

Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

28th July 2016 at 14:30 hrs

Committee Room 2, Council House, Birmingham

PRESENT

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| Lichfield | Cllr Mike Wilcox (Chair, Voting Member) |
| Redditch | Cllr Bill Hartnett (Deputy Chair, Voting Member) |
| Birmingham | Cllr John Clancy (Voting Member) |
| Solihull | Cllr Bob Sleight (Voting Member) |
| Wyre Forest | Cllr Marcus Hart (Voting Member) |
| East Staffordshire | Cllr Patricia Ackroyd (Voting Member) |
| Bromsgrove | Cllr Geoff Denaro (Voting Member) |

APOLOGIES

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| Cannock Chase | Cllr George Adamson |
| Tamworth | Cllr Steve Claymore |
| East Staffordshire | Cllr Richard Grosvenor |
| Mark Rogers | Birmingham, CEO and Supervisory Board Secretary |

IN ATTENDANCE

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| Nick Page | Solihull, CEO |
| Diane Tilley | Lichfield, CEO |
| Kevin Dicks | Redditch & Bromsgrove, CEO |
| Ian Miller | Wyre Forest, CEO |
| Richard Cowell | Birmingham, Assistant Director Regeneration |
| Katie Trout | GBSLEP, Director |
| Lesley Edwards | GBSLEP, Programme Manager |
| Nick Glover | GBSLEP, Executive Officer (Support) |

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| 1. | Welcome and apologies for absence |
| | <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 agreed that the nominated alternative for Wyre Forest would now be Cllr Ian Hardiman, replacing Cllr Tracey Onslow-Fage.</p> |
| 52 | RESOLVED: |
| i | The GBSLEP Executive will amend the members of the Supervisory Board to reflect Cllr Hardiman's appointment as nominated alternative for Wyre Forest. |

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| 2. | Agree notes of the Last Meeting and Matters Arising |
| | The minutes were approved as an accurate record. |
| 53 | RESOLVED: |
| i | The minutes were otherwise approved as an accurate record |
| 3. | GBSLEP Board Chair |
| | <p>The Supervisory Board discussed the LEP Board's decision to appoint Steve Hollis as the Chair, with Andy Street having stepped down. Cllr Wilcox noted that whilst it was for the LEP Board to appoint the Chair, the Supervisory Board's role was to endorse that decision.</p> <p>In the discussion, the Supervisory Board noted the debt of gratitude owed to Andy Street by partners in GBSLEP and resolved to place on record its thanks for his accomplishments.</p> |
| 54 | RESOLVED: |
| i | The Supervisory Board endorsed the LEP Board's decision to appoint Steve Hollis as Chair of the GBSLEP until the LEP's Annual General Meeting in June 2017. |
| ii | The Supervisory Board thanks Andy Street for his significant personal contribution to the development and delivery of the GBSLEP's agenda. |
| iii | The LEP Executive will draft a note of thanks to Andy on behalf of the Supervisory Board |
| 4. | Enterprise Zone Extension and Curzon Investment Plan |
| | <p>Richard Cowell presented this item, noting that the Curzon Investment Plan will maximise the benefits of HS2 when it arrives and ensure that the economic benefits are spread across the area. The Curzon Investment Plan was launched by the Prime Minister, attracting significant national coverage, reflecting its role in driving the Midlands Engine.</p> <p>In the discussion, it was recognised that whilst the item was primarily to seek necessary endorsements and approvals, every effort should be made to link the Investment Plan back to the Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy and to emphasise the wider benefits of HS2. Furthermore, the Supervisory Board recognised the need to do more in the GBSLEP districts to sell the benefits of the HS2 programme.</p> |
| 55 | RESOLVED: |
| i | The Supervisory Board noted the extension of the Enterprise Zone (EZ) area from 69.8 hectares to 113.5 hectares, and the extended time period for the retention of business rates income uplift from 31 March 2038 to 31 March 2046. |

