

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday 22nd June 2020 at 3.00pm

PRIVATE DECISION NOTICE

Minute No	Item	Decision
	Present	<p>Tom Westley, Cllr. Adrian Andrew, Cllr. Ian Brookfield, Paul Brown, Cllr. Yvonne Davies, Kevin Davis, Rachel Eade, Simon Eastwood, Cherry Elliott, Lindsey Flynn, Chris Handy, Cllr. Patrick Harley, Ninder Johal, Prof Nazira Karodia, Prof Geoff Layer, Jatinder Sharma, Amanda Tomlinson.</p> <p>Observer – Cllr. Brian Edwards – Leader South Staffs</p> <p>Chief Executive – Kevin O’Keefe, DMBC and David Stevens, SMBC</p> <p>Apologies – Councillor Mike Bird.</p> <p>Officers Sarah Middleton BCC Ltd Delma Dwight BCC Ltd Ian Carey BCC Ltd Katherine Birch BCC Ltd Lara Smith BCC Ltd Jaspal Sohal BCC Ltd Richard Lawrence – CWC Helen Martin – DMBC Kelly Valente – Accountable Body</p>
Governance		
82/20	<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>	The Chair advised of his non-pecuniary interest in Dudley College.
83/20	Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 18 th May	The Chair advised that at the last meeting the Year End changes were submitted in the list that is appended to these minutes. Whilst these were approved, the BC Executive Joint Committee



Secretariat had asked that the following ten be specifically approve, as they related to the Projects that exceeded the 10% variation and to ensure clarity needed to be recorded as individual decisions.

Agreed

- a) That the Board confirm and approve the public minutes of the BC LEP Board meeting held on 18th May 2020.
- b) That in Minute No. 68/20 be amended to read (amendments In bold) –

“**Agreed** that the LEP Board

- 1) approves Walsall Council **as the Single Accountable Body for the LEP**, to receive £328,000 from the Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy to fund the Black Country Growth Hub from 1st April 2020 to 31st March 2021; and
- 2) approves the **Walsall Council, as the Single Accountable Body** for the Growth Deal to proceed to a Grant Agreement to the value of £328,000, with the Black Country Consortium Ltd to deliver the Black Country Growth Hub Funding for 2020/2021.”

- c) That the following Year End Changes that exceed the 10% variation, as outlined in the Assurance Framework be approved: -

i) i9 Wolverhampton Interchange

Grant allocation	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£0	£936,214	£3,061,453	£3,997,667
Requested Re-Profile	£0	£755,280	£3,242,387	£3,997,667

ii) Halesowen College – Business and Management Construction Centre

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£176,565	£3,535,535	£2,220,000	£5,932,100
Requested Re-Profile	£176,565	£2,895,209	£2,860,326	£5,932,100

iii) Hatherton Street Phase 2

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£0	£799,819	£0	£799,819
Requested Re-Profile	£0	£384,611	£239,967	£624,578

iv) National Brownfield Institute SEED Funding

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£0	£500,000	£0	£500,000
Requested Re-Profile	£0	£0	£500,000	£500,000

v) Springfield Campus Phase 1 Remediation & Infrastructure

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£3,056,044	£1,363,956	£0	£4,420,000
Requested Re-Profile	£3,056,044	£0	£1,363,956	£4,420,000

vi) Black Country Living Museum: Forging Ahead

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£0	£2,630,000	£6,370,000	£9,000,000
Requested Re-Profile	£0	£1,075,586	£7,924,414	£9,000,000

vii) Very Light Rail Test Track 1

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£0	£4,379,534	£0	£4,379,534
Requested Re-Profile	£0	£0	£3,900,114	£3,900,114

viii) Mill Lane Bridge GRIP 3 Study & Aldridge Line Aqueduct

Funding Source	2017/18	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£120,000	£95,750	£81,750	£0	£297,500
Requested Re-Profile	£120,000	£95,750	£0	£81,750	£297,500

ix) Phoenix 10

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£1,222,042	£722,680	£0	£1,944,722
Requested Re-Profile	£1,222,042	£122,963	£599,717	£1,944,722

x) MRN Development Funding

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£0	£250,000	£0	£250,000
Requested Re-Profile	£0	£80,600	£169,400	£250,000

xi) Ultra-Low EV Transport Development

Funding Source	2018/19	2019/20	2020/21	Total
Current Profile	£0	£130,000	£0	£130,000
Requested Re-Profile	£0	£25,320	£104,680	£130,000

xii) Wolverhampton Civic Halls

Output	Jobs	Apprenticeships	Business Assists	Learner Assists
Current Profile	67	13	85	2,730
Requested Re-Profile	67	13	85	1,500

xiii) Growing Priority Sectors

Output	Jobs	Apprenticeships	Business Assists	Learner Assists	Commercial Floorspace (sqm)
Current Profile	800	45	48	14	13041
Requested Re-Profile	800	45	48	14	5796

