

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

**Monday 20th January 2020 commenced at 3.00pm
At NMC, 47 Birmingham Road, West Bromwich B70 6PY**

DECISION NOTICE

Minute No.	Item	
	In attendance	<p>Stewart Towe (Chair), Cllr Ian Brookfield, Paul Brown, Kevin Davis, Rachel Eade, Simon Eastwood, Lindsey Flynn, Chris Handy, Ninder Johal, Prof Geoff Layer, Cllr Danny Millard, Jatinder Sharma, Amanda Tomlinson, Cllr David Vickers, Tom Westley and Deborah Williams.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllrs. Adrian Andrew, Mike Bird, Yvonne Davies and Patrick Harley and Prof Jackie Dunne and Cherry Elliott.</p>
1/20	Declarations of Interests, etc.	Agreed that it was noted that no declarations were made.
2/20	Minutes of the LEP Board held on 18th November 2019	Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 18 th November 2019 be confirmed and approved.
3/20	Black Country LEP Assurance Framework – Approval of Revised Assurance Framework	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the revised Black Country LEP Assurance Framework, following the implementation requirements of the new National Local Growth Assurance Framework, and the programme of continuous improvement to further enhance the Black Country LEP governance and transparency above and beyond published government standards, with changes included in the above table; and

		2) Notes that, as a “live” document, further revisions will be submitted as required.
4/20	Collaboration Agreement – Black Country Local Authorities and BC LEP	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the proposed amendments, as and referenced at 3.6.1 – 3.6.8 of the report, to the Collaboration Agreement, included in the Appendices Pack, covering the widening of the scope of the Black Country Executive Joint Committee, its roles and responsibilities, and the Constitution and Terms of Reference; and 2) Approves the removal of the references to “application is greater than £150,000 you are required to provide security to the Council”, within the appendices to the Collaboration Agreement; and 3) Notes that the Council will require security to be provided, irrespective of the level of funding application sought and this will be referenced in the revised appendices.
5/20	Policy Update	<p>The meeting received updates on the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Black Country Members of Parliament • LEP Board – Progress on Recruitment of Chair • BC LEP Away Day • New Government Announcements • WMCA – Climate Change Consultation document <p>Economic Intelligence Unit (EIU) Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Apprenticeship Starts • Gross Added Value and Gross Domestic Product <p>Agreed that the LEP Board -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) note and receive the respective Policy updates;

		<p>2) receive the EIU statistics earlier, so that the officers have prior notification of any additional asks; and</p> <p>3) that the EIU undertake a “deep dive” into the sport sector.</p>
6/20	Black Country Local Industrial Strategy Implementation	<p>Agreed</p> <p>1) That the Board note the current priority pipeline ‘asks’ in the Black Country Implementation Plan; and</p> <p>2) That the West Midlands Growth Company be invited to the next Board meeting to provide an update on investment activity being undertaken in the Black Country and the wider West Midlands.</p>
7/20	Local Programmes – Dashboards	<p>The meeting received an update on the following: -</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</p> <p>1) that the LEP Board note and receive the respective updates; and</p> <p>2) that the LEP Board receive case studies of success stories arising from LEP Board funding interventions.</p>
8/20	Growing Places – Daisy Bank – Site Investigation	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <p>1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growing Places Fund (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the funded elements of</p>

		<p>the Daisy Bank Site Investigation project to enable finalisation of outputs and project closure; and</p> <p>2) Notes that this change request relates to an underspend of £3,005.</p>
9/20	Growing Places – Wolverhampton Environment Centre – Site Investigation	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <p>1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growing Places (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council, to deliver the funded elements of the Wolverhampton Environment Centre Site Investigation project to enable finalisation of outputs and project closure.</p> <p>2) Notes that this change request relates to an underspend of £2,323.</p>
10/20	Draft Minutes of the Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board – 21st November 2019	<p>Agreed that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board held on 21st November 2019 be received and noted.</p>
11/20	Draft Minutes of the Active Black Country Partnership Board – 27th November 2019	<p>Agreed that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board held on 27th November be received and noted.</p>
12/20	PR and Communications	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board note the update.</p>
13/20	Date of Next meeting	<p>Agreed that the date of the next meeting on 24th February 2020 be noted.</p>
14/20	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	<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>Government Act 1972 for the reasons stated on the agenda’.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Agenda</p> <p style="text-align: center;">(Not Open to Public and Press)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Exempt Information</p> <p>Paragraph 3</p>	<p>Paragraph 3</p> <p>Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).</p>
15/20	<p>Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 18th November 2019</p>	<p>Agreed that the private minutes of the meeting held on 18th November 2019 be received and confirmed and approved.</p>
16/20	<p>Private Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group meeting held on 16th December 2019</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that, subject to the amendments detailed at Minute 184/19 and 185/19, the private minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 16th December 2019 be confirmed and approved; and 2) that the minutes as revised be submitted to the next meeting of the Funding Sub-Group to be held on 5th February 2020; 3) that the clarification on Minute 187/19 be noted and reported through to the Funding Sub-Group; and 4) that the comments received in respect of Birchley Island be noted.
17/20	<p>Local Growth Fund – i9 Change Request</p>	<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 amending the Grant Agreement with Ion Projects Ltd, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the i9 Wolverhampton project from within the Growth Deal Programme. 2) Notes that this change request relates to a revised financial spend profile over the project lifecycle, with no change to the overall allocation.



18/20	Risk Register	Agreed 1) that the Risk Register and the respective risks be received and noted; and 2) that the LEP Board note a final draft would be submitted to the February meeting.
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The meeting closed at 16.40 hours