

Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

Wednesday, 30th July at 15.00hrs – 17.00hrs

Room C, Margaret Street, Birmingham

PRESENT

Birmingham	Councillor Albert Bore (Voting Member)
Bromsgrove	Councillor Mike Webb (Non-voting Member)
Cannock Chase	Councillor George Adamson (Voting Member)
East Staffordshire	Councillor Julian Mott (Voting Member)
Lichfield	Councillor Mike Wilcox (Chair & Voting Member)
Redditch	Councillor Greg Chance (Substitute voting Member)
Solihull	Councillor Bob Sleigh (Voting Member)
Tamworth	Councillor Steve Claymore (Voting Member)
Wyre Forest	Councillor John-Paul Campion (Substitute voting Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Paul Dransfield	Representing the Secretary, Deputy Chief Executive Birmingham City Council
Kevin Dicks	CE of Bromsgrove DC and Redditch BC
Stephen Brown	CE Cannock Chase DC
Andy O'Brien	CE East Staffordshire BC
Richard King	Strategic Director, Lichfield DC
Dean Piper	Head of Economic Development & Regeneration - North Worcs, Wyre Forest DC
Dave Carter	Head of Planning & Growth Strategy, Birmingham City Council
Paul Johnson	Director of Resources, Solihull MBC
Jack Glonek	Birmingham City Council
Andrew Round	Assistant Director Planning & Development
Craig Jordan	Development Executive, Lichfield DC
Katie Trout	LEP Executive Manager, GBSLEP
Jane Ridgley	LEP Executive Officer, GBSLEP

APOLOGIES

Mark Rogers	(Secretary and CE Birmingham City Council)
Councillor Margaret Sherrey	(Voting Member Bromsgrove DC)
Councillor Bill Hartnett	(Vice-Chair & Voting Member Redditch DC)
Andy Street	(GBSLEP Board Chair)
Steve Hollis	(GBSLEP Deputy Board Chair)
Councillor Marcus Hart	(Voting Member Wyre Forest DC)

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence from current Supervisory Board Chair

The Chair noted apologies from Mark Rogers (Secretary), Cllr Margaret Sherrey, Andy Street (GBS LEP Chair), Steve Hollis (GBS LEP Deputy Chair) and Cllr Marcus Hart.

2. Election of Chairman (Elected until Annual Meeting in July 2015)

Nominations for the appointment of a Chairman were sought for the Supervisory Board

12 RESOLVED

Cllr. Mike Wilcox (Lichfield DC) was elected as Chairman until the Annual Meeting in July 2015

3. Election of Vice Chairman

Nominations for the appointment of a Vice-Chairman were sought for the Supervisory Board

13 RESOLVED

Cllr. Bill Hartnett (Redditch BC) was elected as Vice- Chairman until the Annual Meeting in July 2015

4. Apologies for Absence

14 RESOLVED

Noted as above

5. Current Membership & Notification of any Substitute Members

15 RESOLVED

Noted current membership and nominated substitutes of the Supervisory

Board

6. Notification of any Declarations of Interest

16 RESOLVED

No declarations of interest were received.

7. Appointment of Secretary

17 RESOLVED

The Board nominated Mark Rogers (Chief Executive Birmingham City Council) as the Supervisory Board's Secretary.

8. The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Deal

Katie Trout summarised the recommendations outlined in the report. It was raised that the GBSLEP Local Growth Fund allocation was the 4th highest received from Government and it compared well with Greater Manchester, Leeds City Region and the South East when taking into account population. In terms of lessons learned from the process, the importance of ensuring the development of a pipeline of "shovel ready" projects will be critical for securing future allocations.

18 RESOLVED

- i. Endorsed the LEP Board decision on 16th July 2014 to delegate authority to the HS2 Strategic Board to deliver outputs defined in the Growth Deal in relation to the £2.5m revenue fund made available to enable the development of the HS2 strategy and delivery body (or bodies) through appropriate governance arrangements.
- ii. Noted and endorsed the GBS Growth Deal
- iii. Authorised the LEP Board to manage the future development and delivery of the Growth Deal.
- iv. Endorsed the LEP Board decision on 16th July 2014 to delegate authority to the HS2 Strategic Board to deliver outputs defined in the Growth Deal in relation to the £2.5m revenue fund made available to enable the development of the HS2 strategy and delivery body (or bodies) through appropriate governance arrangements.
- v. Agreed to receive regular reports on progress in relation to the delivery of the Growth Deal to ensure clear political accountability and transparency of decision-making for management of the Local Growth Fund.
- vi. Endorsed the LEP Board decision to invite Birmingham City Council Cabinet

to consider becoming Accountable Body for funding received through the Growth Deal.

9. The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Hub

Jack Glonek summarised the recommendations in the report. It was clarified that the full cost could potentially amount to less than the full £200k, as the spend will reflect the required costs to develop the CRM and Knowledge Bank.

19 RESOLVED

Endorsed the LEP Board decision to spend up to £200k Business Rate Pool on initial work to establish the GBS LEP Growth Hub.

10. Revised Enterprise Zone Investment Plan

Andrew Round introduced the item and summarised the recommendations in the report. Since the report was written it has been announced that HS2 HQ will be based in Snowhill resulting in 1500 jobs located there. Andrew summarised key outputs and individual investment proposals detailed in the Investment Plan. Andrew informed that progress will be reported to the Supervisory Board twice a year.

20 RESOLVED

- i. Endorsed the LEP Board decision to approve the revised Enterprise Zone Investment Plan for the period 2013/14 to 2022/23 with an allocation of £275 million.
- ii. Endorsed the LEP Board decision to authorise the Enterprise Zone Executive Board to approve projects requiring Enterprise Zone funding and to make decisions on the priority order for funding for the additional programme. Agreed to receive progress reports on performance.
- iii. Endorsed the LEP Board approval to update the arrangements for Birmingham City Council to act as Accountable Body for the Enterprise Zone in light of the revised Investment Plan.

11. Strategic Housing Needs Assessment

Dave Carter introduced the item, recommendation 5 has changed from the earlier version of the report, these recommendations were then summarised. It was emphasised that local planning authorities will still retain sovereign decision making in relation to planning.

21 RESOLVED

- i. Noted the outcome of the interim report stage of the Strategic Housing Needs Study.

- ii. Endorsed the LEP Board decision of 16 July 2014 to agree the brief for Stage 3 of the Strategic Housing Needs Study as set out in paragraphs 4.5 to 4.11 of the report.
- iii. Noted the arrangements for a briefing meeting for other local authorities and a workshop for partner organisations.
- iv. Agreed that any minor revisions to the brief as a consequence of the workshop with partner organisations on 31 July be delegated to the GBSLEP Chair, Lead Board Member and Supervisory Board Chair in liaison with the Chairman of the Black Country Joint Committee and otherwise to the full Supervisory Board, electronically if needed for speed of decision-making.
- v. Agreed that the final consultants' report and consequential preferred scenario be considered initially in private by GBSLEP Leaders and Chief Executives prior to any public reporting.

The meeting closed at 15:35 hrs.

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CHAIRMAN