

**NOTES FROM THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD
HELD AT 16:45 ON TUESDAY 17 NOVEMBER 2020 VIA MICROSOFT TEAMS LIVE
EVENTS**

Board Members:

Lou Cordwell (In the Chair)

Mike Blackburn, Mayor Andy Burnham, Lorna Fitzsimons, Sir Richard Leese, Chris Oglesby & Vanda Murray

Advisors:

Lisa Dale-Clough (GMCA), Gemma Marsh (GMCA), Simon Nokes (GMCA), David Rogerson (GMCA), Lee Teasdale (GMCA), John Wrathmell (GMCA), Simon Donahue (Marketing Manchester), Mark Hughes (The Growth Company), Leila Mottahedeh (BEIS), Sheona Southern (Marketing Manchester), Huw Williams (The University of Salford), Karl Dayson (The University of Salford), Jim Wensley (Salford City Council) & Phil Mayall (Muse Developments).

GM LEP/20/30 WELCOME, APOLOGIES & INTRODUCTIONS

The Chair welcomed all present, advising that the meeting would also be acting as 2020's Annual General Meeting for the LEP.

Apologies were received from GM LEP Members Amanda Halford, Mo Isap, Juergen Maier, Cllr Brenda Warrington & Cllr Elise Wilson

GM LEP/20/31 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

GM LEP/20/32 MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF 13 OCTOBER 2020

The Board received the minutes of the last public meeting, held on 13 October 2020.

RESOLVED:/

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13 October 2020 be approved as a true and correct record of the meeting.

STRATEGY

GM LEP/20/33 LEP ANNUAL DELIVERY PLAN AND REPORT

- The substantial level of work that had taken place over the previous 12 months was highlighted. This included the driving forward of the Greater Manchester Strategy; the achievements to date of the Local Industrial Strategy; the strengthening of the LEP Membership, and the delivery of the LEPs priorities in line with the Local Growth Fund.
- In terms of the Annual Delivery Plan for going forward. The LEP had set a substantial agenda for work for the forthcoming 12 months. This included the supporting of GM businesses through the ongoing Covid-19 pandemic; further development of the Local Industrial Strategy; and the launch and delivery of the LEP Economic Vision for Greater Manchester, which will drive the GM vision for a greener and fairer economy.

RESOLVED:/

1. That the 2019/20 Annual Delivery Report be received by the Board.
2. That the 2020/21 Annual Delivery Plan be agreed by the Board.

GOVERNANCE

GM LEP/20/34 LEP GOVERNANCE UPDATE

GM Local Growth Assurance Framework

- The Board were advised that the GM Local Growth Assurance Framework had been updated in line with government guidance. The specific minor changes were highlighted to Members.

Terms of Reference

- Minor amendments had also been made to the Terms of Reference, the most notable being the adoption of the Co-Chair model, whilst also reflecting the need to still maintain a separate Deputy Chair.

Board Refresh

- It was advised that the Board Refresh was now close to concluding. Several dozen high quality submissions had been received by the recruitment consultants. These had been from across the breadth of industrial sectors and

had been a diverse mix in terms of demographics. Work was due to commence with the Co-Chairs on the drawing up of a long list, before moving towards a more formal evaluation and appointment.

RESOLVED:/

1. That the report on the governance update be noted by the Board.
2. That the updated GM Local Growth Assurance Framework be agreed by the Board.
3. That the updated Terms of Reference be agreed by the Board.
4. That the appointment of Cllr Elise Wilson to the role of LEP Deputy-Chair be approved by the Board.

PERFORMANCE

GM LEP 20/35 SALFORD INNOVATION ZONE

- Representatives of the University of Salford provided the Board with a presentation highlighting the potential of the Salford Innovation Zone, and the opportunities that it could enable at a local and national level.
- This was a highly ambitious project that it was estimated could open up £2.5B in investment opportunities, over 102-hectare space comprising six development zones. This would create a new city district, bringing with it residential, cultural, educational & skills, innovation and industrial opportunities.

Comments and Questions

- Members welcomed the vision, complimenting the scale and ambition of the project, and looked forward to seeing the zones as they further developed.
- Members asked that the presentation be provided to them to enable them to provide any further feedback

RESOLVED:/

1. That the presentation on the Salford Innovation Zone be received by the Board.
2. That the presentation be forwarded to Board Members

GM LEP 20/36 GM ECONOMIC DASHBOARD

- The Dashboard continued to monitor both the impact of Covid-19 in addition to the potential impacts of Brexit.
- There had been a significant fall in the number of job postings over the year, and claimant numbers had risen at a previously unprecedented rate, though the pace of those had since been mitigated by the furlough scheme. Footfall numbers had begun to recover on public transport, however recently re-introduced restrictions had tempered these gains.

RESOLVED:/

That the GM Economic Dashboard update be received by the Board.

GM LEP 20/37 SUPPORTING BUSINESS THROUGH COVID

- The extension of the government’s furlough scheme had been welcomed by business.
- The government had also made grants of up to £3000 available to businesses that had needed to close, based upon their rateable value.
- The government had made £60m available to GM in additional restrictions grant funding. This would be used to support the businesses most severely impacted by the lockdown and tiered measures.
- Working collaboratively with the Growth Company, additional information, advice and support was also being provided to businesses throughout the city region.

Comments and Questions

- Sir Richard Leese had written to the Prime Minister setting out the local analysis and scenario planning as restrictions ended with a focus on keeping the spread of Coronavirus under control and supporting our businesses and the livelihoods of the people who work in them.

RESOLVED:/

1. That the updated on supporting businesses through Covid-19 be received.
2. That the letter sent by Sir Richard Leese to the Prime Minister be provided to Board Members.

GM LEP 20/38 GROWTH COMPANY UPDATE

- The Board received the latest update on the work being undertaken by the Growth Company to support the business and economic situation in Greater Manchester.
- The targeted Bounce Back Loans initiative had opened on Monday and had already received an overwhelming level of requests coming through.
- Many organisations were engaging with the governments Kickstart scheme, with over 800 businesses now registered in GM.

RESOLVED:/

That the Growth Company update be noted by the Board.

GM LEP 20/39 MARKETING AND COMMS UPDATE

- It was advised that LEP Economic Vision would be launched on 18th November. The Vision recognises that the pandemic has brought a global reappraisal of economic priorities, putting people and the planet first.
- Building on our frontier sector strengths in advanced materials, green growth, health innovation and digital and creative, Greater Manchester is now poised to lead UK economic recovery with a plan for innovation, green growth and addressing inequalities.

RESOLVED:/

That the Marketing and Comms update be noted by the Board.

GM LEP 20/40 TRANSPORT GROWTH DEAL 1,2,3 UPDATE

- The Board was provided with an update report on the latest position in relation to the Local Growth Deal Transport Programme (Tranches 1,2 and 3) following on from the last update in March 2020.

RESOLVED:/

1. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Major Schemes project be noted by the Board.
2. That the progress made in relation to the Growth Deal Minor Works and Additional Priorities Programmes be noted by the Board.
3. That the progress made in relation to the Non-Transport Skills Capital and Economic Development & Regeneration Programmes (ED & R) be noted by the Board.

4. That the expenditure approvals and grant payments for the SBNI and Oldham Town Centre Regeneration Schemes, as agreed at the 25 September 2020 meeting of the GMCA, and set out in Section 6 of the Report, be endorsed by the Board.

Meeting closed at: 17:40

The next meeting of the Board would take place on Tuesday 15th December.