

# Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> April at 14.30 hrs

Room C, Margaret Street, Birmingham

## PRESENT

<b>Birmingham</b>	Councillor Sir Albert Bore (Voting Member)
<b>East Staffordshire</b>	Councillor Julian Mott (Voting Member)
<b>Lichfield</b>	Councillor Mike Wilcox (Chair & Voting Member)
<b>Redditch</b>	Councillor Bill Harnett (Voting Member)
<b>Solihull</b>	Councillor Joe Tildesley (alternate, non-Voting Member)
<b>Tamworth</b>	Councillor Steve Claymore (Voting Member)
<b>Wyre Forest</b>	Councillor John-Paul Campion (alternate Voting Member)

## IN ATTENDANCE

Andy Street	Chair, GBSLEP
Cllr Mike Oakes	Tamworth Borough Council
Mark Rogers	Secretary and CE Birmingham City Council
Ian Miller	CE of Wyre Forest District Council
Diane Tilley	CE Lichfield DC
Nick Page	CE Executive of Solihull MBC
Andy O'Brien	CE East Staffordshire BC
Michael Carr	Programme Delivery Director, GBSLEP
Lisa Chaney	Enterprise Zone Programme Manager
Katie Trout	LEP Executive Manager, GBSLEP
Nick Glover	LEP Executive Officer, GBSLEP

## APOLOGIES

Councillor George Adamson	Cannock Chase Council
Councillor Gordon Alcott	Cannock Chase Council
Cllr Bob Sleigh	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Ian Courts	Solihull Metropolitan Borough Council
Cllr Marcus Hart	Wyre Forest District Council
Cllr Margaret Sherry	Bromsgrove District Council

	<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and Apologies for Absence from Supervisory Board Chair</b>
		Councillor Mike Wilcox, Chair of the Supervisory Board meeting, welcomed those present to the meeting. Cllrs Tildesley and Campion were confirmed as substitute members for Solihull and Wyre Forest respectively, and apologies were as noted as above.
	<b>2.</b>	<b><u>Agree notes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising</u></b>
	<b>22</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>
	i.	The Supervisory Board agreed the notes of the previous meeting on 30th July.
	<b>3.</b>	<b><u>Update on delivering the Greater Birmingham and Solihull Growth Deal</u></b>
		<p>Michael Carr introduced update on the Growth Deal. Michael noted that with the Growth Deal Expansion, the total size of the programme is now £378m. A programme team is now in place and is building a clear and detailed picture of the current position. Three projects have been approved in accordance with the Accountability Framework: the Midland Metro Extension to Centenary Square and Complementary Highways Measures; Solihull Aviation College; and Lode Lane. Work on the Growth Hub is progressing well, with the Access to Finance Portal launched recently.</p> <p>In the discussion, it was agreed that future reports would include more detailed monitoring information, particularly on the current spending position.</p>
	<b>23</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>
	i.	The Supervisory Board noted the outcome of the Growth Deal Expansion.
	ii.	The Supervisory Board noted progress in delivering the Growth Deal and the three Local Growth Fund projects signed off to date.
	iii.	The Supervisory Board noted progress on the development of the Growth Hub and the recent launch of the Access to Finance portal.
	iv.	The Supervisory Board agreed that future reports would include more detailed monitoring information.
	<b>4.</b>	<b><u>Birmingham City Centre Enterprise Zone – Investment Plan Progress</u></b>
		Lisa Chaney introduced the item, noting good progress with the investment plan – the Enterprise Zone is on course to create 2,500 jobs and 100,000sqm commercial floorspace. Lisa noted that there is a decrease in forecast income compared to 2014/15, but with HS2 Ltd and HSBC locating in the Enterprise

	<p>Zone, the forecast is challenging but positive. Lisa raised one amendment that was required to the Investment Plan, with a request for £2m to be reallocated to fund the Midland Metro Extension to Centenary Square.</p> <p>In the discussion, it was agreed that the gap between forecast and actual income would need to be closely monitored before taking a view as to whether the Investment Plan would need to be revisited.</p>
<b>24</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Supervisory Board noted the progress in delivering the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan.</li> <li>ii. The Supervisory Board endorsed the amendment to the Investment Plan to address the funding gap identified on the Midland Metro Extension to Centenary Square project.</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Developing a GBSLEP Economic Intelligence Proposal</b></p> <p>Nick Page introduced the paper, noting that the overall aim of the piece identified through the scoping work is to commission intelligence to maximise the impact of investment in GBSLEP, by ensuring a rich body of economic intelligence to underpin the LEP's strategic direction; assisting with the development of our investment pipeline; and maximising the existing economic intelligence capacity available to the LEP.</p> <p>In the discussion, it was agreed that further consideration should be given to proposals to bring universities together in order to support the long-term development of economic intelligence capacity.</p>
<b>25</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>i. The Supervisory Board noted the decision of the LEP Board to develop a detailed economic analysis for the GBSLEP functional economic geography.</li> <li>ii. The Supervisory Board endorsed the decision of the LEP Board to agree a first stage oversight work stream to provide the insight necessary to inform the detailed work and to an allowance of up to £100,000.</li> <li>iii. The Supervisory Board noted the decision of the LEP Board to delegate authority to the Chair to progress this work in-between Board meetings.</li> <li>iv. The Supervisory Board agreed that further consideration should be given to proposals to bring universities together in order to support the long-term development of economic intelligence capacity.</li> </ul>
<b>6.</b>	<p><b>Progress report on delivering the Strategy for Growth</b></p> <p>Andy Street introduced this paper, noting the positive progress against the key performance indicators. In particular, Andy praised the strength of partnership working and noted that, going forward, a rational economic case will be required to secure investment; and that developing the skills strategy</p>

		in the LEP to capitalise on the devolution deal offered by the Chancellor should be the priority.
	<b>26</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>
	i.	The Supervisory Board noted and commented upon the progress of GBSLEP in delivering the Strategy for Growth.
	<b>7.</b>	<b>Resourcing the Skills Agenda</b>  Nick Page introduced the paper, noting the need to identify additional capacity for a defined period of time to build up a revised Skills to Employment Strategy for the GBSLEP.  In the discussion, it was confirmed that the posts proposed would actively work across the Districts.
	<b>27</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>
	i.	The Supervisory Board agreed to a contribution of £220,000 from the Business Rate Pool over two years, to resource a surge in immediate activity whilst providing greater coherence within the skills system and a step change in the GBSLEP's impact upon it.

The meeting closed at 15:30 hrs.

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CHAIRMAN