Grant allocation	2018/19	2019/20	Total
Current Profile	£3,155,352	574,771	8,228,265
Requested Re-Profile	3,155,352	530,163	8,183,656

84/20	Revision to Growth Hub Governance	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the streamlining approach with the BC Growth Hub reporting directly to the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board; 2) Note that there will no longer be a requirement for the Strategic Growth Hub Board; and 3) Approve that Economic Development Group and Business Voice Advisory Group be established, each of which will report directly through to the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board; and 4) Note that Full Terms of Reference for each group are currently under development and will be agreed at a future point), which will sit under the Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board.
85/20	LEP Core and Strategic Funding Report	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the LEP funding and expenditure position as at 31st March 2020. 2) Approve the balances on the LEP Core funding and Strategic Core funding that are available to carry forwards into 2020/21. 3) Approve the delegation and approval level of LEP Funding expenditure to sit with BCC CEO and to mirror the procurement policy of BCC Limited, that is £35,000
86/20	Land and Property Investment Fund - LPIF Narrowboat Way	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Black Country Land and Property Investment Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Blackacres Properties Ltd to deliver the Land and Property Investment Fund (LPIF) funded elements of the Narrowboat Way Site Investigation Project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year; and 2) Notes that there was a project underspend of £6,402.18
87/20	Draft Place Making and Land Theme Advisory Board – 11th February 2020	<p>Agreed that the draft minutes of the meeting noted the Place Making and Land Theme Advisory Board held on 11th February 2020.</p>



88/20	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> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - a) YMCA Cleveland Road; b) Hub To Home Transport Innovation Centre And Test Track Project: Very Light Rail And Autonomous Technologies – Test Track – Project Change Request; c) Birchley Island Development Phase – Project Change Request; and d) i54 Western Extension.
89/20	PR and Communications Report (Information)	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board note the report, to include the request to share the PR and Communications updates to their respective networks in order to increase the profile of LEP activity.</p>
90/20	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>
91/20	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 18 th May 2020.	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the private minutes of the meeting held on 18th May 2020.</p>
92/20	LEP Policy Away Day Note – 2 nd June 2020	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the notes of the LEP Policy Away Day held on 2nd June 2020.</p>
Strategy		
93/20	<p>Covid19 – BC LEP Activity and National and Regional Activity</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) LEP Network – WM Chair meetings b) Ministers Roundtable – 28th May 2020 <p><i>Small number of slides will be shared to highlight what we understand the CA submitted; what the BC submitted to MHCLG;</i></p>	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and steer next steps whilst also noting the following updates provided via this report: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Ministerial Round Table – 28th May 2020 b) The LEP Network – WM LEP Chairs Meetings c) Secretary of State MHCLG – Letter and Response d) BC Covid19 – Economic Impact e) BC Furlough Data f) BC Claimant data – 16th June 2020



	<p><i>and an update on BC Energy Capital.</i></p> <p>c) Secretary of State MHCLG – Letter and response d) EIU Intelligence Update BC Covid19 Economic Impact e) BC Furlough Data f) BC Claimant Data -16th June 2020</p>	
94/20	Black Country Recovery Prospectus	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Note the Draft Black Country Recovery Prospectus; and 2) Note the list of projects by theme, submitted through to BEIS for consideration following receipt of the Minister for Housing, Communities and Local Government.
Delivery Decisions		
95/20	Risk Register – Covid19 Programme Risk update	Agreed that the verbal update be noted.
96/20	Local Programmes – Dashboards	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board receive and note the following 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
97/20	Local Growth Fund - Sandwell Aquatic	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) 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 Sandwell Aquatic Centre Infrastructure Phase 1 project with delivery to commence in the 2020/21 financial year; and 2) Note that the Sandwell Metropolitan Borough Council (SMBC), request was detailed in the private report of Grant Funding from the Black Country LEP to assist in the delivery of the Sandwell Aquatics Centre.
Delivery Information		



98/20	Date of Future Meetings – LEP Board – 13th July 2020	Agreed that the LEP Board note the following date of the next meeting, 13th July 2020.
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