

DORSET LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

26 JULY 2018

10.00 AM TO 12.30 PM AT BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY, BOARDROOM, 5TH FLOOR, POOLE HOUSE, FERN BARROW, POOLE BH12 5BB

MINUTES

Board Attendees:

Andrew Wickham (AW)
Emma Hunt (EH)
Cllr Gary Suttle (GS)
Cllr Janet Walton (JW)
Jim Stewart (JS) (Chair)
Cllr John Beesley (JB)
John Sutcliffe (JSu)
Luke Rake (LR)
Nick Brook (NB)
Nick Gaines (NG)
Cllr Rebecca Knox (RK)
Paul Read (PR)
Richard Smith (RS)
Sara Uzzell (SU)

Also Present:

Alex Crook (AC) (BEIS)
Ben Pledger (BP) (Deputy Director, Cities and Local Growth Unit)
Bill Cotton (BC) (Bournemouth Borough Council)
Bridget Downton (BD) (Purbeck District Council)
Heather Lappin (HL) (Dorset County Council)
Julian McLaughlin (JL) (Borough of Poole)
Kathryn Hill (KH) (Dorset LEP)
Lorna Carver (LC) (Dorset LEP)
Maxine Bodell (MB) (Dorset County Council)
Rob Dunford (RD) (Dorset LEP)

Apologies:

Alison Moore (AM)
Ian Girling (IG)
Jim Andrews (JA)
Kim Slowe (KS)
Nigel Evans (NE)

Presenting

Nigel Jump

Item	Notes and Decisions	Action
1.	<p>Apologies were received for: Alison Moore, Ian Girling, Jim Andrews, Kim Slowe, Nigel Evans</p> <p>Declarations of Interest:</p> <p>JS declared an interest in the Port of Poole project relating to Poole Bridge. PR declared an interest in the Growing Places Fund item. LR declared an interest in the Growing Places Fund item.</p>	
2.	<p>The Minutes were agreed as an accurate reflection of the last meeting.</p> <p>Matters Arising:</p> <p>Item 3.2 - LC updated that an event is being planned for January 2019 with Innovate UK to be held at Bournemouth University.</p> <p>The Board confirmed they were happy to ask Nick Brook and Paul Read to become directors and members of the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership CIC.</p> <p>The Board confirmed they were happy to ask Nick Gaines to become a co-opted director and member of the Dorset Local Enterprise Partnership CIC.</p>	
3.	Strategy	
3.1	<p>Policy Update from Cities and Local Growth Unit</p> <p>Ben Pledger (BP), Deputy Director of the Cities and Local Growth Unit, gave a policy update to the Board. He confirmed that Treasury will underwrite any EU Structural Fund projects signed before we leave the EU and it has now been announced they will extend this to also include from March 2019 to December 2020. LC informed that the full programme for Dorset is circa £43m plus 50% match funding. BP also confirmed that it has been announced that the EU Structural funds will be replaced.</p> <p>Local Industrial Strategy - the next wave of Local Industrial Strategies have been announced. Dorset is not in this wave but it has been confirmed that all areas will have one. It was advised that we keep working on the evidence base and work with businesses. It needs to be long term, focus on productivity and be distinctive.</p> <p>The Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnership Review, has been published. The Director of the Cities and Local Growth Unit will formally write to all LEP Chief Execs</p> <p>Government will convene five working groups to work on each of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Legal Personality Refresh of Assurance Framework Local Industrial Strategy Geography Annual Delivery Plan <p>Each group will be led by a LEP Chair.</p>	

