

# Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board

8<sup>th</sup> February 2017 at 14:00 hrs

Committee Room 6, Council House, Birmingham

## PRESENT

<b>Lichfield</b>	Cllr Mike Wilcox (Chair, Voting Member)
<b>Redditch</b>	Cllr Bill Hartnett (Deputy Chair, Voting Member)
<b>Solihull</b>	Cllr Bob Sleigh (Voting Member)
<b>Wyre Forest</b>	Cllr Marcus Hart (Voting Member)
<b>Tamworth</b>	Cllr Steve Claymore (Voting Member)
<b>Bromsgrove</b>	Cllr Geoff Denaro (Voting Member)

## APOLOGIES

Birmingham	Cllr John Clancy
Cannock Chase	Cllr George Adamson
East Staffordshire	Cllr Richard Grosvenor
Katie Trout	GBSLEP Director

## IN ATTENDANCE

Mark Rogers	Birmingham, CEO and Supervisory Board Secretary
Diane Tilley	Lichfield, CEO
Mike Parker	Wyre Forest, Director Economic Prosperity & Place
Richard Cowell	Birmingham, Assistant Director Regeneration
Nick Glover	GBSLEP Executive Manager
Tom Fletcher	GBSLEP Programme Manager
Iain Mansell	GBSLEP Executive Officer
Theodora Tsang	GBSLEP Intern (Support)

<b>1.</b>	<b>Welcome and apologies for absence</b>
	<p>Councillor Mike Wilcox, Chair of the Supervisory Board, welcomed those present to the meeting. Apologies were as noted as above. As no representative attended to represent Birmingham City Council, the required quorum was not met and the Supervisory Board was not able to make decisions at this meeting. It was agreed that the meeting should still proceed, with the decisions being ratified at the next meeting in April.</p> <p>The Supervisory Board also extended its congratulations to Cllr Bob Sleigh on being awarded the rank of Officer of the Order of the British Empire.</p>
<b>57</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>

i	The decisions sought from the Supervisory Board at the February meeting will be ratified at the next meeting in April.
<b>2.</b>	<b>Agree notes of the Last Meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October 2016 and Matters Arising</b>
	The minutes were approved as an accurate record.
<b>58</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>  i The minutes were approved as an accurate record
<b>3.</b>	<b>Enterprise Zone Investment Plan Progress Report</b>
	<p>Richard Cowell presented the six-monthly report, noting overall positive progress in implementing the Investment Plan. Particular highlights included the agreement to the extension of the Enterprise Zone to include the Curzon Investment Plan and to run until 2046, with the potential to generate up to £2bn of business rates uplift. Funding has already been allocated to the Midland Metro Extension from East Birmingham to North Solihull, linking the HS2 station sites. In addition, the existing element of the Enterprise Zone continue to make good progress, with key sites such as Paradise starting to commence construction.</p> <p>In the discussion, the Supervisory Board was keen that a presentation is given on the HS2 Supply Chain programme, and that proposals to invest the funding allocated in the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan for wider LEP development are brought to future meetings.</p>
<b>59</b>	<b>RESOLVED:</b>  The Supervisory Board:  i Noted the progress made in delivering the Enterprise Zone Investment Plan.  ii Asked the LEP Executive to arrange for an item on the Midlands HS2 Growth Strategy at a future meeting.
<b>4.</b>	<b>Local Growth Fund Programme Progress Report</b>
	<p>Tom Fletcher presented this item, which included the ratification of decisions taken to approve projects in between meetings and updates on the progress of the programme. Tom noted that whilst the programme makes good progress overall, there are challenges in delivering skills outputs that mean the LEP Executive is keen to reprofile the target with Government. Tom noted that the programme management review is moving forward with new processes being put in place and the procurement of a programme management system, bolstered by additional resources to manage and support projects. Several projects are encountering issues – meaning the programme faces a net £25m slippage in 2016/17, which has presented the opportunity to put in place a Revolving Investment Fund that meets the needs of many partners.</p>

	<p>On Growth Deal 3, Tom noted that the allocation is likely to be around £50m and that the Executive is working with high-priority projects to bring forward outline business cases.</p> <p>In the discussion, the Supervisory Board discussed the geographical spread of projects coming through the pipeline. It was noted that most of the higher priority projects are within Birmingham and Solihull, and options to further improve the strategic assessment of schemes in the district authorities were discussed. It was noted that the forthcoming Towns &amp; Local Centres Strategy being developed by the GBSLEP Executive should add further weight to those schemes.</p> <p>The Supervisory Board was also keen to understand how the Revolving Investment Fund would align with existing funds, noting that it would be managed by Finance Birmingham and that the LEP Executive would test projects' need for grant versus loan when assessing the commercial case.</p>
<b>60</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>The Supervisory Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i</b> Noted the approvals of the Snow Hill Growth Strategy and STEAMhouse Phase 2 projects taken in between meetings</li> <li><b>ii</b> Noted the progress in delivering the Local Growth Fund programme</li> <li><b>iii</b> Noted the update on Growth Deal Round 3 and the process being taken to prioritise the pipeline of schemes</li> <li><b>iv</b> 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</li> </ul>
<b>5.</b>	<p><b>Innovation Challenge Forum</b></p>
	<p>Iain Mansell presented this item, noting the intention to create an Innovation Challenge Forum comprised of buyers of innovation to bring a stronger "market voice" to stimulate and prioritise demand-led innovation initiatives.</p> <p>In the discussion, the Supervisory Board welcomed that participants would be drawn from across the area and was keen to understand how the efficacy of the Forum would be tested in future.</p>
<b>61</b>	<p><b>RESOLVED:</b></p> <p>The Supervisory Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li><b>i</b> Approved an estimated annual cost of up to £20,000 from the retained Business Rates levy allocated to GBSLEP, to be reviewed in future years, and with the Nominations Committee delegated to agree guidelines for payment of incentives.</li> <li><b>ii</b> Agreed that proposals for reviewing the efficacy of the Forum should be brought to a future meeting.</li> </ul>
<b>AOB</b>	<b>Dates of next meetings</b>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June, 14:00 – 17:00 (AGM)</li><li>• Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> August, 14:00 – 17:00</li><li>• Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> October, 14:00 – 17:00</li><li>• Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> December, 14:00 – 17:00</li></ul>
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The meeting closed at 14:40 hrs.

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