



**LEP Strategy Committee
MINUTES**

Meeting Held: Friday 23rd June 2017,
Richmond House, Northwich

Present:

Robert Mee (Chair)
Stephen Kinsey

Philip Cox
Chloe Taylor

Pete Waterman
Andy Hulme

Apologies:

Robert Davis
Andy Farrall
Clare Heyward

Frank Jordan
Graeme Bristow

Charlie Seward
Gary Steen

Attending:

Susie Woodward-Moor (Agenda Item 1 only)

Agenda Item 1: Welcome, Introductions and Apologies

Robert Mee welcomed members to the meeting. Apologies had been received from Robert Davis, Gary Steen, Graeme Bristow, Clare Heyward, Frank Jordan, Andy Farrall and Charlie Seward (represented at the meeting by Chloe Taylor).

Agenda Item 2: Declarations of Interest

Stephen Kinsey declared an interest in Agenda Item 8 – Addleshaw Goddard act as advisors to Manchester Science Parks.

Agenda Item 3: Presentation – Constellation Partnership Growth Strategy

Susie Woodward-Moor, acting Programme Director for the Constellation Partnership presented an update on progress with the development of the Constellation Partnership HS2 Growth Strategy. The initial Vision and high-level Growth Strategy are due for submission to DCLG and DfT in July, with the more detailed Strategy and supporting technical appendices being submitted in September.

It was noted that targeted engagement was planned for Summer 2017 with a broader consultation exercise expected to follow once the full document has been submitted.

The Committee thanked Susie for her presentation and noted that a more detailed update will be provided to a future meeting.

Agenda Item 4: Minutes, Actions and Matters Arising

The minutes of the meeting held on Thursday 20th April 2017 were approved.

Matters Arising

There were no matters arising from the minutes. It was noted that the emerging Skills Strategy had been discussed at Board on 21st June and Clare Heyward, as Chair of the Employer Skills Board is now also a member of the Strategy Committee.

Agenda Item 5: Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference for the Committee, originally produced in 2015, were reviewed to confirm they remained current and 'fit for purpose'. It was noted that some minor amendments were required to reflect changes in the LEP's Assurance and Accountability Framework and in particular to provide greater clarity on the relationship between the Strategy and Performance and Investment Committees.

Action: Andy Hulme to revise the Terms of Reference for consideration at the August meeting.

Agenda Item 6: Strategy Work Programme Update

The contents of the report were noted.

The SEP update had been discussed at the LEP Board on 21st June and received the endorsement of the Board to launch the document at the Sub Regional Conference on 7th July and to undertake targeted engagement to disseminate its key messages.

The sequencing of the supporting strategies to the SEP were discussed. It had been noted at Board that housing and digital were both high on Government's policy agenda but these currently fall into phase 2 of the LEP's work programme, mainly due to Officer capacity. It was agreed that the phasing would be reviewed.

The Committee noted the proposed Invitation to Tender for the BEIS-funded Energy Strategy and the outline work programme in respect of Quality of Place.

Action: LEP Executive to review the phasing of delivery of the supporting strategies to the SEP

Agenda Item 7: Industrial Strategy

The contents of the report were noted.

Philip Cox provided an update on programme of work currently underway with the Automotive and Energy Sectors as part of the development of a 'local' Industrial Strategy.

The Committee discussed opportunities for engaging with the other 'key sectors' identified in the SEP, and it was confirmed that this was being progressed for Logistics and Distribution, Financial and Business Services and Life Sciences with the support of local authority and LEP officers.

Agenda Item 8: Growing Places Fund

The content of the report on proposed use of Growing Places Fund to support the Anti-Microbial Research Centre at Alderley park was discussed. Due to commercial confidentiality issues the detail of the discussion is recorded as a confidential note appended to these minutes.

Agenda Item 9: Any Other Business

None

Date, Time and Venue of next meeting.

Friday 18th August 2017, 10am – 12pm.

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