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| ii | The Supervisory Board noted the current EZ Investment Plan (2014) of £275m, which includes a £30m allocation towards the Curzon Investment Package and £40m towards wider LEP priorities. |
| iii | The Supervisory Board noted the allocation of additional EZ funding of £556.8m for the Curzon Investment Package |
| iv | The Supervisory Board noted the ring-fencing of a further £183.3m of EZ funding towards the cost of the Metro extension from Adderley Street, Birmingham to the HS2 Interchange Solihull, subject to a full business case and securing additional match funding. |
| v | The Supervisory Board noted the total EZ funding for the EZ Investment Plan (2014) and Curzon Investment Plan is now £1015.1m. |
| vi | <p>The Supervisory Board noted the Curzon Investment Plan, which sets out the framework for investment priorities and programme for the period 2016/17 to 2045/46, with a total funding package of £724m. This is comprised of the following funding contributions:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • £30m – EZ Investment Plan Curzon Contribution (2014) • £556.8m – Extended EZ resources • £137.2m - West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) for the Metro extension to Adderley Street. |
| vii | The Supervisory Board noted the content of the Enterprise Zone Governance and Financial Strategy. |
| viii | The Supervisory Board noted the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU), which sets out the terms and conditions, between the Department for Communities and Local Government (DCLG) and Birmingham City Council (BCC), for the extension to the EZ. |
| ix | The Supervisory Board noted the delegation of authority for the management of the total EZ funding, including its associated investment plans and the approval of related business cases and applications for funding, to the LEP EZ Executive Board. |
| x | The Supervisory Board noted a revised EZ Investment Plan will be produced in 2017 which will bring together both the existing EZ and the extension into one plan |
| xi | The Supervisory Board noted that the Government will be revaluing business rates with effect from 1 April 2017 and the LEP Board will be updated once the impact on the EZ is known. |
| xii | The Supervisory Board noted that Birmingham City Council approved the Enterprise Zone Extension and Curzon Investment Plan at its Cabinet meeting on the 20 th September 2016. |
| xiii | The Supervisory Board agreed that further such reports must establish links with the Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy and the outputs and outcomes therein. |
| xiv | The Supervisory Board asked the HS2 Programme Board to give further |

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| | consideration to communications and PR activities focussed on the GBSLEP districts. |
| 5. | Growth Deal Programme Update |
| | <p>Lesley Edwards presented this item, noting that the GBSLEP Growth Team has approved an additional allocation of £1.465m to the National College of High Speed Rail in order to meet the higher costs of land remediation necessary to provide the Department for Business, Energy & Industrial Strategy with a clear and unfettered site.</p> <p>Lesley outlined the forecast spend positions for 2016/17 and 2017/18, noting an underspend in the former and an overspend in the latter. All options to resolve this challenge are being considered, including the option to temporarily defray the funds into another of Birmingham City Council's live projects and to reprogramme in line with the forthcoming Growth Deal 3 allocation.</p> <p>Lesley discussed the progress with Growth Deal 3 so far, noting that the LEP Board had now agreed the prioritisation process and that an allocation of £5m had been made available in 2016/17 to enable high-priority projects that could potentially be funded through Growth Deal 3 to come forward.</p> <p>Finally, Lesley outlined that £400k has been allocated through the Growth Hub Development Fund to six projects that will create 805 jobs.</p> <p>In the discussion, the Supervisory Board was keen to understand how the LEP would achieve a geographical spread of projects across Greater Birmingham & Solihull and noted the Executive's intention to work closely with District partners to help them develop schemes where required.</p> <p>Katie Trout also noted that the LEP Board had agreed to receive the Full Business Case for the STEAMhouse project, and that it would be circulated to the LEP Board and Supervisory Board by written procedure.</p> |
| 56 | RESOLVED: |
| | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i The Supervisory Board noted the approval of the National College for High Speed Rail. ii The Supervisory Board noted the forecast spend for 2016/17 and 2017/18 and the actions proposed to deliver the programme. iii The Supervisory Board noted progress on Growth Deal 3; and iv The Supervisory Board noted the progress being made on Growth Hub Development Fund. v The Supervisory Board noted that the GBSLEP Board had agreed to receive the full business case for the STEAMhouse project by written procedure and that it would be circulated to the Supervisory Board for noting thereafter, pending the approval of the LEP Board. |
| AOB | Dates of next meetings |

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| Further meetings will be scheduled in due course. |
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The meeting closed at 14:50 hrs.

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