

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday 19th October 2020 at 3.00pm
Microsoft Teams

Public Decision Notice

Minute No.	Item	Decision
		<p>Tom Westley, Cllr. Ian Brookfield, Paul Brown, Kevin Davis, Rachel Eade, Simon Eastwood, Cherry Elliott, Lindsey Flynn, Chris Handy, Ninder Johal, Cllr Danny Millard, Prof Nazira Karodia, Prof Geoff Layer, Jatinder Sharma, Amanda Tomlinson and Cllr. David Vickers.</p> <p>Apologies – Councillors Adrian Andrew, Mike Bird, Maria Crompton and Patrick Harley.</p> <p>Officers BCC Ltd Sarah Middleton Delma Dwight Katherine Birch Lara Smith Jaspal Sohal Kevin O’Keefe – Dudley MBC Stuart Everton – BCTD Richard Lawrence – CWC Deborah Hindson – Section 151 officer (Walsall MBC) Kelly Valente – Accountable Body Alison Guerra – Accountable Body</p>
Governance		
161/20	<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>Simon Eastwood – declared his non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 177/20 – Local Growth Fund – Birchley Island Site Assembly Project and reserved his right to speak vote thereon.</p>



162/20	Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 21 st September 2020	<p>Agreed That the public minutes of the LEP Board meeting held on 21st September 2020 be confirmed and approved.</p>
163/20	<p>LEP Board – Appointments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Board Diversity Champion • Town Boards – confirmation of LEP representation 	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) appoint Ninder Johal as the Board Diversity Champion; and 2) confirm the following appointments to the following Towns Boards: - Ninder Johal – City of Wolverhampton Amanda Tomlinson – Dudley MBC Prof Geoff Layer – Sandwell MBC Kevin Davis – Walsall MBC
164/20	<p>Policy Update</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a) BEIS – Mid-Year Review b) Freeports – Outcome of Consultation c) Assurance Framework Exemptions – extension of Board membership <p>EIU a) Economic Dashboard</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) That the LEP Board note the and comments on the BEIS Mid-Year Review and Freeports outcome of consultation; and 2) That the LEP Board confirm the extension of Board tenures for the following four Board Members, Paul Brown, Simon Eastwood, Chris Handy and Ninder Johal through to 31st December 2020, subject to the clarification in respect of the Exemptions to the Assurance Framework.
165/20	Growth Hub – Dashboard	<p>Agreed That the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Note the proliferation of new business support schemes into an already congested marketplace; 2) Note the pressure local authority teams were under regarding the small business rate relief, discretionary grants and local lockdown grants; 3) Recommend to the Black Country local authorities' marketing, skills and economic development teams to direct their business enquiries to the Black Country Growth Hub.



166/20	Black Country Strategic Economic Plan Supplemental Deed of Variation to BCJC Collaboration Agreement Approval	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) approves the Supplemental Deed of Variation Relating to the Collaboration Agreement in Relation to the Black Country Executive Joint Committee City Deal and Growth Deal dated the 7 May 2014, at Appendix A to this report and in doing so, approves the Governance Principles: Enterprise Zones (at Appendix B). 2) approves the Black Country Consortium Limited (BCC) to enter into the Supplemental Deed of Variation.
167/20	LEP Funding Report 2020/21	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) approve the LEP Core & Strategic funding expenditure, and the LEP Review and LIS Implementation funding expenditure as at 30th June 2020; and 2) approve the appointment of Shared Intelligence to act as a consultant to lead on the BCC Limited review.
168/20	Draft Employment & Skills Theme Advisory Board – 1 st September 2020	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the draft minutes of the Employment & Skills Board held on 1st September 2020.</p>
169/20	PR and Communications Report (Information)	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the updates provided.</p>
170/20	Exclusion of the Press and Public: -	<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>
171/20	Private Minutes of the BC LEP Board held on 21 st September 2020	<p>Agreed that the private minutes of the LEP Board meeting held on 21st September 2020 be confirmed and approved.</p>



172/20	Private Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 7 th October 2020.	Agreed that the private minutes of the meetings of the Funding Sub-Group, held on 7 th October 2020, be confirmed and approved.
Strategy		
173/20	Information Policy Update – a) BCC Ltd Review b) Atomic Energy c) Midland Engine LEP Chairs meeting	Agreed that the LEP Board note and comment the three updates.
174/20	Black Country Economic Impact of COVID-19 on Places	Agreed That the LEP Board note the spatial insight and emerging actions to support the Black Country and that the challenge and suggestions about the emerging proposals coming forward detailed above be actioned.
Delivery Decisions		
175/20	Risk Register – Covid19 Programme Risk update	Agreed that the BC LEP Board receive and note the Risk Register update.
176/20	Local Programmes – Dashboards	Agreed that the BC LEP Board receive and note the following Dashboards: - <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
177/20	Local Growth Fund – Birchley Island Site Assembly Project	That the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Birchley Island Site Assembly project up to the amount detailed in the private report, with delivery to commence and be fully spent in the 2020/21 financial year, subject to the following conditions, as a result of the Growth Deal programme ending on 31 st March 2021: - <p>(1) Sandwell Council must enter a grant agreement with the Accountable body within 3 months of a Black Country Joint Committee approval; and</p>



		<p>(2) Costs must be expended by 31st March 2021, and claims submitted for expenditure incurred up to 31st March 2021 submitted no later than 30th June 2021.</p> <p>(NB Simon Eastwood – declared his non-pecuniary interest in Minute No. 177/20 – Local Growth Fund – Birchley Island Site Assembly Project and reserved his right to speak vote thereon.</p>
<p>Delivery Information</p>		
178/20	Date of Future Meetings –	<p>Agreed that the BC LEP Board note the next meeting would be held on 23rd November 2020.</p>

The meeting closed at 4.40pm