <p>2) Note that further evaluation reports would be submitted to the Board as outlined in the report.</p>
111/19	BC LEP Programme Risk Management	<p><b>Agreed</b></p> <p>1) That the LEP Board note the on-going risk management undertaken by the PMO to the BC LEP, and the following Risk Registers provided for consideration: - Local Growth Deal; Land &amp; Property Investment Fund; and the Growing Places Fund; and</p> <p>2) Note that a risk analysis exercise would commence in August 2019 for</p>

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		the Black Country Enterprise Zone and be reported through to the Board in due course.
112/19	Local Growth Fund - Change Request – Woods Lane Phase 2	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Galliford Try Partnerships Ltd to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Woods Lane Phase 2 project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.</p> <p>(NB Chris Handy declared his pecuniary interest in Minute No. 112/19 – Local Growth Fund Phase 2, left the room during consideration of the item and took no part in the voting or consideration thereon.)</p>
113/19	Growing Places - YMCA	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note that the report would be submitted at the meeting to be held on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019.
114/19	Change Request Goscote Lane	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approve the Accountable Body for the Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the existing Grant Agreement with the St Francis Group to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the Goscote Lane Residential Scheme project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.
115/19	Local Programmes – Dashboard	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note the updates on the following dashboards: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In flight Current Financial Year</li> <li>• Future Years</li> <li>• Pipeline</li> <li>• LPIF</li> <li>• Growing Places</li> <li>• Enterprise Zones</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>

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116/19	Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 3 <sup>rd</sup> July 2019
117/19	BC Joint Committee - decisions	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note the decisions of the BC Joint Committee held on 24 <sup>th</sup> June 2019.
118/19	PR and Communications Report	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note the PR and Communications update.
119/19	Date of Next meeting	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board to note that the next meetings would be held on: - Tuesday 20 <sup>th</sup> August – Wolverhampton Science; and Monday, 23 <sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at Walsall College
120/19	<b>Exclusion of the Press and Public: -</b> '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'. <b>Agenda</b> (Not Open to Public and Press) <b>Exempt Information</b> Paragraph 3	<b>Agreed</b> 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).
121/19	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board confirm the private minutes of the LEP Board meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> May 2019.
122/19	<b>(Decision – quorum required)</b> Local Growth Fund – Very Light Rail	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: - 1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to terminate the existing Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation

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		<p>Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies project and instructs the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to inform Dudley Council of the decision;</p> <p>2) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to enter into the appropriate Grant Agreement with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies project - Development Phase, for works carried out during the 2017/18 and 2018/19 LGF programme periods;</p> <p>3) Notes that BC LEP and Dudley MBC will work to confirm the blend of funding to deliver this project to programme as already presented to the Combined Authority, Department for Transport, Network Rail and European Regional Development Fund, with a report on the main scheme, the delivery of the innovation centre, to be submitted to the Funding Sub-Group, to be held on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2019 and to the following LEP Board, to be held on 20<sup>th</sup> August 2019; and</p> <p>4) Notes that further Change control requests will be submitted through to Funding Sub-Group Members as and when required.</p>
123/19	Local Growth Fund – Sandwell Aquatic Centre	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <p>1) Approve the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council, to the value stated in the private report, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded</p>

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		<p>elements of the Sandwell Aquatic Centre project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.</p> <p>2) Notes the withdrawal of the Sandwell Aquatic Centre project, to the value stated in the private report, from within the Land and Property Investment Fund.</p>
124/19	Local Growth Fund – Birchley Island Main Scheme	<p><b>Agreed</b></p> <p>1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Birchley Island Main Scheme project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year; and</p> <p>2) Notes that this change includes a reduction in the funding from the original Grant Funding request.</p>
125/19	Birchley Island Development Phase	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <p>1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council, to the value of stated in the private report, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the Birchley Island Development Phase Project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year; and</p> <p>2) Notes that this request details a creation of a new development phase Grant Agreement for the scheme.</p>
126/19	LEP Review Update	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note that no update had been received.</p>

The meeting closed at 5.00pm