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3.	Strategy Cont'd	
3.1	<p>Policy Update from Cities and Local Growth Unit Cont'd</p> <p>Action: JS advised that before responding to Government he will engage with the Local Authorities and private sector Board Members to get their views.</p> <p>It was explained that the new UK Shared Prosperity Fund is likely to be a mix of capital and revenue funding. As part of the consultation on the UK Shared Prosperity there is an event taking place in September in Bristol and LC will be attending.</p>	JS
3.2	<p>Overview of Strategy Approach</p> <p>JS informed the Board that he has met with other LEP Chief Execs and also attended a meeting with the Prime Minister and it was reassuring to hear how important LEPs are to inform the industrial strategy going forward. We need to have a local industrial strategy in place by early 2020.</p> <p>JS and LC have also spoken to the local authorities, businesses and met with local MPs. They are engaging everyone in the process. The local industrial strategy includes a raft of different approaches.</p>	
3.3	<p>Dorset Strategic Narrative by Metro-Dynamics</p> <p>The Statement of Intent prepared by Metro-Dynamics was discussed.</p> <p>LC informed that there are 7 or 8 separate documents being prepared, so when ready to go for local industrial strategy we have the documents in place.</p> <p>The Statement of Intent is approved subject to any changes that can be made over the next week. This document needs to go to print at the end of next week.</p> <p>Action: The Board to send LC any comments on the Statement of Intent by 2 August.</p> <p>Action: The Board to let LC know of anyone else you would like her to speak to about the Statement of Intent by 1 August.</p> <p>Action: To circulate the final draft for 24 hours before going to the printers.</p>	<p>All</p> <p>All</p> <p>LC</p>
3.4	<p>Dorset's Economic Ambition</p> <p>NJ gave a presentation on Dorset's economy.</p> <p>A discussion took place following the presentation. Brexit and helping business export was discussed and it was mentioned that it was just as important being part of the supply chain as looking for new markets.</p> <p>The perception of Dorset's was discussed and that it was something we are constantly fighting against.</p> <p>Skills were discussed and the issue of people retiring, with knowledge and expertise and how businesses retain the skills and experience.</p>	

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3.	Strategy Cont'd	
3.4	<p>Dorset's Economic Ambition</p> <p>When you talk to local businesses they will always talk about the roads but also that they cannot get the right skills. There is also a link to housing, or the issue of people being able to afford to live here. Dorset has South East house prices but South West wages.</p> <p>LC explained that Dorset has huge ambition and there is an opportunity to tell Government. Dorset has not made clear to London and rest of the world all that we do.</p>	
3.5	<p>Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnership Review</p> <p>The Review was discussed and JS advised that he will arrange meetings between now and early September with Board Members to discuss this review.</p> <p>The Board approved the recommendations in the paper:</p> <p>LEP board to delegate authority to the Chair to drive forward the recommendations as detailed within the Strengthened Local Enterprise Partnership review to enable delivery at pace.</p>	
4.	Delivery	
4.1	<p>Delivery Update (Confidential - Commercially Sensitive)</p> <p>RD gave an update on delivery.</p>	
5.	Governance	
5.1	<p>Budget (Confidential - Commercially Sensitive)</p> <p>LC spoke about the budget and explained all the additional pages now included in the report.</p>	
5.2	<p>Governance Update</p> <p>LC spoke to the paper and explained that everything required to be done by the Mary Ney review has been completed and actioned.</p> <p>The Board approved the recommendations in the paper:</p> <p>Dorset LEP Board to endorse the enhanced levels of transparency to the public on our delivery, which is in addition to the level required by Mary Ney recommendations.</p>	
6.	Papers for Information	
6.1	<p>Sub Group Updates (Some papers are Commercial in Confidence - Board Members Only)</p> <p>The Board noted the papers from the Sub Groups.</p> <p>Dorset Tourism Association - RS informed the Board that he had received a paper from the Dorchester Museum explaining that the Dippy exhibit had added an additional £2m to the Dorchester economy.</p>	

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6.	Papers for Information	
6.2	Partnership Working The Board noted the paper.	
6.	Papers for Information Cont'd	
6.3	Communications Update The Board noted the paper.	
7.	Any Other Business	
	Confidentiality of LEP Board Papers Due to the risks with cyber security and GDPR, it is considered best practice to protect confidential information sent through email, as this is not secure. The Board noted that, from 1 August, LEP Board papers will be password protected.	

Note: Date of Next Meeting - 25 September at Atlas Elektronik