

# Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

31<sup>st</sup> March 2016 at 14:30 hrs

Committee Room 2, Council House, Birmingham

## PRESENT

<b>Lichfield</b>	Cllr Mike Wilcox (Chair, Voting Member)
<b>Birmingham</b>	Cllr John Clancy (Voting Member)
<b>Bromsgrove</b>	Cllr Margaret Sherrey (Voting Member)
<b>Cannock Chase</b>	Cllr George Adamson (Voting Member)
<b>Redditch</b>	Cllr Bill Hartnett (Voting Member)
<b>Solihull</b>	Cllr Bob Sleigh (Voting Member)
<b>Tamworth</b>	Cllr Steve Claymore (Voting Member)
<b>Wyre Forest</b>	Cllr Marcus Hart (Voting Member)

## APOLOGIES

East Staffordshire	Cllr Richard Grosvenor
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## IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Rogers	Birmingham, Supervisory Board Secretary
Michael Tichford	Cannock Chase, Head of Economic Development
Andy O'Brien	East Staffordshire, CEO
Diane Tilley	Lichfield, CEO
Nick Page	Solihull, CEO
Ian Miller	Wyre Forest, CEO
Lesley Edwards	GBSLEP, Programme Manager
Nick Glover	GBSLEP, Executive Officer
Katie Trout	GBSLEP, Director
Tom Fletcher	GBSLEP, Executive Officer (Support)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence</b>
	<p>Councillor Mike Wilcox, Chair of the Supervisory Board, welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were as noted as above.</p> <p>The Supervisory Board formally noted Cllr John Clancy as Birmingham City Council's representative on the Board, and that Cllr Ian Ward will continue as the Substitute.</p> <p>Councillor Mike Wilcox invited the Board to join him in a moments silence to remember Councillor Darren Cooper, Leader of Sandwell MBC, who recently passed away.</p>

<b>2.</b>	<b>Agree notes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising</b>
	No matters arising from the last meeting that are not on this agenda.
<b>35</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>  i. Agreed the notes of the previous meeting on 10th December 2015.
<b>3.</b>	<b>Ratification of decisions from the last meeting (10th December 2015)</b>
	The Supervisory Board confirmed the ratification of the decisions made at the inquorate meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2015.
<b>36</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>  i Ratified all decisions made at the Supervisory Board meeting held on 10 <sup>th</sup> December 2015.
<b>4.</b>	<b>The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Deal</b>
	<p>Lesley Edwards presented the update report on the Growth Deal, which followed on from an update received at the recent LEP Board meeting. This update included a number of Local Growth Fund (LGF) projects that have had business cases approved since the last meeting.</p> <p>As a further update to the circulated report, the potential underspend that was referenced was fortunately avoided and £43.7m had been spent by the year-end date. Therefore there will not be a need to transfer spend from the Enterprise Zone.</p> <p>Based on current position, it's expected that there is £3.5m unallocated for the 2016/17 financial year. As a result potential pipeline projects that can spend in the financial year will be considered for programme entry, as will existing projects that could utilise the underspend.</p> <p>The Growth Hub has secured funding amounting to just over £1m for the next two years. It is also in the process of submitting an ESIF bid which could take this total pot of funding to £2m for business support.</p> <p>The next LGF Round 3 process will see £1.8bn allocated across 39 LEPs through a competitive bidding process. Further information on the process is expected from Government, but the current expectation is that LEPs will need to put in project specific information, whereas Combined Authority areas can put forward programme level details. The funding in Round 3 is expected to be from 2018/19 onwards.</p>
<b>37</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b>  i Noted the good progress being made in delivering Local Growth Fund in 2015/16 and the projects signed off since the last meeting.  ii Noted the Local Growth Fund award of £49,175,000 for 2016/17.

iii	Noted the next round of the Growth Deal.
iv	Noted the continued progress being made following the launch of the Growth Hub and BIS's continuation of funding over 2016-18 amounting to £1,025,000.
<b>5.</b>	<b>Growth Deal Accountability Framework</b>
	<p>Nick Glover presented the revised Growth Deal Accountability Framework. The Accountability Framework has been amended to reflect the learning over the past twelve months of operation and other recommendations from the Programme Delivery Director.</p> <p>The recent National Audit Office (NAO) review of LEPs also provided some recommendations and required changes that have been reflected in the revision.</p> <p>Department for Business, Innovation and Skills (BIS) have confirmed that they are comfortable with the revisions and the Accountability Framework is now in a position for the Section 151 Officer of the Accountable Body to contact Government to progress.</p>
<b>38</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b>
i	Noted and endorsed the changes made to the Growth Deal Accountability Framework.
ii	Agreed that the revised Accountability Framework is adopted for the management of the Local Growth Fund programme.
iii	Agreed to instruct the Section 151 Officer of the accountable local authority to confirm that the Accountability Framework is compliant with Government requirements.
<b>6.</b>	<b>LEP Executive Structure</b>
	<p>Katie Trout provided a brief overview of the GBSLEP Executive restructure and the motivations for it. The new structure that is currently being consulted on will add nine new posts to the LEP Executive.</p> <p>The new structure will include the use of LGF to fund some posts, along with business rates pool, Core Fund and Capacity Fund. However, there is a funding shortfall and as such an additional contribution from the GBS Business Rates Pool over the next two years was sought from the LEP Board.</p>
<b>39</b>	<b>RESOLVED</b>
i	Noted the progress in developing a new structure for the GBSLEP Executive.
ii	Endorsed the GBSLEP Board's decision to allocate £70k p.a. for two years from its allocation of the retained levy from the GBS Business Rates Pool to support the new structure.

iii	Confirmed the contribution to be made from Wyre Forest District Council to this proposal as the authority is not part of the GBS Pool.
<b>AOB</b>	<b>Date of next meeting</b>
	<p>Thursday 30th June 2016 at 2.30 - 4.30 pm, Committee Room 2, Council House, Birmingham</p> <p>Thursday 28th July 2016 at 2.30 - 4.30 pm, venue TBC</p> <p>Thursday 6th October 2016 at 2.30 - 4.30 pm, venue TBC</p> <p>Thursday 8th December 2016 at 2.30 - 4.30 pm, venue TBC</p>

The meeting closed at 15:00 hrs.

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CHAIRMAN