



CITY DEAL

Preston, South Ribble & Lancashire

Preston, South Ribble and Lancashire City Deal Stewardship Board

Minutes of the Special Meeting held on Wednesday, 11th May, 2016 at 1.00 pm at the Cabinet Room 'D' - The Henry Bolingbroke Room, County Hall, Preston

Present

Jim Carter (Chair)

Deborah McLaughlin
Lorraine Norris

Mike Nuttall
Eddie Sutton

Observers

County Councillor Jennifer Mein, Leader, Lancashire County Council
Councillor Margaret Smith, Leader, South Ribble Borough Council
Councillor Peter Rankin, Leader, Preston City Council
Councillor Cliff Hughes, South Ribble Borough Council
Councillor Phil Smith, South Ribble Borough Council

In Attendance

Jo Ainsworth, Specialist Advisor: Finance, Lancashire County Council
Marcus Hudson, Planning Manager, Lancashire County Council
Beckie Joyce, Head of Strategic Development, Lancashire County Council
Andy Milroy, Company Services Officer, Lancashire County Council
Sarah Parry, Programme Manager City Deal, Lancashire County Council
Sue Procter, Director Programmes and Project Management, Lancashire County Council
Stuart Sage, Homes and Community Agency

1. Welcome and Apologies for Absence

The Chair, Mr J Carter, welcomed all to the meeting. It was noted that Councillor's Phil Smith and Cliff Hughes (both South Ribble Borough Council) were in attendance as Observers, it was agreed that both Councillor Hughes and Councillor Smith could be present for the whole meeting.

Apologies for absence were presented from Jo Turton with Eddie Sutton in attendance as her nominee. Apologies were also noted from Malcolm McVicar.

2. Minutes of the City Deal Executive / Stewardship Board meetings held on 21st March 2016

Resolved: That the minutes of the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board meetings held on 21st March 2016 be approved as an accurate record and signed by the Chairs.

3. Matters Arising

None

4. Declarations of Interest

Mr J Carter, made a declaration in relation to Item 8 – Implementation Update to Government. Whilst there were no decisions to be made on this particular development at this meeting, it was deemed prudent for Mr Carter to declare an interest in the development of land at Cuerden Valley, Preston.

The Eric Wright Group, through the Lancashire Regeneration Property Partnership are in discussions with Lancashire County Council about the possibility of working together on the development of this site. Mr Carter declared that he is a non-executive director of this company and will not therefore participate in any discussion in respect of this at any City Deal Executive Board meetings. Mr Carter will also declare this interest at Eric Wright Group Board meetings.

The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted Mr Carters declaration and deemed that it was appropriate for him to participate in all items on this agenda.

5. City Deal Implementation Update - Year 2, Quarter 4 Monitoring Report

5A. Project Monitoring Report

Sarah Parry, Programme Manager, City Deal, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) containing the Project Monitoring performance for the Quarter 4 period – 1st January 2016 to 31st March 2016.

The Executive and Stewardship Board noted the current stage of each project as set out and also noted that any issues would be discussed during Item 8 – Implementation Update.

With regard to the references to Preston Bus Station, The Executive and Stewardship Board requested that a further update report be provided at a future City Deal Executive / Stewardship Board meeting.

Resolved: The City Stewardship Board and the Executive noted Project Monitoring Report for the period 1st January 2016 to 31st March 2016 as presented.

5B. Finance Monitoring Report

Jo Ainsworth, Subject Matter Expert / Specialist Advisor Finance, Programme Office, Lancashire County Council presented a Finance Monitoring Report for the period quarter 4 period – 1st January 2016 to 31st March 2016.

It was reported that the financial performance was as anticipated for this stage of the City Deal delivery.

The Executive and Stewardship Board requested that a meeting be arranged with the Chair of the Executive (Jim Carter), the Chair of the Stewardship Board (Deborah McLaughlin), Stuart Sage and Jo Ainsworth to go through the finance monitoring in detail.

Resolved: The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the Finance Monitoring Report for the quarter 4 – 1st January 2016 to 31st March 2016 period as presented.

6. Any Other Business

None

7. Date of Next Meeting

Resolved: It was noted that that the next scheduled meeting of the Combined City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board was to be held on Wednesday 22nd June 2016, 3pm, County Hall, Preston.

Part II

At this point the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board approved that the meeting move into Part II, Private and Confidential to consider the remaining items which contained exempt information provided in confidence as defined in the Freedom of Information Act 2000. It was considered that in all the circumstances of the case the public interest in maintaining the exemption outweighed the public interest in disclosing the information.

9. Outline Case Making to Government on Potential Impact of HMG Policy Changes on IDF

It was agreed to consider Item 9 before Item 8

Beckie Joyce, Head of Service, Strategic Economic Development, Lancashire County Council presented a report (circulated) that presented a draft document containing the outline case making to Government on the potential impact of policy changes to the Infrastructure Delivery Fund.

In reviewing the document, the Executive and Stewardship Board suggested a number of changes and agreed a strategy for presentation of the document to Government. It was agreed that Officers would make the necessary changes, discuss with all parties, and provide a further update at the next Combined City Deal meeting on progress made.

The Executive and Stewardship Board also re-confirmed its intention to invite the University of Central Lancashire and Chorley Borough Council to be formally invited to join the City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board as Observers.

Resolved: The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the Outline Case Making document, provided suggested changes to Officers and requested that a further update on progress made be presented to the June 2016 Combined City Deal meetings.

8. Implementation Update - Issues Report

Sarah Parry presented a report (circulated) which contained an update on issues relating to the implementation of various City Deal projects.

Updates were provided on Pickerings Farm Link Road, Croston Road Spine Road and Broughton Bypass with proposals for the next steps to be taken in their delivery.

Resolved: The City Deal Executive and Stewardship Board noted the report and endorsed the next steps as presented with progress updates to be reported to the next Combined City Deal meeting.