

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

**PRIVATE DECISION NOTICE**  
**Monday 24<sup>th</sup> August 2020**

Minute No.	Item	Decision
	<p><b>Present.</b></p>	<p><b>Members:</b>                      Tom Westley, Cllr. Adrian Andrew, Cllr. Ian Brookfield, Paul Brown, Kevin Davis, Rachel Eade, Simon Eastwood, Cherry Elliott, Chris Handy, Cllr. Patrick Harley, Ninder Johal, Prof Nazira Karodia, Prof Geoff Layer, Cllr. Danny Millard, Jatinder Sharma and Amanda Tomlinson.</p> <p><b>Apologies –</b> Cllr Mike Bird, Jatinder Sharma, Prof Geoff Layer</p> <p><b>In attendance:</b>                      Hywel Ruddick, Tom Westley (Guest), Ninder Johal, Delma Dwight, Kevin Davis, Katherine Birch, Sarah Middleton, Lara Smith, Leanne Lloyd, Lindsey Flynn, Simon Eastwood (Guest), Kevin O’Keefe, Kelly Valente, Paul Brown, Chris Handy, Jaspal Sohal, Amanda Tomlinson, Cllr. Adrian Andrew, Prof Nazira Karodia, Cllr. Ian Brookfield, Cllr. Patrick Harley, 57765@beis.gov.uk, Ian Carey</p>
<p><b>Governance</b></p>		
<p>120/20</p>	<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 Nazira Karodia and Ninder Johal as employees and Governor respectively of University of Wolverhampton University of Wolverhampton.</p> <p>Min 124/20 National Brownfield Institute Phase 1 – Development Change Request and Min 140/20 National Brownfield Institute Phase 2 – Construction and Delivery.</p>
<p>121/20</p>	<p>Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 13<sup>th</sup> July</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board confirms and approves the public minutes of the meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> July 2020.</p>
<p>122/20</p>	<p>Policy Update</p>	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP board note the following policy update: -</p> <p>a) Exemptions to the National Local Growth Assurance Framework due to Covid-19</p> <p>b) LEP Board Recruitment</p>



		<p>c) Annual Review Report d) Delivery Report</p>
123/20	Local Growth Deal National Brownfield Institute Phase 1 – Development Change Request	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton, to deliver the Local Growth Deal Fund (LGF) funded elements of the National Brownfield Institute Phase 1 – Development Project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year.</p>
124/20	Draft Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board – 18 <sup>th</sup> June 2020	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board receive and note the draft minutes of the Place Making &amp; Land Theme Advisory Board – 18<sup>th</sup> June 2020.</p>
125/20	Draft Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board 23rd July 2020	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board receive and note the draft minutes of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board 23rd July 2020.</p>
126/20	Black Country Executive Joint Committee Decisions – 24 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board receive and note the decisions of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Decisions, held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2020, to include confirmation of the following grant approvals: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Black Country Local Growth Deal – Black Country Living Museum: forging ahead</li> <li>b) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Growing Priority Sectors Programme</li> <li>c) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Halesowen College – Business and Construction Management Centre</li> <li>d) Black Country Local Growth Deal – Hatherton Street Phase 2</li> <li>e) Black Country Local Growth Deal – I9 (Block 9) Wolverhampton</li> <li>f) Black Country Local Growth Deal – Mill Lane Bridge and Aldridge Line Aqueduct Grip 2-3 study</li> <li>g) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Narrowboat Way Site Investigation</li> <li>h) Black Country Local Growth Deal - National Brownfield Land Institute Seed Funding</li> <li>i) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Phoenix 10 Phase 1</li> <li>j) Black Country Local Growth Deal -</li> </ul>



		<p>Sandwell Aquatic Centre Infrastructure Phase 1</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>k) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Springfield Campus Phase 1 Infrastructure and Remediation</li> <li>l) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Transport Major Route Network (MRN) Development Funding</li> <li>m) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Ultra Low Emission Vehicles Transport Development Funding</li> <li>n) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: very light rail and autonomous technologies – test track – project change request</li> <li>o) Black Country Local Growth Deal - Growing the City Centre, Cultural and Business events offer</li> <li>p) Black Country Local Growth Deal – School of Architecture and Built Environment</li> <li>q) Delegated Authority Decision - Black Country Local Growth Deal - Hatherton Street Phase 2</li> <li>r) Delegated Authority Decision - Black Country Local Growth Deal - Woods Lane Phase 2</li> <li>s) Local Growth Deal Programme - Approval of the 2019/20 Year End Spend</li> </ul>
127/20	PR and Communications Report	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note the update
128/20	Exclusion of the Press and Public	<p><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.</p> <p><i>Paragraph 3</i>  <i>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</i></p>
129/20	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board confirms and approves the private minutes of the meeting 13 <sup>th</sup> July 2020.
130/20	Private Minutes of the FSG held on 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2020	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board confirms and approves the private minutes of the meeting 5 <sup>th</sup> August 2020.



