

Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

Tuesday, 14th October at 14.30 hrs

Room C, Margaret Street, Birmingham

PRESENT

Birmingham	Councillor Albert Bore (Voting Member)
Bromsgrove	Councillor Margaret Sherry (Voting Member)
East Staffordshire	Councillor Julian Mott (Voting Member)
Redditch	Councillor Bill Harnett alternate Chair & Voting Member)
Solihull	Councillor Bob Sleigh (Voting Member)
Tamworth	Councillor Mike Oates (Alternate non-voting Member)

IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Rogers	Secretary and CE Birmingham City Council
Kevin Dicks	CE of Bromsgrove DC and Redditch BC
Diane Tilley	CE Lichfield DC
Nick Page	CE Executive of Solihull MBC
Andy O'Brien	CE East Staffordshire BC
Katie Trout	LEP Executive Manager, GBSLEP
Jane Ridgley	LEP Executive Officer, GBSLEP

APOLOGIES

Councillor George Adamson	Cannock Chase Council
Councillor Gordon Alcott	Cannock Chase Council
Councillor Mike Wilcox (Chair)	Lichfield DC
Councillor Ian Pritchard	Lichfield DC
Councillor Steve Claymore	Tamworth BC
Councillor Daniel Cook	Tamworth BC
Councillor John-Paul Champion	Wyre Forest DC
Councillor Marcus Hart	Wyre Forest DC

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence from Supervisory Board Chair

Councillor Bill Hartnett, alternate Chair for the Supervisory Board meeting, welcomed the meeting and introduced Councillor Mike Oates to the meeting as the representative member for Tamworth Borough Council. Apologies are as noted as above.

2. Agree notes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising

22 RESOLVED

- i. The Supervisory Board agreed the notes of the previous meeting on 30th July.

Katie Trout updated the Supervisory Board on matters arising:

Resolution 18 – Growth Deal, the Accountability Framework is included on the agenda, but progress has been made in taking forward all elements of the Deal including the HS2 studies. A report is scheduled to go to Birmingham City Council Cabinet on 17th November to seek approval to be the Accountable Body. This is later than envisaged as Government has not yet shared the draft funding agreement.

Resolution 21 – Housing Needs Assessment, the Black Country Joint Committee has agreed Stages 1 and 2 of the study and the brief for Phase 3. This is now being taken forward. The briefing meeting for other local authorities took place as did the workshop for partner organisations.

3. Delivering the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Deal

Katie Trout introduced the Accountability Framework as the approach required for taking forward the Growth Deal as it will help to ensure decisions are transparent and resources spent with regularity, propriety and deliver value for money. Each recommendation was taken in turn to ensure there was an opportunity to discuss each one. The document has been further developed from the version that was considered and agreed at the GBS LEP Board on 26th September, but it is still a work in progress with further work to be undertaken on the Accountability Framework templates and appendices.

The key recommendations included agreeing the delegations process and the role of the Supervisory Board. It was also highlighted that the meeting was an opportunity for the Supervisory Board to recommend any projects that members consider should be brought to a future meeting rather than be taken forward by the Programme Delivery Director or GBS Growth Team under their delegations. And that there will be further opportunities to request this so this is not the final decision. No projects were requested to be brought to the next Supervisory Board for full approval.

Each recommendation in the report was taken in turn and agreed. During consideration of each of the recommendations clarification was sought on how decisions are to be reported to Local Authority Leaders or Officers, the meeting was advised that decisions will be reported virtually to the Supervisory Board and that Chief Executives' will be cc'd, the Supervisory Board will have 10 working days to respond, one member can call in a decision and request that the business case be brought to the next scheduled meeting for further review. The formal description of transparent decision making is referenced in the Accountability Framework, p. 19, Section 142.

Following the agreement of the recommendations 2.1-2.7 the GBS Growth Team will now complete and agree the Accountability Framework and take the document to BCC Cabinet as part of the report seeking approval for the city to be Accountable Body.

23 RESOLVED

- i. The Supervisory Board endorsed the LEP Board decision of 26th September 2014 to delegate authority to the GBS Growth Team to finalise the Accountability Framework, in consultation with GBS Finance.
- ii. The Supervisory Board agreed the draft Accountability Framework.
- iii. The Supervisory Board agreed the delegations process set out in paragraphs 126 – 132 of the draft Accountability Framework.
- iv. The Supervisory Board agreed the role it will play in ensuring transparency of decision-making, set out in paragraphs 141 – 146 of the draft Accountability Framework.
- v. The Supervisory Board noted the Screening List of projects.
- vi. The Supervisory Board agreed that projects should proceed under the agreed delegations process and that there are no projects that should instead be brought to the Supervisory Board for full approval.
- vii. The Supervisory Board noted that some aspects of the draft Accountability Framework remain in progress.

4. The Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Hub

Katie Trout introduced the item and summarised developments in relation to the GBS LEP Growth Hub, agreement was sought from the Supervisory Board to fund two pilot programmes from the LEP Growth Fund by spending £100k of the allocation of £625k for the development of the Growth Hub, as agreed by the GBS LEP Board when it considered the projects on 26th

September.

24 RESOLVED

- i. The Supervisory Board noted the proposals to take forward the LEP Growth Hub.
- ii. The Supervisory Board endorsed the GBS LEP Board decision subject to the addition of headline performance measures to align with LEP jobs and growth outputs.

The meeting closed at 15:15 hrs.

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CHAIRMAN