

**DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE GREATER MANCHESTER LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP BOARD HELD AT 16:00 ON MONDAY 15 JULY 2019 AT CHURCHGATE HOUSE, OXFORD ROAD, MANCHESTER**

**Board Members:**

Mike Blackburn (In the Chair)

Nancy Rothwell, Lorna Fitzsimons, Fiona Gibson, Juergen Maier, Amanda Halford, Chris Oglesby and Sir Richard Leese

**Advisors:**

Eamonn Boylan, Simon Nokes, John Holden, Lisa Dale-Clough, David Rogerson, Matt Berry (GMCA), Mark Hughes (The Growth Company) and Simon Warburton (Transport for Greater Manchester)

**Apologies:**

Apologies were received from Andy Burnham, Mo Isap, Lou Cordwell, Vanda Murray, Councillor Elise Wilson, Councillor Brenda Warrington, Iwan Griffiths, Richard Topliss and David Birch

**GM LEP/19/33 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

There were no announcements.

**GM LEP/19/34 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

- Nancy Rothwell declared her interests in Agenda item 7 LGF approval: Pankhurst Centre (Minute reference LEP/19/40), due to her role at the University of Manchester.
- Sir Richard Leese declared his interests in Agenda item 9 Growth Company Performance Report (Minute reference LEP/19/42), as he is a Board Member of the Growth Company
- Juergen Maier declared his interests in Agenda item 3 Local Industrial Strategy: Implementation (Minute reference LEP/19/36) as he is the National lead on the Made Smarter Review which is also part of the GM LIS. Juergen also declared his interests in Agenda item 4 Our Network (Minute reference GM LEP/19/37) due to his role within Siemens which is a traffic management technology provider to TfGM
- Chris Oglesby declared his interests in Agenda item 7 LGF approval: Pankhurst Centre (Minute reference LEP/19/40), due to having involvement with this bidding process

The Board discussed the letter they submitted to the Secretary of State in May expressing concern over delays in agreeing a firm date for the launch of the GM Local Industrial Strategy and noted that this was agreed shortly afterwards.

Update from Outstanding actions:

- The Board were informed that the organogram is being finalised in collaboration with LEP Board members
- LGF is on today's meeting for discussion

**RESOLVED:**

That the minutes of the meeting held on 13th May 2019 be approved

**I. WELCOME TO NEW BOARD MEMBERS**

The Chair formerly welcomed Amanda Halford, General Manager Business Development at GE Healthcare Life Sciences and Chris Oglesby, Chief Executive of Bruntwood to the Board. The Chair also wanted to put his thanks on record for the hard work of departing GM LEP Members Monica Brij, Mike Oglesby, Councillor Western and Councillor Thomas.

**II. SPENDING REVIEW SUBMISSION**

Simon Nokes Executive Director of Policy & Strategy, GMCA introduced the item. It was stated that there is still uncertainty as to whether the upcoming Spending Review will cover a full three-year period but officers are preparing responses for a range of outcomes.

Key areas of focus include infrastructure and transport connectivity; skills; the wider determinates of health and the importance of health in driving a strong economy; and funding of Local Authority functions.

The Board welcomed the update and noted that infrastructure was a broad theme and cover a number of priorities areas including digital.

**STRATEGY**

John Holden Assistant Director of Research and Strategy, GMCA introduced the item. The GM LIS was successfully launched last month by the LEP, GMCA and partners with good coverage in newspapers and on social media. The University of Manchester was thanked in particular for the use of its facilities which contributed to the overall strength of the launch.

The momentum of the launch will now be carried through to the implementation phase. The Implementation Plan is currently being developed by officers, working closely with the Cities & Local Growth Unit, who are leading the development of Local Industrial Strategies in Whitehall. It is expected that this will be agreed with government by the end of 2019 with a draft ready by the next GM LEP meeting.

To ensure that the GM LEP is at the heart of the implementation of the GM LIS it is envisaged that the GM LEP Board will have joint accountability for implementing the strategy, alongside the GM Growth Board.

As noted that the November 2018 LEP Board meeting, it was noted that there was c.£315k of LEP Capacity Funds remaining for 2019/20 and it was agreed that this would be allocated in support of the implementation of the priorities of the LIS. The current report sets out proposed activities to be funded from the remaining LEP Capacity Funds.

The Board congratulated the team for a successful LIS launch and the work that had gone into making it a success.

Members highlighted the the importance of private sector input and engagement and suggested that a strong business voice would be crucial in the successful delivery of the LIS as had been the case in initiatives such as Made Smarter and Be the Business.

The GM LEP could also act as a champion for the LIS which provides a platform for LEP leadership.

**Action:** GM LIS Implementation Plan to be brought to a future LEP Board strategic discussion

## **RESOLVED**

- That GM LEP note the joint sign-off and launch of the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy
- That GM LEP provide comments on the proposed governance arrangements for implementing the Greater Manchester Local Industrial Strategy in Greater Manchester
- That GM LEP provide comments on the the priority actions to be initiated in 2019/20
- That GM LEP agree that the remaining 2019/20 LEP capacity funding should, as previously agreed, be used to support the activities to implement the GM LIS

## **GM LEP/19/37      OUR NETWORK**

Simon Warburton, Transport Strategy Director of TfGM introduced the item to the Board.