Strategy		
131/20	Policy Update - COVID-19	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board receive and note the Private Policy update.
132/20	WMCA – Economic Recovery Programme	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>(a) Note the evolving WMCA Economy Recovery Plan and involvement of the LEP officers and Members in the process; and</li> <li>(b) Ensure that the BC Asks are captured in the WMCA Economic Recovery Programme.</li> </ul>
133/20	Comprehensive Spending Review	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Note the region’s approach to the Comprehensive Spending Review and the role of the WMCA SED Board in supporting</li> <li>b) Provide challenge and suggestions about the emerging proposals coming forward for the economy dimension of the region’s CSR submission.</li> </ul>
134/20	Sector Actions Plans Focus Building/Construction	<b>Agreed</b> that the update and presentation on sector action plans in relation to building and construction be received and noted.
Delivery Decisions		
135/20	Risk Register – Covid19 Programme Risk update	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board receive and note the Risk register to include the COVID-19 programme Risk update.
136/20	Local Programmes – Dashboards <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Growth Deal in Flight Current Financial Year</li> <li>• Growth Deal Future Years</li> <li>• Black Country Pipeline - PowerBi</li> <li>• Land and Property Investment Fund</li> <li>• Growing Places</li> <li>• Enterprise Zones</li> </ul>	<b>Agreed</b> that the updated be noted.



137/20	Get Britain Building Fund – Programme Approval	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to manage the Get Britain Building Fund and all associated elements of this fund, on behalf of the Black Country Local Enterprise Partnership.						
138/20	Project Approval Request: Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track  Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre Project	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body for the Get Britain Building Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to entering into a Grant Agreement with Dudley Council, to the value of £12.35m, to deliver the Get Britain Building Fund (GBBF) funded elements of the Hub to Home Transport Innovation Centre and Test Track Project: Very Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – National Innovation Centre Project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year.						
139/20	National Brownfield Institute Phase 2 – Construction and Delivery	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body for the Get Britain Building Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to entering into a Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton, to deliver the Get Britain Building Fund (GBBF) funded elements of the National Brownfield Institute Phase 2 – Construction and Delivery Project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year, as detailed below: -</p> <table border="0" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>2020/21</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>2021/22</b></td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b>Total</b></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,500,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;">£7,375,000</td> <td style="text-align: right;"><b><u>£14,875,000</u></b></td> </tr> </table>	<b>2020/21</b>	<b>2021/22</b>	<b>Total</b>	£7,500,000	£7,375,000	<b><u>£14,875,000</u></b>
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140/20	Enterprise Zone overview paper	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board receive and note the presentation.						
141/20	Revenue Funding - approval of historic costs	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Approves that Dudley Council actual historic revenue costs of £571,207 are recovered in the year that they were incurred</li> <li>b) Approves that Single Accountable Body (SAB) actual revenue costs of £41,665 are recovered in the year that they were incurred</li> <li>c) Approves that historic revenue costs of Walsall Council (£1,470,316) and Wolverhampton Council (£967,694) are recovered over a 10-year period, from 2020/21 to 2029/30.</li> </ul>						



142/20	Revenue Funding – approval of future costs	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>a) Approves that each Local Authority may claim up to a maximum of £250,000 per annum from 2020/21 to 2024/25 development funding. This is a maximum of £1,250,000 per local authority over the five years and £5,000,000 in total</li> <li>b) Approves that the SAB may claim up to a maximum of £100,000 per annum from 2020/21 to 2024/25 for programme management costs. This is a maximum of £500,000 over the five years</li> <li>c) Approves that the PMO may claim up to a maximum of £34,000 per annum from 2020/21 to 2024/25 for programme management costs. This is maximum of £170,000 over the five years</li> <li>d) Approves that from 2025/26 onwards each Local Authority, the SAB and the PMO (the “entities”) may claim a reduced maximum of £10,000 per annum to the end of the relevant EZs to cover monitoring and compliance costs. This will end at 31 March 2038 for Walsall Council, Wolverhampton Council and Sandwell Council, and end at 31 March 2042 for Dudley Council, the SAB and the PMO</li> <li>e) Approves that from 2021/22 to 2024/25, Wolverhampton Council can claim up to £125,000 per annum towards the Transport Director costs, on behalf of all Local Authorities.</li> </ul>
<b>Delivery Information</b>		
143/20	Date of Future Meetings – LEP Board – 21 <sup>st</sup> September 2020	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note the date of the next meeting.