

DORSET LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP: BUSINESS GROWTH AND INWARD INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
17 June 2021 - 09.30 AM TO 11.00 AM
Via Microsoft Teams
ACTION & DECISION LOG

PRESENT: John Sutcliffe – Chair (JS), John Beesley (JB), Jayne Codling (JC), Dan Cox (DC), Rob Emony (RE), Mike Gould (MG), Julian Grazebrook (JG), Glyn Hughes (GH), Ian Jones (IJ), Finn Morgan (FM) Geoff Sagar (GS), Jacqui Timms (JT), David Walsh (DW), Sophia Storey (SS)

IN ATTENDANCE: Sergi Martorell (SM), Glass ai, Simon Hooton (SH), Hatch Associates, Amy Spreadbury (AS), Lucy Green (LG), David Mutton (DM), Rebecca Davies (RD)

APOLOGIES: Adrian Trevett (AT), Ian Girling (IG), Nick Gaines (NG),

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1.	Action and Decision log	1.2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Dorset Ambassadors: FM and AS would discuss refining Dorset Ambassador web page and resources. Seek more information and ideas from Ambassadors, develop and report back at next meeting. 	FM and AS	-	In progress
2.	Supply Chain Resilience Study		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Committee members were asked to discuss the findings of the study and consider possible options regarding if and how the study could be taken forward. - SH would share contact details with MG to discuss local challenges in Gillingham. - SH provided an overview of potential options for members of the Committee to consider regarding ways in which the study could be taken forward. - It was agreed that a small working group would be established to review and propose next steps. FM would circulate a call to members of the committee seeking volunteers for the working group. - Proposals would be fed-back to the group via email prior to the next meeting in August. 	SH FM FM	n/a 09/07/2021 19/08/2021	

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3.	DIT Investment Services Team		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RE provided an update to the Committee on Dorset's inward investment figures for 2020/21. RE explained that these figures, which are published at a regional level in terms of data, would be available on 22/06/2021. The Dorset LEP Director and Chair would receive specific details on the number of confirmed projects for the last financial year, but these figures would not be for publishing/sharing more widely. - RE also provided an update on both High Potential Opportunity projects that Dorset was attached to – Sustainable Aquaculture and Marine Autonomy (multi-LEP project). - RE explained that the DIT investment services team has started trailing virtual tours as means to sharing and promoting opportunities within specific areas/regions. RE encourage the Committee to consider and possible sectors that Dorset could showcase. FM would circulate a proposal document to the Committee to consider. 	FM	19/07/2021	
4.	Dorset Business Support		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - DW provided an update on the distribution of the third stream of Additional Restriction Grants (ARG) that they had been administering. As the council has successfully met its target, they were eligible to receive further ARG funding. DW explained that that council had submitted a Community Renewal Fund bid and were aiming to submit a Levelling-Up Fund submission as well. - FM explained that AT had provided an update on their ARG delivery: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Bounce Back Challenge Fund (BBCF) :Over 100 projects will be awarded almost £3m to help BCP's Council's economy bounce back from the pandemic. A full communications campaign will follow with full details of all projects funded. Like Dorset Council, they have delivered BBCF at speed because if they got the funding spent by the end of June then they will be 			

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			<p>eligible to receive some additional funding from government.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ○ Exceptional Circumstances Fund: Over 500 businesses will benefit from this fund. This fund was aimed at businesses that have not had support from previous grant schemes. 			
5.	Forward Plan	4.1	- Noted	-	-	-
6.	Any Other Business	5.1	- Nothing raised	-	-	-