

## PERFORMANCE AND INVESTMENT COMMITTEE MINUTES

2 November 2021 (2pm - 4pm) - MS Teams Video Conference

### Committee Attendees:

Nicola Newman (Chair)  
 Rob Mills (RM)  
 Luke Rake (LR)  
 Cllr John Beesley (JB)  
 Dr Phil Richardson (PR)  
 Dr Corrina Osborne (CO)

### Also Present:

Daniela Doncakova (DD)  
 Rebecca Davies (RD)  
 Nimisha Loveridge (NL)  
 Laura Zisa-Swann (LZS)

### Apologies:

Sophia Story (SS)  
 Cllr Drew Mellor (DM)  
 Cllr Spencer Flower (SF)

Item	Apologies and Declarations of Interest	Action
1.	Nicola Newman (NN) chaired the meeting. Apologies were received from Sophia Story (SS), Cllr Drew Mellor (DM) and Cllr Spencer Flower (SF). There were no Declarations of Interest.	
Item	Minutes and Actions from Previous Meetings	Action
2.	All actions from the previous meeting have been addressed and resolved. Minutes from the September 2021 meeting were approved by the Committee.	
Item	Local Growth Fund (LGF) & Getting Building Fund (GBF)	Action
3.	<p><b><u>LOCAL GROWTH FUND</u></b>            DD provided an update on the LGF Programme.</p> <p>54 projects were delivered as part of the Local Growth Fund between 2015 and 2021.</p> <p><b>Note: The Committee noted the Local Growth Fund Programme update.</b></p> <p><b><u>GETTING BUILDING FUND</u></b>            DD provided an update on the GBF Programme. The spend to date was £4.8m.</p> <p><b>Note: The Committee noted the Getting Building Fund financial and programmatic update, including risks identified.</b></p>	
Item	Growing Places Fund (GPF)	Action
4.	<p>DD provided an update on the GPF Programme.</p> <p><b>Note: The Committee noted the Growing Places Fund financial and programmatic update, including risks identified.</b></p>	
Item	Skills - Careers and Enterprise Company - Enterprise Adviser Network and Careers Hub Dorset Gateway Enterprise Zone (EZ)	Action
5.	<p>Papers were noted by the Committee.</p> <p>RD provided highlights on the Skills and Gateway activities.</p> <p><b>Skills:</b>            As the Careers Hub have hit the target of 75 schools, there is funding for two roles. LR is working as the lead of the steering group, engaging collaboration between the Councils, headteachers, and careers leads from across the County.            The Careers Hub is working with a team of Enterprise Coordinators who work closely with the schools. The first update on targets will be available to the Committee in January 2022. The scheme is annually funded from 1 September.</p>	

	<p>A primary element of the Careers Hub is linking every school with a business opportunity; this is achieved through a network of Enterprise Advisers. RD asked whether, through members' networks, people could be identified who would be keen to work in a voluntary capacity with the governing bodies and senior leadership teams of schools, to help inform their careers education and careers advice. The Careers Hub is working with BCP Council for the Careers and Apprenticeship show at the Bournemouth International Centre (BIC) that will take place next year. RD added that it would be helpful to have support from any members' contacts and organisations for this event. PR agreed to assist RD with sharing the information to his networks, and creating links with Siemens, Barclays, and IT industry members, and to be part of the event.</p> <p><b>ACTION: RD to send relevant information to PR to share through social media channels.</b></p> <p>There are structures within the Councils which might be useful to link with, such as the Lead Member for Education (Nicola Green), and lead Member for Levelling Up and Skills (Cllr Toby Johnson). The Careers Hub have a really positive working relationship with the Schools Team at BCP Council, and are working very closely with them on the event and targets for the year, but would appreciate any additional support.</p> <p><b>ACTION: RD to send JB information that can be shared with the Lead Members for Education, Levelling Up and Skills.</b></p> <p><b>Business Gateway:</b>          RD reported that the Dorset Growth Hub is one of 38 funded across the country. The Growth Hub is delivering 20 Peer Networks and this is an increase from last year, based on the excellent delivery of Peer Networks by Dorset LEP. There are currently 14 peer networks being delivered, and a further six to be deliver over the winter for the remainder of the contract.</p> <p>RD asked Committee to share any news published through Dorset Gateway to their networks; the programme looks at business growth and helps to raise prosperity of Dorset; it helps companies to be more resilient, which is a key factor in the current environment. The scheme is aimed at businesses with less than 250 employees (SMEs).</p> <p>Dorset Gateway is working with Department Work &amp; Pensions on the Re-Start programme, a £4.9 billion programme to help people who have been out of work for one year, back into work; through training, personal development, interviews, bespoke service in Dorset. This partnership aims to reduce the unemployment in Dorset. The Welfare Recovery Group, which is part of the Resilience Forum that John Sellgren is the Chair of, is a pan-public sector response to recovery.</p> <p><b>ACTION: RD to contact John Sellgren and explore links with the Welfare Recovery Group.</b></p> <p>DD provided highlights on the Enterprise Zone.</p>	<p>RD</p> <p>RD</p> <p>RD</p>
Item	Any Other Business	Action
6.	<p>The Chair thanked everyone for the impressive work on manging all the programmes and preparation for the Committee meetings. Highlights on the programmes will be provided to the Dorset LEP Board by the Chair.</p>	

**Note: Date of Next Meeting – 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022 14:00 – 16:00**