

NORTH EAST LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD

Thursday 28 September 2017 at 5.00pm

Held at The Word, National Centre for the Written Word, South Shields

MINUTES

Present:

Andrew Hodgson	Chair, North East LEP
Gillian Hall	Watson Burton
David Land	Drive 2 Business
Heidi Mottram	Northumbrian Water Group
Mark Thompson	Ryder Architecture
Councillor Nick Forbes	Leader, Newcastle City Council
Councillor Martin Gannon	Leader, Gateshead Council
Councillor Iain Malcolm	Leader, South Tyneside Council
Professor Andrew Wathey	Northumbria University
Karen Redhead	Association of North East Colleges

In Attendance:

Helen Golightly	Executive Director, North East LEP
Paul Woods	Chief Financial Officer, NECA
Hans Möller	Innovation Director, North East LEP
Colin Bell	Business Growth Director, North East LEP
Gillian Kelly	Sunderland City Council

Apologies

Farooq Hakim	BT
Ammar Mirza	AmmarM (UK) Limited
Andrew Moffat	Port of Tyne
Paul Varley	North East Clothing Company
Councillor Simon Henig	Leader, Durham County Council
Councillor Peter Jackson	Leader, Northumberland County Council
Mayor Norma Redfearn	North Tyneside Council
Councillor Paul Watson	Leader, Sunderland City Council

ACTION

1. WELCOME FROM THE CHAIR AND OPENING REMARKS

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance.

Board Members were made aware that the meeting was inquorate, however the Board's recommendations would be sent to local authority Vice-Chair for endorsement after the meeting.

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2. INTERNATIONAL ADVANCED MANUFACTURING PARK

Vince Taylor, Sunderland City Council and John Scott, South Tyneside Council were in attendance to deliver a presentation on the International Advanced Manufacturing Park (IAMP).

The IAMP is a 150 hectare industrial development with over 350,000 square metres of floorspace and is intended to provide the necessary space for large footplate employers and to build on the local diversity in manufacturing. The size of the site had been increased as a result of recommendations from the Planning Inspector following the public enquiry.

The business case which would be presented to the LEP Board at a future meeting would cover the LGF and enterprise zone business rates elements of the funding package. An Area Action Plan had been developed and the first stage of the process to get the land out of the green belt was almost complete and was out for public consultation.

The Board were advised that for the last seven months, work had been ongoing to identify a development partner for the IAMP and the OJEU process had been concluded at the end of September. The development partner would be responsible for putting in the infrastructure and developing individual plots for companies.

The first phase of the IAMP was for automotive suppliers.

Turning to the timescales for the IAMP, the Area Action Plan was to be adopted in November 2017 with a Development Consent Order being agreed in Spring 2018. Phase 1 would begin in June 2018, followed by fitting out in June 2019 with the site being ready to supply Nissan by 2020.

The Board were advised that the business case was to be submitted to the LEP the next day and would be presented to the November Board meeting.

The Board thanked Vince and John for their presentation and **NOTED the update on the IAMP.**

3. MINUTES AND MATTERS ARISING

The minutes of the Board meeting held on 27 July 2017 were agreed as a correct record.

The Board were advised that further discussions had taken place regarding lobbying the Government on the UK shared prosperity fund and the size of the

ask and ambition had been relayed back to the Government.

4. DELIVERY PLAN

The Board received an update on the delivery plan setting out the progress against SEP actions and the performance against plan targets since 2014.

It was Hans Möller's last meeting before he left the role of Innovation Director to take up a new position in Edinburgh and he had been asked to look over his time with the North East LEP.

Hans spoke about the importance of partnership and how this had developed during his two and a half years as Innovation Director. In terms of achievements during his time with the LEP, Hans highlighted the creation and part funding of new innovation centres at NetPark and the development of NetPark itself.

The four catapult centres in the LEP area were also a big asset for the region and this had opened the catapult network in the UK for the LEP and clients. The Innovation Board was keen to develop an ecosystem around innovation which was in line with the original ambition set out in the SEP in 2014.

Hans concluded by saying that the SEP refresh had been a great process and that he felt excellent progress had been made in innovation in the North East with a lot to look forward to for the future. He thanked the Board Members, Helen Golightly and other members of the LEP team for all of their support during his time as Innovation Director.

The Chair thanked Hans on behalf of the Board and the region for his work and wished him well for the future.

The Board were advised that a lot of progress was being made in a number of areas of the Delivery Plan. The biggest risk to the programme was the future funding landscape and the LEP team was trying to work with the Government on this.

The Chair commented that the report was very good, provided quality information and targeted key risks and actions.

The Board NOTED the Programme Delivery Update.

5. FUNDING UPDATES

This report was strictly confidential as it contained commercial information relating to the financial or business affairs of a particular person or organisation and was not for wider circulation.

6. NORTH OF TYNE DEVOLUTION

The Board received an update on the progress being made towards North of Tyne devolution.

The Board NOTED the update.

7. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

The Board received an update on changes to governance arrangements and the membership of the Funding and Investment Board.

8. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the LEP Board would take place on Thursday 30 November 2017 at 5.00pm.

ACTION LOG

<u>Action</u>	<u>Lead</u>	<u>Update</u>