

DORSET LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP: BUSINESS GROWTH AND INWARD INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
11 MARCH 2020 - 09.30 AM TO 11.00 AM
BOURNEMOUTH UNIVERSITY, COMMITTEE ROOM, 5TH FLOOR, POOLE HOUSE, TALBOT CAMPUS

ACTION & DECISION LOG

PRESENT: Jayne Codling (JC), Rob Emony (RE), Ian Girling (IG), Nick Gains (NG), Mark Howell (MH), Glyn Hughes (GH), Ian Jones (IJ), Finn Morgan (FM), David Walsh (DW), Adrian Trevett (AT), & Sophia Story (SS) Michael Straughan (MS)

APOLOGIES: John Sutcliffe – Chair (JS), Arabella Lewis-Smith (ALS), Helen MacSorley (HMS), Geoff Sagar (GS)

Item	Subject/Title	Item ref.	Action/Decision	Owner	Deadline	Progress
1.	Action and Decision log	1.1	No matters arising. Actions agreed.	-	-	-
2.	Purpose and People - Membership - Nomination of a Vice-Chair	2.1	Nomination of a Vice-Chair IG said that he would consider taking-up the post of Vice-Chair of the Committee and would advise FM and JS.	IG	28/05/2020	On agenda
		3.1	Inward Investment: DIT High Potential Opportunity (HPO) Scheme FM provided an update on the government's HPO programme. Dorset secured a successful HPO in round one of the scheme in May 2019 for sustainable aquaculture. Following that success, Dorset was looking to submit a further individual nomination and a multi-LEP nomination as part of HPO round two. RE, SW Partnership Manager for DIT, provided further details about the aims and objectives of the HPO scheme. FM said a further update about the HPO round two submissions would be provided in due course.	FM	28/05/2020	On agenda

- High growth businesses in Dorset	3.2	Inward Investment in Dorset RE, SW Partnership Manager for DIT, provided an update on the process for managing inward investment enquiries. This included a summary of DIT related activity that has taken place over the last 12 months.	-	-	-
	3.3	It was agreed that further consideration needed to be given to what the capacity and capability is locally to facilitate inward investment enquiries, including further investment in support resources. It was also agreed that the Committee needed to look at the structures and processes that support the strategic objectives around how we operate with some metrics attached to the activity of the Committee. This would be considered as part of a broader discussion about the role of the Committee in shaping future investment in this area at the next meeting. Prior to that, it was agreed that NG, IG, JS and FM would meet to develop some options for the Committee to discuss and consider.	FM	28/05/2020	On agenda
	3.4	Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) figures RE presented the FDI figures for Dorset for the last 12 months, benchmarked against previous years and other regions. It was agreed that RE would arrange a call with IG and FM to discuss the role of the DIT Investment Services Team (IST).	RE	28/05/2020	Ongoing
	3.5	European Regional Development Fund (ERDF) at AUB DC provided an overview of the ERDF funding programme being delivered by AUB around 'barriers to growth' and research into accessing private funding.	-	-	-
	3.6	High growth businesses in Dorset FM explained that an external party had been appointed to deliver a scale-up development programme for high growth business in Dorset in 2020/21. FM would provide a further update to the Committee in due course.	FM	28/05/2020	Ongoing

4.	Future Business Forward Plan	4.1	Next meeting The next meeting would take place on 11 th May 2020.	FM	-	Rescheduled to 28/05/20
5.	Any Other Business	5.1	None	-	-	-