

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Monday 18th November 2019 at 3pm
At NMC, 47 Birmingham Rd, West Bromwich B70 6PY

DECISION NOTICE

| Minute No. | Item | |
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| | In attendance | <p>Chris Handy (in the Chair), Cllr Adrian Andrew, Cllr Ian Brookfield, Paul Brown, Kevin Davis, Cllr Yvonne Davies, Prof Jackie Dunne, Rachel Eade, Simon Eastwood, Cherry Elliott, Lindsey Flynn, Ninder Johal, Cllr. Ian Kettle, Prof Geoff Layer, Jatinder Sharma, Amanda Tomlinson, Tom Westley and Deborah Williams.</p> <p>Apologies: Cllrs. Mike Bird and Patrick Harley and Stewart Towe</p> |
| 182/19 | Declarations of Interests, etc. | <p>186/19 Local Growth Fund – Bilston Urban Village East – Site Investigation</p> <p>Simon Eastwood, Chris Handy and Ninder Johal, as Members of the Accord Group Board, declared their respective interest in the application, took no part in the consideration or voting thereon and left the room during the consideration.</p> <p>Dudley College Institute of Technology – Tom Westley declared his interest as a Board Member insofar as any item might relate to the College. There were no items on the Agenda.</p> <p>Agreed that the respective Declarations be noted.</p> |

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| 183/19 | Minutes of the LEP Board held on 21st October 2019 | Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2019 be confirmed and approved. |
| 184/19 | Policy Update | <p>The meeting received updates on the following: -</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • LEP Board – Progress on Recruitment of Chair • Towns Fund Prospectus • BC LEP December Away Day • West Midlands Creative Scale Up Programme • Midlands Engine Investment Fund • UK-China Leaders’ Summit <p>EIU Statistics</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Earnings • Exports <p>Agreed that the LEP Board note and receive the respective Policy updates.</p> |
| 185/19 | 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 that the LEP Board note and receive the respective updates.</p> |
| 186/19 | Local Growth Fund – Bilston Urban Village East – Site Investigation | <p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <p>a) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council from £69,059 to 58,225 and revised leverage from £44,000 to £37,097, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the</p> |

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| | | <p>Bilston Urban Village East Site Investigation project to enable finalisation of outputs and project closure; and</p> <p>b) Note that there was a positive outcome of an underspend on the Site Investigation. The LEP funds were underspent by £10,834 and the applicant's leverage reduced by a further £6,903.</p> <p>(NB</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Simon Eastwood, Chris Handy and Ninder Johal, as Members of the Accord Group Board, declared their respective interest in the application, took no part in the consideration or voting thereon and left the room during the consideration; and 2) Lindsey Flynn took the Chair during the consideration of this item.) |
| 187/19 | Minutes of the Employment & Skills Theme Advisory Board – 10th September 2019 | Agreed that the minutes of the meeting of the Employment & Skills Theme Advisory Board held on 10th September 2019 be received and noted. |
| 188/19 | Draft Minutes of the Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board – 18th September 2019 | Agreed that the draft minutes of the meeting of the Place Making & Land Theme Advisory Board held on 18th September 2019 be received and noted. |
| 189/19 | PR and Communications | Agreed that the LEP Board note the update. |
| 190/19 | Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 21st October 2019 | Agreed that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st October 2019 be received and confirmed and approved. |
| 191/19 | Local Industrial Strategy – update | Agreed That the LEP Board: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Considered the wider mid-year economic review and potential challenges that these will have on |

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| | | <p>the implementation of the Local Industrial Strategy and endorse the approaches being taken to mitigate;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> b. Discussed the emerging approach being taken to the Future of Mobility new opportunity and the related auto sector action plan; c. Discussed early emerging thinking on the future of business growth support in the West Midlands, looking ahead to future funding; d. Agreed to the the more detailed approach being taken to implementation and delivery, set out in the report; e. note progress being made and note emerging future funding asks of Government; and f. Agreed the next steps on engagement and communication. |
| 192/19 | Private Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group meeting held on 6th November 2019 | Agreed that, subject to the amendment detailed above, the private minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 6 th November 2019 be confirmed and approved. |
| 193/19 | Local Growth Fund - City Learning Quarter – Site Investigation | <p>Agreed that the LEP Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> a) Approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to amending the Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council for an additional £88,025, (the original grant award of £120,000 allocated to the city centre campus) to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF), funded elements of the City Learning Quarter Site Investigation project with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year. b) Notes that the additional funding request relates to the Bilston Campus and is to be underwritten by |

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| | | Wolverhampton City Council. Any Site Investigation funds will be considered revenue and are subject to standard clawback conditions, until such time as a capital scheme is delivered. |
| 194/19 | Local Growth Fund - Local Growth Deal Changes to The Growth Deal Programme – Approval of the 2018/19 Year End Position | <p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <p>a) approves the current position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all the changes to the Programme (Funding and Outputs) throughout the year and, to maximise the 2018/19 Growth Deal allocation expenditure, requests approval for various changes detailed in the private minutes; and</p> <p>b) note that Sandwell MBC require clarification on the projects detailed in the attachment.</p> |
| 195/19 | Risk Register | <p>Agreed</p> <p>1) that the Risk Register and the respective risks be received and noted;</p> <p>2) that the PMO be requested to develop a scoring matrix, so that the level of risk could be tracked and monitored.</p> |

The meeting closed at 16.20 hours