

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

**Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 at 3.00pm**  
**The Hub, Walsall College,**  
**Littleton Street West**

**DECISION**

Minute No	Item	Decision
	<b>In attendance</b>	<p>Stewart Towe, Cllr Adrian Andrew, Cllr Ian Brookfield, Kevin Davis, Cllr Yvonne Davies, Prof Jackie Dunne, Simon Eastwood, Cllr Ian Kettle, Prof Geoff Layer, Lindsey Flynn and Tom Westley.</p> <p>Cllr Harman Banger – Cabinet Member for City Economy City of Wolverhampton (East Park Ward)</p> <p><b>Apologies</b> – Paul Brown, Chris Handy, Ninder Johal, Cllr Mike Bird and Cllr Patrick Harley.</p>
145/19	<p><b>Declarations of Interests</b> (relating to this meeting and notification of any changes that require the Declaration of Interest form to be revised.)</p> <p><b>Gift Register</b> - 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>	No declarations made or gifts notified.

146/19	Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019	<b>Agreed</b> that the public minutes of the meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 were received and confirmed as correct.
147/19	<b>Policy Update</b>	<p><b>Agreed</b> that LEP Board the following Policy updates be noted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• LEP Mid-Year Review</li> <li>• Black Country Consortium Ltd Annual General Meeting</li> <li>• Land and Property Investment Fund</li> <li>• Towns Fund</li> <li>• Midlands Engine Strategy</li> <li>• Growth Hubs</li> <li>• New CEO at the LEP Network and revised Network Terms of Reference</li> <li>• Free Ports</li> </ul> <p><b>EIU Statistics</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. <u>Business Start-Up Data, Banksearch</u></li> <li>ii. <u>Diversity and Representation Update</u></li> <li>iii. <u>Additional Innovation Update</u></li> <li>iv. <u>Fuel Poverty, Excess Winter deaths and its causes</u></li> </ol>
148/19	<b>Black Country Brexit Monitor</b>	<p><b>Agreed: -</b></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1) that the Board note the Brexit Monitoring information; and</li> <li>2) that the report be submitted on a quarterly basis.</li> </ol>

149/19	<b>Black Country LEP Board Recruitment – Update</b>	<b>Agreed</b> That the BC LEP Board notes the process being adopted and the steps being taken.
150/19	Project Change Request: Dudley Town Centre Improvement Programme (SEPPL50)	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: 1) Approves the Accountable Body for the 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 Dudley Town Centre Improvement Programme project to enable finalisation of outputs and project closure. 2) Notes that this change request relates to a variance in outputs.
151/19	Black Country Strategic Economic Plan – Growth Deal Project Withdrawal – Chances Glassworks Site Assembly (SEPPL52)	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board: 1) Approves the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to proceed to terminate the existing Grant Agreement with Sandwell Council to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Chances Glassworks Site Assembly project. 2) Instructs the Accountable Body (Walsall Council) to inform Sandwell Council of the decision. 3) Notes the withdrawal for the Chances Glassworks Site Assembly project from within the Growth Deal Programme.

152/19	Local Programmes – Dashboards	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the updates on the following dashboards be noted: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• In flight Current Financial Year</li> <li>• Future Years</li> <li>• Pipeline</li> <li>• LPIF (Public)</li> <li>• Growing Priority Sectors</li> <li>• Growing Places</li> <li>• Enterprise Zones</li> <li>• Transport</li> </ul>
153/19	Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group meeting held on 4th September 2019	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the minutes of the Funding Sub Group held on 4<sup>th</sup> September 2019 were confirmed and approved.</p>
154/19	Draft Competitiveness Theme Advisory Board – 30th May 2019	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note the minutes of the Competitiveness Theme Advisory held on 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019.</p>
155/19	Draft Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board – 12th June 2019	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board note the minutes of the Place Making &amp; Land Theme Advisory held on 12<sup>th</sup> June 2019.</p>
156/19	PR and Communications	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the Board note the PR and Communications update.</p>
157/19	Date of Next Meeting – 21st October 2019	<p><b>Agreed</b> that the Board note the date of the next meeting.</p>

158/19	<p><b>Exclusion of the Press and Public: -</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><b>Agenda</b>          (Not Open to Public and Press)</p> <p><b>Exempt Information</b>          Paragraph 3          Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person</p>	<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>Paragraph 3          Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>
159/19	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 20th August 2019	<b>Agreed</b> that the Private Minutes of the LEP Board meeting held on 20 <sup>th</sup> August 2019 and subject to the amendment to Minute No 142 Local Growth Fund - Very Light Rail Main Scheme detailed above, be received and confirmed as a correct record.
160/19	Risk Register	<b>Agreed</b> that the LEP Board receive and note the Risk Register.
161/19	Local Growth Fund – City Learning Quarter	<b>Agreed</b> that consideration of the City Learning Quarter be deferred.

**End time – 3.55pm**