



BOARD MEETING

**Minutes of the Cheshire and Warrington Local Enterprise Partnership Board Meeting
held on 15th May, Jodrell Bank, University of Manchester, Macclesfield SK11 9DL**

Present:

Christine Gaskell
Prof Tim Wheeler
Stephen Kinsey

Clare Hayward
John Downes
Adrian Bull

Graeme Bristow
Chris Hindley

Apologies:

Cllr Samantha Dixon
Ged Barlow

Cllr Rachel Bailey
Robert Mee

Cllr Russ Bowden

Attending / Observing:

Philip Cox (LEP Chief Executive)
Charlie Seward
Ian Gent

Mark Livesey
Alex Thompson
Martin Wood

Frank Jordan
David Levene
Ian Brooks

Agenda Item 1: Apologies and Introductions

1.1 Christine Gaskell welcomed Board Members and extended a warm welcome to Adrian Bull (Deputy Chair, Marketing Cheshire), who was deputising for Angie Robinson and attending his first Board meeting. A similar welcome was extended to Alex Thompson (s.151 officer) and David Levene who had recently been appointed as the Strategy Co-ordinator for the NP11. Apologies were received from Cllr Samantha Dixon, Cllr Russ Bowden, Cllr Rachel Bailey, Ged Barlow and Robert Mee.

Agenda Item 2: Conflicts of Interest

2.1 No conflicts of interest were declared.

Agenda Item 3: Public Presentation

3.1 No members of the public were present.

Agenda Item 4: Minutes of the Meeting held on 20 March 2019

4.1 The minutes were agreed as a true and accurate record.

Agenda Item 5: Chief Executive's report

5.1 The Board noted the report and additional comments from the Chief Executive and:

- Noted that following local elections, Cheshire East and Cheshire West & Chester were yet to confirm who will be leading the two councils and that Annual General Meetings would be held in each authority in the week commencing 19th May to do that.
- In relation to MHCLG's deep dive, while the report would not be published, the Board welcomed the fact that the exercise had confirmed the *Exceptional* governance and transparency rating given to the LEP at its annual assessment. This was testament to the efforts of the Board and Executive to continue to be at the vanguard of Governance and Transparency. The Board agreed the Executive should continue to embrace the principal of continuous improvement across the organisation.
- Noted that Marketing Cheshire would be meeting the following day and would be looking to formally accept the LEP as the sole Member of Marketing Cheshire following the merger.
- Interviews to fill the vacancies on the LEP Board will be held on 7 June. The interview panel will be chaired by Robert Davis as the Chair of the LEP's Appointments and Remuneration Committee. Interviews to fill the committee vacancies are being scheduled.

Agenda Item 6: MIPIM

6.1 The Chief Executive took the Board through the paper proposing attendance at MIPIM 2020.

Following discussion, the Board agreed:

- A spend of £25,286 to secure the exhibitors stand for 2020.
- An additional amount of £7,000 should be set aside to cover the cost of a contribution to a potential extended NP11 programme.
- The full budget and detailed programme should be presented to the Marketing Cheshire Board in its role as the LEP's Marketing and Communications sub-committee, in due course.

Agenda Item 7: Annual Delivery Plan

7.1 The Deputy Chief Executive explained that all LEP's were required to publish an Annual Delivery Plan following the publication of the *Strengthened LEPs* Report in July 2018. That report required LEPs to publish both qualitative and quantitative measures that would enable government to assess the performance of LEPs on an annual basis. The Board had previously discussed the measures proposed by the Executive and had suggested a number of amendments. These amendments had been taken on board in full and the draft before the Board now put these within supporting text.

7.2 The Board agreed that their amendments had been captured and approved the draft for publication subject to minor textual amendments which the Board agreed could be made by the Executive.

Agenda Item 8: NP11 Strategy

8.2 David Levene took the Board through a short presentation setting out the overarching strategy for the NP11.

In discussion, the following points were made:

- The NP11 should set out a clear vision for the North and, where possible, speak with one voice.
- The NP11 should look to operate on a pan-northern level when it could genuinely add value, as oppose to on every issue.
- Care should be taken on an issue by issue basis about whether the NP11 was leading or supporting.
- The NP11 should look to exploit synergies and in doing so, exploit the benefits of co-operation as oppose to competition.
- The NP11 should be realistic as to its capacity and so the areas it should target its efforts on.

- The principles of subsidiarity should apply, and the NP11 should only get involved when it made sense for it to do so.

Agenda Item 9: Board Sub-Committee Reports

9.1 It was noted that:

- The Strategy Committee would be meeting to progress the allocation of the LGF Energy funding.
- The Skills & Education Board would shortly be considering responses to the recent Skills capital funding consultation, which would inform the shape of the invitation to bid document.
- The Enterprise Zone Board had got three further investments underway and additional schemes were now in the pipeline.

Agenda Item 10: Any Other Business

10.1 The Chair suggested that work be set in hand to establish a Junior LEP Board. The Executive agreed and said that this work was already captured in our Annual Delivery Plan.

Date and Time of Next Meeting:

Wednesday 19th June 5:00pm.

Action points:

Action: None arising