



Minutes C&W LEP Board Meeting 23rd May 2016

Present:

Board:

Jonathan Browning: Chairman

Sean Farnell

Pete Richings

Nick Abell

Sarah Windrum

Cllr Abdul Khan

Clive Winters (obo John Latham)

Peter Butlin (obo Izzi Seccombe)

Catherine Mallyon

Stuart Croft

Cllr June Tandy

Cllr Chris Saint

Cllr Andrew Mobbs

C & W Chamber of Commerce/FSB

Jaguar Land Rover

Wright Hassall

Emerald Group

Coventry City Council

Coventry University

Warwickshire County Council

Royal Shakespeare Company

University of Warwick

Warwickshire County Council

Stratford District Council

Warwick District Council

Executives in Attendance:

Martin Yardley

Paula Deas

Roger Douthwaite

Andy Williams

Craig Humphrey

Monica Fogarty

Steve Maxey

Linsey Luke

Louise Bennett

CWLEP

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CW Growth Hub

Warwickshire County Council

North Warwickshire BC

Federation of Small Businesses

C & W Chamber of Commerce

In Attendance:

Alicia Laws

Adam Dent

Jo Lopes

Kevin Neailey

BIS and C&LoG Team

Advent Communications

Jaguar Land Rover

WMG

Apologies:

Karl Eddy (Deputy Chairman)

Cllr Izzi Seccombe

John Latham

Paul Kehoe

Cllr Jim O'Boyle

Marion Plant

Grant Thornton

Warwickshire County Council

Coventry University

Birmingham International Airport

Coventry City Council

NW&H College

<p>1.</p> <p>2.</p> <p>3.</p> <p>4.</p> <p>5.</p>	<p><u>Welcome & Apologies</u></p> <p>The meeting was held at Radio Station – Rugby, and the board received an introductory presentation about the site and plans for 6,000 new homes with additional land earmarked for employment. Nick Pulley from Leicester & Leicestershire LEP was unable to attend the meeting. Apologies were received from Paul Kehoe, John Latham (Clive Winters attended as alternate), Karl Eddy and Marion Plant. Cllr Izzi Seccombe also sent apologies (Cllr Butlin attended as alternate). There have been a number of changes to board membership. The recent local elections in Coventry have seen a change in Leader and Cabinet posts. As a consequence, the nominations to the board from Coventry City Council are now Cllrs. Abdul Khan (Deputy Leader) and Jim O’Boyle (Cabinet Member for Business, Enterprise and Employment). Cllr O’Boyle sent his apologies for this meeting and Cllr. Khan was welcomed. Sarah Windrum has joined the board following a recruitment exercise following George Gillespie’s resignation.</p> <p><u>Call for Declarations of Interest</u></p> <p>There were no declarations of interest relating to items on the agenda.</p> <p><u>Approval of Minutes and actions from previous meeting</u></p> <p>The minutes from the previous meeting on 14 March 2016 were approved as a true record apart from the date of the prior meeting which has been corrected. Matters arising:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Hub Funding: This is not yet resolved although discussions have taken place. This issue is now urgently in need of resolution with WCC and is noted as a major concern by the Finance & Governance Committee. • Paul Kehoe has agreed to represent Coventry & Warwickshire LEP on the HS2 Delivery Board. • The request from the Place Board that ‘Champions’ should be adopted into the ‘family’ of CWLEP has been acted upon and Champions is now absorbed in to CWLEP operating through the Growth Hub company. • The Area Review of FE in Coventry & Warwickshire has started with our nominations being Karl and Craig Humphrey. • The other matter arising was about the Devolution Deal which is on the agenda later in the meeting. <p><u>Board Matters & Chairman’s Briefing</u></p> <p>Since the last board meeting steps have been taken to ensure that there is continuity amongst the private sector board members. Both Catherine Mallyon and Pete Richings have completed the standard 2-year terms as a director and have agreed to stay on for a further term. These appointments and the appointment of Sarah Windrum are determined by the private sector directors of the company but all appointments were further endorsed unanimously by the other board members present.</p> <p>The executive has been working on revamping the family of websites. The Growth Hub is now live at www.cwgrowthhub.co.uk and the main CWLEP site will be new from 1st July. With the Champions now part of the CWLEP family, their site will also be upgraded as soon as possible. The Champions meeting last week had another set of excellent speakers promoting the talent and success of our region. The visit last week of the China Investment Promotion Agency to Coventry and Warwickshire was highly successful and well organized by the C&W Growth Hub.</p> <p><u>Degree Level Apprenticeships</u></p> <p>A presentation was received from Prof. Kevin Neailey (WMG) and Jo Lopes (Jaguar Land Rover) about the capacity challenge in higher level skills to meet the skills gaps and skills shortages in HVM and related sectors.</p> <p>The CWLEP Board:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5.1 Endorsed the proposal contained within the presentation for a virtual network and a physical presence for the initiative; 5.2 Encouraged the use of LGF skills capital if appropriate; 	
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<p>9.</p> <p>10.</p>	<p><u>Midlands Engine</u> The scale and complexity of this initiative is a logistical and organisational challenge. The Senior Leadership Group (chaired by Sir John Peace) had its first meeting and it was apparent that there was not yet sufficient alignment amongst participants. A further meeting is being held on 26 May which will be decisive in creating a more focused and sustainable initiative.</p> <p><u>AoB</u> It was reported that the Secretary of State for Communities and Local Government will not be calling in the scheme at Whitley South.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Next Meeting: Monday 25 July 2016 - Venue: tbc</p>	<p>Feedback to be provided at next Board</p>
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