



## Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee

**Date:** 3 June 2020

**Time:** 2.00pm

**Venue:** via Teams

**Chair:** Councillor S Parish (Warrington Borough Council)

**Membership:** Catherine Barber-Brown, Tracey Walsh, Helen Nellist, Councillor Paul Donovan (Cheshire West and Chester Council) and x 1 vacancy from Cheshire East Council.

Cheshire Business Group – 2 officio Members

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### AGENDA

Agenda Item	Lead	Timings
<b>Open Meeting</b> - Items during the consideration of which the meeting is expected to be open to members of the public (including the press)		
1. <b>Apologies for Absence</b>	Chair	2.00 pm
2. <b>Declarations of Interest</b>	Chair	2.00 pm
3. <b>Minutes</b> of the Meeting held on March 2020	Chair	2.05 pm
4. <b>Membership of the Committee</b>  (1) Awaiting confirmation from Cheshire East re Councillor Suzanne Brookfield as their representative. (2) Cheshire Business Group – confirmation of nominations (2 representatives to the Scrutiny Committee) as ex officio members.	Chair	2.15 pm

5.	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>Presentation by Growth Hub on Business Support, Impact of Brexit and resilience measures</b></p> <p>To include the roles and work programme of other committees (Work Programme Topic 2 and 14)</p> <p>Members at the last meeting also asked:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. How is the quality of advice provided by the Growth Hub measured?</li> <li>2. How many employers are following through with the Pledge? (Minutes 5 March 2020)</li> </ol>		2.20 pm
6.	<p><b>Cheshire and Warrington LEP – Response to Covid-19</b></p> <p>Overview by Phillip Cox and Ian Brooks</p>		2.40
7.	<p><b>Public Participation</b></p> <p>To receive questions from members of the public in accordance with Governance Procedure Rule 6. A total period of 15 minutes will be allocated for members of the public to speak at Panel meetings. Each member of the public shall be limited to a period of up to 5 minutes speaking.</p> <p>Members of the Public may speak on any matter relating to the work of the Committee. During public speaking time, members of the public may ask questions of the Committee and the Chairman in responding to the question may answer the question, may decline to do so, may agree to reply at a later date or may refer the question to an appropriate person or body.</p> <p>Questions will be asked and answered without discussion. In order for officers to undertake any background research, members of the public who wish to ask a question at a Committee meeting should submit the question at least a day before the meeting.</p> <p>Members of the public are to be able to put questions direct to the Committee via social media platform Twitter: @candwlep</p>	Chair	3.10
8.	<p><b>Work Programme – Attached</b></p>	Chair	3.20
9.	<p><b>Future Meeting Dates (2pm at Wyvern House)</b></p>	Chair	3.35

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>2 September, 2 December 2020.</li> </ul> <p>(request to take place on Monday, Tuesday or Wednesday)</p>		
<b>Part II - Matters to be discussed in private</b>			
10.	Nil		

**Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership Overview and Scrutiny Committee**

**Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020**

**Present:** Councillor Steve Parish (Chair), Tracy Walsh, Catherine Barber-Brown, Helen Nellist, Yvette Hastings and Cllr Paul Donovan.

**Also In Attendance:**

- Phillip Cox - Cheshire and Warrington LEP
- Ian Brooks – Cheshire and Warrington LEP
- Sharon Parker – Warrington Borough Council (secretariat)

**1. Apologies**

No apologies were received.

**2. Declarations of Interest**

Helen Nellist declared an interest in relation to Local Growth Fund and Cheshire College South & West had been awarded a projects under LGF1 and LGF3.

**3. Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting of the Scrutiny Committee held on the 20 January 2020 were received as a correct record.

**4. Membership of the Committee**

**Noted:**

- (1) Awaiting confirmation from Cheshire East re Councillor Suzanne Brookfield as their representative.
- (2) Cheshire Business Group has been asked to nominate 2 representatives to the Scrutiny Committee as ex officio members. Yvette was welcomed to the meeting to represent the small business sector.

**5. Presentation of the LEP Governance Structure**

The Committee received a presentation from Phillip Cox on the above. Information was provided on:

- Overview of LEPs across the country
- Strategic information relating to the Cheshire and Warrington LEP including details of the Strategic Economic Plan and the Delivery Plan
- Governance and operations – details of each committee and delegated authority levels

- National Assurance and Local Assurance Frameworks.

The Committee discussed in detail the information provided and asked:

1. Greater understanding of how the money is disaggregated throughout the region.
2. How are meetings of the LEP publicised? Is it enough to just put information on the website? Could twitter be used more?

