

Lancashire Enterprise Partnership Limited Board

Minutes of the Meeting held on Tuesday, 5th July, 2016 at 4.30 pm at the Cabinet Room 'C' - The Duke of Lancaster Room, County Hall, Preston

Present

Edwin Booth (Chairman)

Jim Carter
Graham Cowley
Mike Damms
Richard Evans
Dave Holmes

Dr Malcolm McVicar
Dennis Mendoros
Councillor Phil Riley
David Taylor

In Attendance

Jo Ainsworth, Specialist Advisor: Finance, Lancashire County Council
Brian Bailey, Head of Policy and Programmes, Blackburn with Darwen Borough Council
Dave Colbert, Specialist Advisor Transportation, Lancashire County Council
Martin Kelly, Director of Economic Development, Lancashire County Council
Dr Michele Lawty-Jones, Skills Hub Director, Lancashire County Council
Anthony Lockley, Strategic Head of Development, Blackpool Council
Andy Milroy, Company Services Officer, Lancashire County Council
Kathryn Molloy, Head of Service LEP Coordination, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Ivan Taylor, Blackpool Council
Ian Young, Company Secretary

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chairman, Edwin Booth, welcomed all to the meeting.

Director apologies for absence were noted from Councillor Simon Blackburn, Councillor Stuart Hirst, County Councillor Jennifer Mein, Councillor Mark Townsend, Mike Blackburn and Professor Mark Smith.

In addition, officer apologies were also noted from Harry Catherall, Pam Smith, Tom Flanagan and Jo Turton.

It was agreed that Councillor Ivan Taylor (Blackpool Council) could attend as an Observer to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Growth Deal 3 Update

Martin Kelly, Director of Economic Development, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) regarding the development of the Lancashire Enterprise Partnerships Growth Deal 3 bid.

It was reported that Government has made available £1.8billion of Growth Deal 3 funding to the 39 LEP's in England with most of the available funding back loaded to 2020/21.

The report presented contained a list of 24 scheme proposals which were categorised into priority 1, 2 and 3 schemes, the total value of the schemes funding ask is £155.95M.

Martin clarified that the same matrix used previously to rank the Growth Deal 1 and 2 schemes was used for the Growth Deal 3 bids to prioritise them, this included ranking them on local strategic fit, strategic outcomes and deliverability including within the required timescales for funding release.

It was reported that the next steps are a formal feedback Ministerial Challenge Session which will be held on 6th July 2016. Following this the LEP's scheme prioritisation analysis will be shared with the shadow Combined Authority at its meeting to be held on 11th July 2016. It is intended to have all final comments by 15th July 2016 in advance of the submission to government by the deadline of 28th July 2016.

In addition a late submission from UCLAN was presented to the Board. After consideration of the bid the Board concluded that it was worthy of inclusion in the Growth Deal 3 submission and should be ranked towards the lower end of Priority 1 (around 10 or 11) based on the information provided.

Resolved: The LEP Board:

- (i) Noted the contents of this report and consider and agree the proposed GD3 scheme priorities, as set out at Appendix 'A' to the report.
- (ii) Noted and approved that the GD3 scheme proposal submitted by UCLAN, as set out at Appendix 'B', be included as a lower ranked Priority 1 scheme.
- (iii) Authorised the LEP Chair to continue working with Lancashire Leaders and the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority to agree GD3 scheme priorities.
- (iv) Noted the proposed arrangements for Lancashire's Ministerial Challenge Session on 6 July 2016.
- (v) Noted the use of the LEP's independent economic appraisers to assist in the GD3 prioritisation process.

(vi) Endorsed the need to provide a further GD3 update to Lancashire MPs following the inaugural shadow Lancashire Combined Authority meeting to be held on 11th July 2016; and

(vii) Noted the potential need for a further special LEP Board, or Board approval via written procedure, to sign-off Lancashire's final GD3 submission by the deadline of 28 July 2016, should the submission change significantly.

4. Combined Authority Developments Update

Graham Cowley, LEP Director, presented a report (circulated) which provided an update on Combined Authority Developments.

It was reported that the working documents as presented were being developed between the shadow Lancashire Combined Authority and the LEP, with positive discussions involving the LEP Chair and the Chair of the Growth Management Board. These documents aim to capture the intent of the shadow LCA and LEP to work together. Both Edwin and Graham will be able to update the Board on these emerging documents.

Some early working principles include the need to adapt ways of working and not to seek change for change sake. Clearly, we do not want to create two separate sets of strategies and policies, but look for jointly adopted approaches, with opportunities to refresh the LEP's Strategic Economic Plan in the Autumn.

The key change for the LEP, in terms of accountability, is the transfer of TfL to the new LCA, which reflects the proposed scheme of governance, but there are no changes proposed in terms of LEP representation of the Board of TfL.

Resolved: The LEP Board noted the Lancashire Combined Authority Developments update.

5. Lancaster Health Innovation Campus Update

Graham Cowley gave a verbal update on the development of Lancaster Health and Innovation Campus. The Board was informed that the project had been delayed through the summer in order to cross off gaps in the submission. Overall the project looks excellent and further updates will be provided to the LEP Board as the project develops after the summer.

Resolved: The LEP Board noted the update regarding Lancaster Health and Innovation Campus.

6. Any Other Business

Jim Carter, LEP Director, presented a documentation circulated in advance of the meeting regarding the InterCity West Coast Rail Franchise Consultation it was agreed that everyone was welcome to feed into it and that Directors could, if they wished, send any comments to Kathryn Molloy to be collated centrally on behalf of the LEP. It was also agreed that individual authorities could still submit their own responses to the consultation if they wished to do so.

Resolved: That the update regarding the consultation on the InterCity West Coast Rail Franchise be noted and that responses can be submitted as discussed.

7. Date of Next Meeting

It was noted that the next LEP Board meeting was scheduled to be held on 13th September 2016 at 4.30pm in Cabinet Room 'D' – The Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston.