

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday, 23rd November 2020 at 3.00pm

PUBLIC DECISION NOTICE

Min No	Item	Decision
	Apologies and welcome	<p>Tom Westley – Chair; Cllr Adrian Andrew – Walsall MBC; Cllr Ian Brookfield – City of Wolverhampton; Paul Brown – EY; Kevin Davis - The Vine Trust; Simon Eastwood – Eastwood Consults; Rachel Eade MBE - Red; Cherry Elliott – Higgs & Sons; Lindsey Flynn – Well Associates; Chris Handy – Accord Group; Cllr. Patrick Harley – Dudley MBC; Ninder Johal – Nachural Communications; Prof Nazira Karodia – University of Wolverhampton; Prof Geoff Layer - University of Wolverhampton; Cllr Danny Millard – Sandwell MBC; Jatinder Sharma – Walsall College; Amanda Tomlinson – Black Country Housing Group;</p> <p>Other attendees Cllr. Brian Edwards – Leader South Staffs Sarah Middleton – BCC Ltd. Kevin O’Keefe – Dudley MBC; Aaron Toussaint – BEIS; Prof Delma Dwight – BCC Ltd. Katherine Birch – BCC Ltd. Jaspal Sohal – BCC Ltd. Lara Smith – BCC Ltd. Stuart Everton – BC Transport Team; Kelly Valente – Walsall Accountable Body; Richard Lawrence – City of Wolverhampton</p> <p>Apologies Cllrs Mike Bird and Maria Crompton.</p>
179/20	Declarations of Interests and Gift Register	Agreed that the LEP Board note that there were no declarations of interest or gifts made.
180/20	Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 19 th October 2020	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the public minutes of the meeting held on 19 th October 2020.

181/20	<p>LEP Board – Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Midland Engine Investment Fund – Strategic Oversight Board 	<p>Agreed: - that the LEP Board</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Confirm to the West Midland LEP Chairs, that the Black Country representative continue to be Paul Brown, until the end of his MEIF Term of office – March 2022; and 2) That a substitute Member for the MEIF Strategic Oversight Board (SOB) be identified from the current LEP Board Membership, to be agreed after the meeting.
182/20	Policy Update	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the following Policy Updates: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Chancellor Statement b) Peer to Peer Review c) LEP Network – Week in Politics – 9th – 13th November d) LEP Network – Spending Review Submission e) LEP Network LEP Network - Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy Committee - RIIO-2: Energy network price controls/ UK Emissions Trading System Common Framework – 12th November 2020 f) LEP Network – Grant Funding g) LEP Internal Markets Bill h) Towns Fund – Public Accounts Committee i) WMCA– Kickstart j) Intellectual Property – Alok Sharma MP k) Local Government Bulletin – 13th November 2020; and l) Economic Dashboard.
183/20	Local Growth Fund - Project Change Request – Fab Kit – PTP Ltd	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Performance Through People (PTP) Ltd, to deliver the Local Growth Deal Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Fab Kit – PTP Ltd project with delivery to continue up to the 2023/24 financial year.</p>
184/20	Draft Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board held on 4 th November 2020	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the draft minutes of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board held on 4th November 2020.</p>
185/20	Draft Employment & Skills Theme Advisory Board held on 12 th November 2020	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the draft minutes of the Employment & Skills Theme Advisory Board held on 12th November 2020.</p>

186/20	Draft Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board held on 17 th November 2020	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the draft minutes of the Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board held on 17 th November 2020.
187/20	PR and Communications Report	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the PR and Communications Report.
188/20	Exclusion of the Press and Public	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.
189/20	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 1 st October 2020	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the private minutes of the meeting held on 19 th October 2020.
190/20	Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 4 th November 2020	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 4 th November 2020, to include all recommendations contained therein.
191/20	Private Policy Update <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) WMCA – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Review b) West Midlands Regional Roundtable: Border Operating Model c) Meeting with Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth – 16th November 2020 d) HMT Freeports - bidding prospectus e) WMCA Comprehensive Spending Review 	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the following updates: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) WMCA – Overview and Scrutiny Committee Review b) West Midlands Regional Roundtable: Border Operating Model c) Meeting with Minister of State for Business, Energy and Clean Growth – 16th November 2020 d) HMT Freeports -bidding prospectus e) WMCA Comprehensive Spending Review
192/20	Black Country – Recovery Activity and Priorities	Agreed: - that the LEP Board <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Confirm and approve the interventions detailed in the Black Country Recovery Prospectus; 2) That the officers work with Government and partners to identify additional funding for these required interventions; and 3) Monitor and review the outcomes achieved



		through these agreed interventions.
193/20	Risk Register – Covid19 Programme Risk update	Agreed The Members note and comment on the Risk Register.
194/20	Local Programmes – Dashboards	Agreed that the LEP Board received and noted the following dashboards: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth deal - In Flight Current Financial Year • Growth Deal - Future Years • Black Country Pipeline (PowerBi) • Land and Property Investment Fund • Growing Places Fund • Black Country Enterprise Zones
195/20	Local Growth Fund – Growing Places Fund Dudley Canal Trust	Agreed That the LEP Board: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves Sandwell Council to proceed to amending the funding repayment schedule with the Dudley Canal Trust (Trips) Limited, funded from within the Growing Places Fund (GPF), with delivery to continue in the 2020/21 financial year. 2) Confirms the change request for a repayment holiday of March 2022 and the change to the current loan repayment arrangements due to the impact that Covid19 has had on the organisation, as detailed in Option 4 in the private report.
196/20	Date of Next Meeting LEP Board – 14 th December 2020	Agreed that the Board note the next meeting be held on Monday 14 th December 2020, commencing at 12.00pm.