**6. To Review the Combined Outputs of all LEP Programmes**

Ian Brooks provided a presentation on the following:

- Local Growth Fund – outputs contracted by DBEIS. Percentages achieved against BEIS targets were outlined for the following categories - jobs created, private sector leverage and new homes completed.
- Local Growth Fund – additional benefits such as new commercial floorspace, businesses receiving investment, construction jobs and learners benefitting. Figures were provided by – contracted on projects and achieved to date.
- The Growing Places Fund (£12.1 m), the number of loans made, total GPF lent, total value of the projects supported, jobs created and commercial floorspace created.
- The Enterprise Zone outputs. In addition to this a further 305,000sq ft was currently under construction. The jobs created on Royal London moving to Alderley Park would create an additional 1,200 new jobs but was delayed until July 2020. A further £5m investment had been approved by the EZ Board but had not been deployed.
- The Growth Hub Team had been expanded during Q4. The focus next year had moved to concentrating on more intensive support to businesses with account management. The various outputs such as enquiries, high intensity support and referrals were provided together with the targets and achievements to date.
- Accelerate Programme – outputs and results were provided on the 19,060 participants such as age, ethnicity, disability, basic skills and no of employed females gaining improved labour market status.

The Committee asked questions during the presentation but asked for further details on the following:

1. How is the quality of advice provided by the Growth Hub measured?
2. How many employers are following through with the Pledge?
3. Inclusivity policy on how money is spent?

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Nil

**8. Work Programme**

Agreed.

**9. Future Meeting Dates**

Decision – To note the following schedule of meetings, commencing at 2.00pm, at Wyvern House. Pre meeting at 1.30pm.

Dates for 2020/2021:

- 3<sup>rd</sup> June, 2<sup>nd</sup> September, 2<sup>nd</sup> December 2020.

**12. Part II – Matters to be discussed in private**

Nil

Scrutiny Committee Draft Work Programme – January 2020 to

Work Programme Topic	Purpose of the item	Origin of Item	Lead Officer	Date of Meeting	Comments
1.	Review the decision making of each of the sub-committees and Board of the LEP to ensure due process has been followed and there is a transparent audit trail.	Terms of Reference		5/03/20	Presentation on the Governance Structure of the LEP including the roles and work programmes of other committees
2.	Review the progress of the programmes that the LEP manages including but not limited to: Local Growth Fund, Growing Place Fund, European Programme and the Growth Hub. The Committee should identify and/or consider issues raised, promote best practice and make recommendations for improvement if appropriate.	Terms of Reference		20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 2020 3 June 2020	Presentation by Growth Hub on Business Support, Impact of Brexit and resilience measures.
3.	Review the implementation of the strategic economic Plan and identify opportunities for improvement.	Terms of Reference		2 September 2020	Review of how delivery addresses sustainability, inclusivity, healthy growth, social value. Impact of

					devolution and mayoral combined authorities.
4.	Review the output and outcome information of the programmes to ensure that the LEP activities are having a beneficial impact on the economy of the LEP area.	Terms of Reference		20 <sup>th</sup> Jan 5 March 2020	To review the combined outputs of all LEP programmes.
5.	To make recommendations for consideration to the Board and or committee with respect to the discharge of any functions.	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	
6.	Review and advise the LEP board on matters of transparency, ensuring that the LEP is meeting the highest standards of transparency and, in particular, the required standards as set down by the Central Government.	Terms of Reference		Deleted from 3 June 2020. New date to be agreed.	Presentation on the requirements laid out in the Local National Assurance Framework and how they are being fulfilled. To include diversity
7.	To commission and review mid-term and end of term evaluations of programmes and projects.	Terms of Reference		3 September 2020	Review of projects underway and in the pipeline mapped against the LIS, and areas of deprivation.

8.	To liaise with other LEP's over the development and dissemination of best practice.	Terms of Reference		Deleted from 3 June 2020. New Date to be agreed.	Paper on the Peer Review of the LEP with the Black County LEP
9.	Merging of the European funding and Local Growth Fund by the end of 2021 – how will this be spent, scale and prioritised, particularly on the disadvantaged in the area?	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	
10.	How does the LEP ensure that there is equality in spend/spread of monies reflecting deprivation wards and disadvantaged areas. What is the oversight for this?	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	See items 1 and 7
11.	What is the LEP budget compared to the Regional Development Agency?	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	
12.	Devolution – how would this work with mayoral combined authorities?	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	See item 3
13.	Understanding of the work programmes of other committees to avoid duplication.	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	See item 1.
14.	Brexit – What is the impact of this?	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	See item 2.

15.	Unhealthy growth – How does the LEP Board ensure that growth is Healthy for the C&W population	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	See item 3.
16.	Understand how the actions and investments underway/planned/funded map against the LIS?	LEP Scrutiny Committee		tbc	See item 7
17.	Impact of Covid-19	LEP Scrutiny Committee		3 June 2020	