



**West Midlands
Combined Authority**

Strategic Economic Development Board Meeting

Wednesday 12 September 2018

Notes

Members

Coventry & Warwickshire LEP	Jonathan Browning – Chair
Black Country LEP	Lindsey Flynn
Coventry City Council	Councillor George Duggins
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP	Tim Pile
Redditch Borough Council	Councillor Matthew Dormer
Warwickshire County Council	Councillor Peter Butlin

Officers in Attendance

Black Country LEP	Sarah Middleton
Black Country LEP	Delma Dwight
Coventry & Warwickshire LEP	Paula Deas
Greater Birmingham & Solihull LEP	Paul Edwards
Regional Energy Strategy	Matthew Rhodes
Warwickshire County Council	Mark Ryder
West Midlands Combined Authority	Julia Goldsworthy
West Midlands Combined Authority	Patrick White

**Item
No.**

11. Apologies for absence

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Ian Kettle, Paul Moore, John Reynolds and Izzi Seccombe and Stuart Croft, Matthew Hammond, Stewart Towe and Graham Wynn.

12. Notes of the Strategic Economic Plan Board Meeting held 4th July 2018

The Chair advised that a number of items from the last meeting were being reported back to the Board – State of the Region and Local Industrial Strategy. With reference to 26/18 – Regional Energy Strategy he advised that this had been added to the Forward plan and would be reported back to a future meeting.

Reference was made to LEP “branding” and the Chair advised that this would be a separate meeting with the WM Growth Company.

Resolved:

That the notes of the meeting held on the 4th July 2018 be approved as an accurate record.

13. SEP Board Tracker Log

Resolved:

That the SEP Board Tracker Log be noted.

14. Forward Plan

The Chair advised that the Forward Plan would be populated further when the 2018/19 schedule of meetings was finalised. He suggested that if Members had any items they wished to add to the Forward Plan then they should contact the Secretariat direct.

Resolved:

That the Forward Plan be noted.

15. Any Other Business

Brexit – Birmingham City Council Brexit Commission

Julia Goldsworthy advised that Birmingham City Council and the WMCA had established a Brexit Commission. The actions arising from the Commission would be reported to the next meeting of the SED Board.

Resolved:

That the Board note the update and add to the Forward Plan.

Economic Growth Portfolio

16. Local Industrial Strategy - Statement

Patrick White referenced that the aim was to publish the consultation document prior to the party conferences season and before the Autumn Statement. He stated that he was seeking input, challenge and views on whether the contents of the presentation were correct and would feed these into the final draft document.

Business Engagement

Level of engagement and activity with businesses should be at the fore of the document

Resolved:

1. That the Board note the update; and
2. That the Board, subject to the pre-parliamentary recess LIS statement being shared with Board members for comment, the Chair be given delegated authority to sign off the statement with the Mayor and his office.

17. Date of Next Meeting

With reference to the next scheduled meeting being 7th November 2018 the Chair noted it was clear in developing the final document that two further meetings of either side of the original date would be required.

Subject to the revision to the 7th November meeting, it was noted that the remaining meetings would be held at 10.00am on 23 January 2019, 6 March 2019 and 8 May 2019.

Resolved:

That the date and time of next meeting be noted.

[The meeting closed at 11.45am]

Chair