

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

PUBLIC DECISION NOTICE
13th July 2020

Minute No.	Item	Decision
	<p>Present.</p>	<p>Members: 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>Apologies – Councillors Mike Bird and Maria Crompton and Lindsey Flynn.</p> <p>In attendance: Cllr. David Vickers Sarah Middleton Kevin O’Keefe Delma Dwight Katherine Birch Lara Smith Jaspal Sohal Stuart Everton - BCTD Richard Lawrence – CWC Alison Guerra – Accountable Body Kelly Valente – Accountable Body</p>
Governance		
99/20	<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>Tom Westley advised of his non-pecuniary interest as a Governor of Dudley College, should any item on the Agenda reference Dudley College.</p> <p>Min. No. 105 /20 School of Architecture and Built Environment Profs. Nazira Karodia and Geoff Layer and Ninder Johal as employees and Governor respectively of University of Wolverhampton.</p> <p>Min. No. 102/20 Black Country Skills Factory Kevin Davis advised that The Vine Trust had benefitted from the Ladders Apprenticeships initiative, referenced in the report. The report was for information and no decisions thereon, to include the Ladders projects, was required.</p>



		<p>Min 114/20 Black Country Economic Recovery Prospectus</p> <p>Chris Handy, Simon Eastwood and Ninder Johal declared their respective interests as Board members of Accord Housing and advised that the Prospectus referenced Bilston Urban Village, Accord were involved in the development. It was noted that there was no decision on this item but instead a reference in the document, to the project.</p>
100/20	Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 22 nd June 2020	Agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the LEP Board, held on 22 nd June 2020 be confirmed and approved the public minutes.
101/20	Black Country Growth Hub Funding 2020/21	Agreed that the LEP Board approve the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to amend the existing grant agreement with the Black Country Consortium Ltd for the additional award of £134,000 from Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to fund the Black Country Growth Hub from 1 April 2020 to 31 March 2021.
102/20	Black Country Skills Factory Update	Agreed that the LEP Board note the work undertaken by the Black Country Skills Factory between February 2020 and July 2020.
103/20	Local Growth Deal - Advanced Science Engineering and Technology	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Halesowen College to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Advanced Science, Engineering & Technology Centre project with delivery to continue in the 2020/21 financial year; and 2) Notes that this change request relates to the removal of the Follow-on Investment output.
104/20	Local Growth Deal - Wolverhampton Interchange	Agreed that the LEP Board Approves the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Wolverhampton Interchange Project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year.



105/20	Local Growth Deal - School of Architecture and Built Environment	<p>Agreed That the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with the University of Wolverhampton to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the School of Architecture and Built Environment project with delivery to continue in the 2020/21 financial year. 2) Notes that the Reprofile of the Change Request is detailed in paragraph 3.2, and moves £919,888 out of 2019/20 year into 2020/21, with no overall change to the total allocation of £3,520,000 over the project lifecycle. <p>(NB – Prof Geoff Layer, Prof Nazira Karodia and Ninder Johal need to declare their respective interests and leave the meeting during the consideration of this item.)</p>
106/20	Draft Employment & Skills Theme Advisory Board – 19 th February 2020	<p>Agreed that the Draft Employment & Skills Theme Advisory Board – 19th February 2020</p>
107/20	Black Country Executive Joint Committee Decisions – 20th May 2020 (Information)	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the decisions of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee Decisions, held on 20th May 2020, to include confirmation of the following grant approvals: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) Growing Places Fund – Daisy Bank Site Investigation – Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement; b) Growing Places Fund – Wolverhampton Environment Centre Site Investigation – Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement; c) Growing Places Fund – Wm5g Project Black Country LEP Development Contribution – Grant Agreement; d) Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund – Iron Park Moxley – Grant Agreement Approval; e) Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund – Phoenix 10 – Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement; f) Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund – Sandwell Housing Gap Funding – Phase 1 – Grant Agreement Approval; g) Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund – Music Institute – Programme Change; h) Black Country Enterprise Zone – Boxpool – Grant Agreement Approval; i) Black Country Growth Hub – Growth Hub Funding Agreement Approval 2020/21;



		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> j) Black Country Local Growth Deal – Woods Lane Phase 2 – Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement; k) Black Country Local Growth Deal – City Learning Quarter Site Investigation – Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement; l) Black Country Local Growth Deal – Fab Kit Fab Lab – Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement; m) Black Country Local Growth Deal – M6 Junction 10 – Amendment to Existing Grant Agreement; and n) Black Country LEP Assurance Framework – Revised Appendix 25.
108/20	PR and Communications Report (Information)	Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the update.
109/20	<p>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'.</p> <p>Agenda (Not Open to Public and Press)</p> <p>Exempt Information Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person</p>	<p>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 on the agenda'</p> <p>Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>
110/20	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 22 nd June 2020	Agreed that the private minutes of the meeting of the LEP Board, held on 22 nd June 2020 be confirmed and approved the public minutes.
111/20	Private Minutes of the FSG held on 17 th June and 1 st July respectively.	Agreed that the private minutes of the meetings held on 17 th June and 1 st July 2020 be confirmed and approved.
Strategy		
112/20	Policy Update - Covid19 – BC LEP Activity and National and Regional Activity	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and steer next steps whilst also noting the following updates provided: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) ERDF Update and Response to COVID19 b) LEP Network – WM Chair meetings Update on meetings c) WMCA Prospectus



		<p>Links to WMCA prospectus on green growth and their 2020 Prospectus for Growth.</p> <p>d) LEP Board Recruitment</p> <p>e) Secretary for State for MHCLG submission and further letter</p> <p>f) Secretary of State MHCLG – Housing and Planning Update</p> <p>g) Further Education Colleges Capital Fund 2020-21 – Secretary of State for Education</p> <p>h) Enterprise Zones.</p>
113/20	Sector Actions Plans - Focus Advanced Manufacturing	<p>Agreed</p> <p>1) that the LEP Board receive the Sector Action plans, noting the detailed update on the Advanced Manufacturing Centre; and</p> <p>2) Note that there would be a focus on the other Sector Actions Plans over the forthcoming meetings.</p>
114/20	Black Country Economic Recovery Prospectus	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive the Black Country Recovery Prospectus and note that feedback should be submitted direct to the Secretariat.</p>
115/20	Energy Decarbonisation Presentation	<p>Agreed that the Energy Decarbonisation update be received and noted.</p>
Delivery Decisions		
116/20	Risk Register – Covid19 Programme Risk update	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board received and noted the Risk Register to include the Covid19 Programme Risk update.</p>
117/20	<p>Local Programmes – Dashboards</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Deal In Flight Current Financial Year • Growth Deal Future Years • Black Country Pipeline • Land and Property Investment Fund • Growing Places • Enterprise Zones 	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board received and noted the Local Programmes Dashboards.</p>
118/20	Local Growth Fund - Very Light Rail Test Track 1	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <p>1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the 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</p>



		<p>Light Rail and Autonomous Technologies – Test Track project with delivery to continue in the 2020/21 financial year.</p> <p>2) Notes that this additional funding request relates to the funding request detailed in the report.</p>
<p>Delivery Information</p>		
<p>119/20</p>	<p>Date of Future Meetings – LEP Board – 24th August 2020</p>	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board note the date of the next meeting – 24th August 2020.</p>