

Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

13th April 2017 at 9:30 hrs

Committee Room 6, Council House, Birmingham

PRESENT

Lichfield	Cllr Mike Wilcox (Chair)
Solihull	Cllr Bob Sleigh
Birmingham	Cllr Stewart Stacey
Tamworth	Cllr Steve Claymore
Cannock Chase	Cllr George Adamson
East Staffordshire	Cllr Richard Grosvenor
Wyre Forest	Cllr Ian Hardiman
Redditch	Cllr Mark Shurmer
Bromsgrove	Cllr Geoff Denaro

APOLOGIES

Birmingham	Cllr John Clancy
Redditch	Cllr Bill Hartnett

IN ATTENDANCE

Diane Tilley	Lichfield, CEO
Anne Brereton	Solihull, Director of Managed Growth
Ian Miller	Wyre Forest, CEO
Stella Manzie	Birmingham, interim CEO
Katie Trout	GBSLEP Director
Roger Mendonça	GBSLEP Interim Head of Delivery
Paul Edwards	GBSLEP Head of Strategy
Nick Glover	GBSLEP Executive Manager (Place)
Theodora Tsang	GBSLEP Intern
Cllr Shelagh McKiernan	GBS Joint Scrutiny Committee

1.	Welcome and apologies for absence
	Councillor Mike Wilcox, Chair of the Supervisory Board, welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were as noted as above. Stella Manzie, Interim Chief Executive of Birmingham City Council was welcomed to the meeting. The

	Supervisory Board agreed that Stella Manzie should become the secretary for the Joint Committee replacing Mark Rogers. The Supervisory Board noted its thanks to Mark for his support to the Board and to GBSLEP during his time as Chief Executive.
62	RESOLVED: The Supervisory Board: i Agreed to appoint Stella Manzie as the Secretary of the Supervisory Board.
2.	Agree notes of the Last Meeting on 8th February 2017 and Matters Arising
	The minutes were approved as an accurate record.
63	RESOLVED: The Supervisory Board: i Approved the minutes as an accurate record.
3.	Ratification of the decisions of the last meeting
	Nick Glover presented the ratification of the decisions taken at the previous meeting. It was noted that the last meeting was not quorate. In the discussion on the Innovation Challenge Forum, it was agreed that recommendation 8 would specify the use of the funding.
64	RESOLVED: The Supervisory Board: i Approved the minutes of the meeting on 6th October 2016. ii Noted the progress made in delivering the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan. iii Agreed that an update on the Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy be brought to a future meeting of the Leaders Briefing. iv Noted the approvals of the Snow Hill Growth Strategy and STEAMhouse Phase 2 projects taken in between meetings. v Noted the progress in delivering the Local Growth Fund programme. vi Noted the update on Growth Deal Round 3 and the process being taken to prioritise the pipeline of schemes. vii Noted the agreement of the LEP Board to use the £25m of Local Growth Fund (LGF) underspend to create a 'Revolving Investment Fund' pilot scheme.

<p>viii</p> <p>ix</p>	<p>Approved an estimated annual cost of up to £20,000 from the retained Business Rates levy allocated to GBSLEP to support the Innovation Challenge Forum, to be reviewed in future years, and with the Nominations Committee delegated to agree guidelines for payment of incentives.</p> <p>Agreed that proposals for reviewing the efficacy of the Forum should be brought to a future meeting.</p>
<p>4.</p>	<p>Local Growth Fund Programme Progress Report</p>
	<p>Roger Mendonca presented this item, which included announcing the Growth Deal 3 allocation of £54.2m.</p> <p>Cllr Bob Sleight noted that Changan automotive is a good example of Foreign Direct Investment (FDI) coming into the region.</p>
<p>65</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Supervisory Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i Noted the progress in delivering the Local Growth Fund programme. ii Noted the project approvals that have taken place since that last meeting. iii Ratified project approvals that were previously noted by the Supervisory Board via written procedure in between meetings. iv Noted the update on Growth Deal Round 3. v Approved the adoption of the revised Assurance Framework. vi Noted the adoption of a Programme Management Charge. vii Noted the operational terms of reference for the Revolving Investment Fund, and note the agreement to transfer all 2016/17 underspend into the Fund.
<p>5.</p>	<p>Business Rates Pool funding to deliver the Strategic Economic Plan</p>
	<p>Katie Trout presented this item, noting that it covers proposals approved by the LEP Board and makes a call of £179,000 on the retained element of the Pool over two years. Katie noted that a significant balance will remain in the retained element of the Pool and that proposals to invest more funds will be brought to the LEP Board in July.</p> <p>In the discussion on the Channel 4 feasibility study, it was agreed that further endorsement from the Board would be sought before the funds were invested.</p> <p>In the discussion on FDI lead generation, it was agreed that the funding would be committed for one year and subject to review before committing to a second year.</p>
<p>66</p>	<p>RESOLVED:</p> <p>The Supervisory Board:</p>

i	<p>Approved an allocation of up to £129,000 over two years from the element of the retained levy of the Business Rates Pool allocated to GBSLEP to deliver the following activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Foreign direct investment – agreed in principle up to £50,000 per annum for two years to fund lead generation with large companies and advanced manufacturing and automotive firms, led by Marketing Birmingham, subject to the Supervisory Board agreeing to the terms of the contract, which should include a break clause at the end of Year 1 if performance is not on target. • Skills - £30,000 (plus expenses and equipment) in 2017/18 to contribute towards the salary of an interim Executive Manager for People, plus £14,500 per annum for two years to support the Southern Staffordshire Employment & Skills Board • Creative Economy Strategy - £20,000 to map sector businesses and provide an evidence base for future investments
ii	<p>Delegated authority to the Chair of the Supervisory Board, in consultation with the Chair of the LEP Board, to approve a further allocation of funding to support the development of a bid for the relocation of Channel 4 to Birmingham.</p>
iii	<p>Agreed that the Supervisory Board receive the draft proposal setting out the proposed funding level in order to feed into the decision of the Chair.</p>
AOB	Dates of next meetings
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thursday 29th June, 14:00 – 17:00 • Thursday 3rd August, 14:00 – 17:00 • Thursday 12th October, 14:00 – 17:00 • Thursday 7th December, 14:00 – 17:00 • Thursday 12th October, 14:00 – 17:00 • Thursday 7th December, 14:00 – 17:00

The meeting closed at 9:52hrs.

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CHAIRMAN