

BLACK COUNTRY LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP
MEETING OF THE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Tuesday, 20th August 2019 at 3.00pm

PUBLIC DECISION NOTICE

Minute No	Item	Decision
127/19	<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>Chris Handy declared his pecuniary interest in Minute No. 128/19 Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 22nd July 2019, Minute No. 112/19 – Local Growth Fund Phase 2, left the room during consideration of the item and took no part in the voting or consideration thereon.</p> <p>Kevin Davis declared his pecuniary interest in Minute 135/19 PTP Training Project, left the room during consideration of the item and took no part in the voting or consideration thereon.</p> <p>Tom Westley declared his interest in any items pertaining to Dudley College and the Elite Centre for Manufacturing if any matter arose in connection with these.</p>
128/19	<p>Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 22nd July 2019</p>	<p>Agreed</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the minutes of the meeting held on 21st January 2019 were received and confirmed as correct; and 2) That Minute No. 112/19 – Local Growth Fund Phase 2 be confirmed and approved. <p>(Chris Handy declared his pecuniary interest in Minute No. 128/19 Public Minutes of the LEP Board held on 22nd July 2019, Minute No. 112/19 – Local Growth Fund Phase 2, left the room during consideration of the item and took no part in the voting or consideration thereon.)</p>

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129/19	2019-20 – Mid Year Review	Agreed that the LEP Board note the update, to include the provisional date of 5 th September 2019, mid-year review meeting.
130/19	Black Country Social Enterprise Forum	Agreed that the LEP Board: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Nominate Kevin Davis as the Lead BCLEP Member on social mobility, and inclusive growth. 2) In support of the Member, establish a social mobility, and inclusive growth forum to facilitate lead agency outcomes towards a more inclusive economy across the region. 3) In support of the partnership's ambition, encourage specifically, the growth of the social economy through the work of a BCLEP Social Enterprise Task Force. Note proposed approach to establishing a Social Enterprise Taskforce. 4) Support the draft next steps set out in the report.
131/19	LEP Core and Strategic Fund - up to 31 st March 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board: - <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approve the LEP funding and expenditure position as at 31st March 2019. 2) Approve the Programme Office and SEP Proposition Funding expenditure at 31st March 2019. 3) Agree the 2019/20 expenditure and carry forward figures (Core £112,640 and Strategic £97,389). 4) Confirm the approval of the Local Enterprise Partnership Application budget for 2019-20. 5) Agree that Walsall MBC continue to operate as Accountable Body.

132/19	Risk Registers	Agreed that the LEP Board note the report would be held in the private session, to avoid the possible disclosure of exempt information was defined under Schedule 12A to the Local Government Act 1972 - Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
133/19	Local Growth Fund – Year End 2018/19	Agreed that the LEP Board approves of the current position of the Growth Deal Projects, reflecting all 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 appended table.
134/19	Local Growth Fund – Ultra Low EV Transport Development Funding	Agreed that the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with Wolverhampton City Council for £130,000, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the Ultra-low EV Transport Development Funding – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year.
135/19	PTP Training Project	Agreed <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) that the LEP Board approves the Accountable Body for the Growth Deal (Walsall Council) to proceed to a Grant Agreement with PTP Training Ltd for £68,162.50, to deliver the Local Growth Fund (LGF) funded elements of the IT Digital Skills and Innovation project – with delivery to commence in the 2019/20 financial year; and 2) that PTP Training be advised that the grant is subject to the achievement of the agreed outputs, thus, if not achieved, an element of clawback of grant would be applied.

		(NB Kevin Davis declared his pecuniary interest in Minute 135/19 PTP Training Project, left the room during consideration of the item and took no part in the voting or consideration thereon.)
136/19	Local Programmes – Dashboard	Agreed that the LEP Board note the updates on the following dashboards: - <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In flight Current Financial Year • Future Years • Pipeline • LPIF • Growing Places • Enterprise Zones • Transport
137/19	Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 7 th August 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the minutes of the meeting held on 7 th August 2019.
138/19	Date of Next meeting	Agreed that the LEP Board to note that the next meetings would be held on Monday, 23 rd September 2019 at Walsall College
139/19	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 Government Act 1972 for the reasons stated on the agenda’. Agenda (Not Open to Public and Press) Exempt Information Paragraph 3	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’ Paragraph 3 Information relating to the financial or business affairs of any particular person (including the authority holding that information).
140/19	Private Minutes of the LEP Board held on 22 nd July 2019	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the private minutes of the LEP Board meeting held on 22 nd July 2019.
141/19	Private Minutes of the Funding Sub-Group held on 7 th August 2019.	Agreed that the LEP Board confirm and approve the private minutes of the meeting held on 7 th August 2019.

142/19	Local Growth Fund – Very Light Rail	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves the Accountable Body for the Local Growth Deal programme (Walsall Council) to proceed to enter into a Grant Agreement and/or other appropriate documentation, with Dudley Council to deliver the Local Growth Deal funded elements of the Very Light Rail Test Track Project, using the Growing Places Fund to support for any Local Growth Deal over-programming required; and 2) Notes that there is work currently ongoing with Dudley Council, the BC LEP and the Accountable Body, to validate the available funds in the Black Country Enterprise Zone, to fund the next phases of the project. 3) Approves, subject to the identification of sufficient funds in the Black Country Enterprise Zone Fund, that this be used to fund the innovation centre element of the project, in accordance with the provisions of the Local Assurance framework.
143/19	Project Change Request – Phoenix 10	<p>Agreed that the LEP Board: -</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Approves that should a surplus in business rates receipts be generated from the Phoenix 10 site, only at the expiry of the Enterprise Zone on 31 March 2038, then this is to be split between Homes England and the Black Country LEP, in proportion to the final investment made by both parties to the project. 2) Approve the approach to the apportionment of project outputs, such that the total constructed employment floorspace is split between Homes England and Black Country LEP, in proportion to final investment in the project. 3) Note that the only direct output of the scheme is land remediated and that the outcomes of the project are indicative at this stage and will be

		determined once occupiers of the development have been identified.
144/19	Risk Register	Agreed 1) That the Risk Registers presented – Land and Property Investment Fund, Local Growth Fund, Growing Places Fund and Very Light Rail – Main Scheme; and 2) Noted that these and other Risk Registers in relation to funding streams, to include Enterprise Zones, would be reported to future Board meetings.

The meeting closed at 4.20pm