

MINUTES

DORSET LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP

BUSINESS GROWTH AND INWARD INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING

11 SEPTEMBER 2019 - 09.30 AM TO 11.00 AM

BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY, ROOM F206, 2ND FLOOR, FUSION BUILDING, TALBOT CAMPUS

Board Attendees:

Ian Gilrling, Dorset Chamber of Commerce and Industry (IG)
 Nick Gaines, Ultra Electronics (NG)

Also Present:

Finn Morgan, Dorset Gateway and Business Engagement Manager (FM)

Invited attendees

Sandra Rothwell, Cconsultant (SR)
 Ian Gent, Consultant (IG)

Apologies:

Arabella Lewis-Smith, Salad Creative
 John Sutcliffe, Sutcliffe Marine Innovation
 Cllr Mark Howell, BCP Council

Item	Terms of Reference	Action
1	Members of the Committee were asked to consider the terms of reference for the Committee and make any suggested amendments.	No actions
2	Dorset's Local Industrial Strategy	
	<p>SR presented an overview of the high level data that has been gathered to date as part of the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) process. Members of the Committee were also invited to discuss how we might develop a broader internationalisation strategy for the region as part of the implementation of the LIS.</p> <p>The key areas that were discussed included:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The need to make the LIS and activities relevant to both 'core growth clusters' as well as tackling the long tail of low productivity. • Addressing the challenges facing the micro business community, especially in rural Dorset. • Making innovation and exporting relevant to business growth and development • Simplifying the business support landscape for businesses • Capitalising on the experience and expertise of our retired and ageing population to help advise and support businesses • Having a clear role for LEP and the Committee in coordinating funding and directing activity • Building the quality of local innovation support provision – innovation eco system • Leveraging the opportunity of Anchor organisations to deliver social value and support all elements of LIS • Helping to prepare local businesses for life outside of the EU 	No actions

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Focusing on real target clusters that will help deliver increased business and productivity growth 	
3	Forward Plan	
	<p>Committee members were asked to consider and put forward any suggestions for future agenda items.</p> <p>FM said that he would compile an outline forward plan for discussion at the next meeting in December.</p>	FM to draft an outline Forward Plan
4	Date of next meeting	
	11 th December 2019 – 9:00 – 11:00	