

# **Greater Birmingham & Solihull Supervisory Board**

**Friday, 28th March at 14.30hrs – 16.30hrs**

**Committee Room 1, the Council House, Birmingham**

## **PRESENT**

<b>Birmingham</b>	Councillor Albert Bore (Voting Member)
<b>Bromsgrove</b>	Councillor Roger Hollingsworth (Voting Member)
<b>Cannock Chase</b>	Cllr George Adamson (Voting Member)
<b>East Staffordshire</b>	Councillor Julian Mott (Voting Member)
<b>Lichfield</b>	Councillor Mike Wilcox (Chair & Voting Member)
<b>Redditch</b>	Councillor Bill Hartnett (Vice-Chair & Voting Member)
<b>Solihull</b>	Councillor Ken Meeson (Voting Member)
<b>Tamworth</b>	Councillor Steve Claymore (Voting Member)
<b>Wyre Forest</b>	Councillor Ian Hardiman (Voting Member)

## **IN ATTENDANCE**

Mark Rogers	(Supervisory Board Secretary and CE Birmingham City Council)
Ian Miller	(CE Wyre Forest DC)
Andy O'Brien	(CE East Staffordshire BC)
Diane Tilley	(CE Lichfield DC)
Stephen Brown	(CE Cannock Chase DC)
Katie Trout	(LEP Executive Manger)
Jane Ridgley	(LEP Executive)

## **APOLOGIES**

Andy Street	(GBSLEP Board Chair)
Steve Hollis	(GBSLEP Deputy Board Chair)
Phil Mayhew	(CE Solihull MBC)
Kevin Dicks	(CE of Bromsgrove DC and Redditch BC)
Tony Goodwin	(CE Tamworth DC)

1. **Election of Chairman (Elected until Annual Meeting in July 2014)**

Nominations for the appointment of a Chairman were sought for the Supervisory Board

01 **RESOLVED**

Cllr. Mike Wilcox (Lichfield DC) was elected as Chairman until the Annual Meeting in July 2014

2. **Election of Vice Chairman**

Nominations for the appointment of a Vice-Chairman were sought for the Supervisory Board

02 **RESOLVED**

Cllr. Bill Hartnett (Redditch BC) was elected as Vice- Chairman until the Annual Meeting in July 2014

3. **Apologies for Absence**

03 **RESOLVED**

Noted as above

4. **Current Membership & Notification of any Substitute Members (Attached)**

04 **RESOLVED**

Noted current membership subject to following amendments: Cllr Greg Chance as the Redditch voting substitute, Cllr Margaret Sherrey as the Bromsgrove voting substitute and Cllr Ian Pritchard as the Lichfield voting substitute.

5. **Notification of any Declarations of Interest (Verbal)**

05 **RESOLVED**

No declarations of interest were received.

6. **Appointment of Secretary**

06 **RESOLVED**

The Board nominated Mark Rogers (Chief Executive Birmingham City Council) as the Supervisory Board's Secretary.

7. **Terms of Reference, Constitution and Standing Orders of the Supervisory Board**

The Supervisory Board was advised that two suggested amendments have been made to the Terms of Reference (ToR): the first amendment is the election of a Vice Chair and the second amendment is the timings of the Supervisory Board meetings to take place approximately 7-10 days after the LEP Board Meetings.

Cllr Julian Mott recommended two further amendments to the following articles with the changes marked in bold:

1.1 The Supervisory Board acts as a Joint Committee under ss 101, 102 Local Government Act 1972 and **s9E(b)** Local Government Act 2000 and pursuant to the Local Authorities (Arrangement for the Discharge of Functions) (England) Regulations 2012.

3.2. To empower the GBSLEP Board **to deliver decisions taken under 3.1;**

07 **RESOLVED**

That the TOR and Standing Orders are approved with the above amendments

08 **RESOLVED**

That further information on the Joint Scrutiny Committee be circulated to the Chief Executive of Bromsgrove DC.

8. **GBSLEP Strategic Economic Plan**

Katie Trout provided an update on the development of the GBSLEP Strategic Economic Plan and activity being undertaken before submission. Further feedback from the Supervisory Board is welcomed but requested as soon as possible.

09 **RESOLVED**

The GBSLEP Strategic Economic Plan was approved for submission to Government on 31st March 2014 subject to any final changes made by the SEP Steering Group.

9. **Day and Time of Meetings 2014/15**

The Chair asked members of the Supervisory Board to approve the dates and times of meetings of the Board.

10 **RESOLVED**

Approved dates and times of future meetings of the Board subject to amendment to the list from Thursday, 14th October to Tuesday, 14th October. Agreed that meetings should be held in Birmingham.

**10 Any Other Business**

Cllr Roger Hollingsworth raised a matter relating to the Mezzanine Fund.

It was noted that at the last meeting of the GBSLEP Board it was agreed in principle to proposals to 'ring fence' the £13.3m recycled capital funds from the Growing Places Fund (GPF) as a loan to the Mezzanine Fund Programme (MFP) up to December 2018, but that the LEP Board Director with responsibility for Access to Finance was asked to consider how much of the GPF was required for the MFP and whether there was any flexibility. Having done this, he has proposed reducing the GPF contribution to £10m.

The Supervisory Board discussed £3.3m being retained as Growing Places Funding.

**11 RESOLVED**

That the £10 million of the recycled capital funds of Growing Places Fund is 'ring fenced' as a loan to the Mezzanine Fund Programme.

The meeting closed at 15:00 hrs.

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CHAIRMAN