The report presented 'Our Network', a shared vision towards an integrated transport network for Greater Manchester in 2029 which was launched by the GM Mayor on 24<sup>th</sup> June.

Our Network is a ten-year plan to create an integrated, modern and accessible public transport system. Our Network is a visual representation of the 2040 Strategy and five-year delivery plan developed with the 10 Councils and the LEP.

The Our Network vision is described in a new indicative transport map underpinned by contactless connections between different modes of public transport, in a zonal system with bus, tram, train ('GM Rail'), tram-train, cycling and walking modes, all working together as one integrated network.

As part of the Our Network vision, the Mayor also confirmed a series of short, medium and long term commitments including:

- Contactless Metrolink payments with the Trafford Park line open early next year.
- Further develop bus service reform
- Roll out of Our Pass for young people
- Explore options to expand Park and Ride provision
- Provide significant public bike hire scheme as part of the Made to Move strategy
- Set out a GM Rail Prospectus later this summer.
- Work with the industry to identify the best solution for future tram-train services
- Maintain commitment to HS2 and Northern Powerhouse Rail and urge Government to affirm the same

Members commented that this has been a great piece of work and was particularly useful given that an effective transport network remains a key component of economic growth.

The Board noted that walking is part of nearly every journey and that its importance should not be overlooked when integrating all modes of transport.

## **RESOLVED**

GM LEP resolved to note the Our Network vision and the delivery of an integrated transport network for Greater Manchester.

## **GM LEP/19/38 FUTURE STRATEGIC DISCUSSIONS**

Simon Nokes reported that future LEP meetings will include the opportunity for strategic discussions and LEP Members were invited to contribute any key themes.

As noted above, the strategic discussion in September will focus on the LIS Implementation Plan.

**Action:** LEP Members to contact David Rogerson with any future strategic discussion themes.

## **RESOLVED**

- That GM LEP note the item

## ***PERFORMANCE AND DELIVERY***

### **GM LEP/19/39 LGF UPDATE**

Simon Nokes introduced the item. The report provided LEP members with an update and overview of progress on the development and delivery of the Local Growth Fund (LGF) and associated programmes; and to provide a recommended way forward in relation to potential uses of funding previously held for contingencies and ensuring that a spend rate that will improve the grading from government.

It was reported that at the last Annual Performance Review with the Cities and Local Growth Unit, GM LEP had been rated on three key criteria of strategy, governance and delivery.

GM's strategy was considered exceptional, its governance rated as good and delivery was assessed as requiring improvement, as programme spend in the current financial year is not currently forecast to meet Government expectations.

It was noted that this is primarily due to the £70m front loaded funding agreed with Government and the legacy impact of historical issues in relation to resource profiling and approvals on some elements of the programme.

GM has therefore written to Government and formally requested that the £70m front loaded funding is removed from the metrics used to calculate our grading and that it is instead allocated to the end of the LGF spend period in March 2021.

GM has yet to receive a response and so will plan on the basis that this will remain part of the next assessment.

GM is Working towards accelerating spend to 60% of grant received and reducing the issue of forecast spend beyond March 2021.

## **RESOLVED**

- That the GM LEP Board approve the proposal to bring new projects onto the LGF portfolio and amend the funding structure of the current LGF projects in order to utilise spend.
- That the GM LEP Board approve the proposed allocation of the unallocated and contingency (£40.8m) set out in paragraph 4

## **GM LEP/19/40            LGF APPROVAL: PANKHURST CENTRE**

John Holden introduced the item. It was noted that in January 2017, Government confirmed GM's third Local Growth Deal allocation would be £130m. The GMLEP then agreed in February 2017 the priorities for this Growth Deal funding. This included £20m for two priority science projects (International Screen School Manchester and The Pankhurst Institute).

The University of Manchester have now submitted a Full Business Case for approval by the GM LEP and GMCA, following the process set out in the Assurance Framework agreed between GM and Government.

It was reported that this project will form part of the wider public/private partnerships bringing together Manchester Science Partnerships, Manchester University NHS Foundation Trust, Health Innovation Manchester and City Labs

The Board welcomed the business case and noted that this project could provide an opportunity to further highlight women's participation in science.

## **RESOLVED**

- That the GM LEP Board approve the Pankhurst Institute business case (Gateway 3) and agree that a grant agreement should be issued by the GMCA (as the Accountable Body) to the University of Manchester.

## **GM LEP/19/41 INVESTMENT POT FOR SKILLS**

Simon Nokes introduced the item which sets out an approach to bring forward innovative skills provision linked to employer needs and skills gaps building on a sector approach.

As set out in the LIS, GM needs to focus activity to increase productivity and reduce skills gaps in certain occupations. Investment needs to be bespoke and bring together innovative solutions that include high quality equipment to enhance learning and respond to skills gaps.

In reviewing the LGF spend as set out in a previous paper an opportunity has arisen to allocate £8m to develop a proposal for an investment pot for skills that will support key LIS sectors and also where appropriate bring this together with loan/equity sector investment funds to truly drive growth. There is also the potential to add further value to such a pot via other sources of funding for skills in particular those targeting certain cohorts.

### **RESOLVED**

- That the GM LEP agree for the proposed programme and priorities identified for an “Investment Pot for Skills” to go to the GMCA in July 2019.

## **GM LEP/19/42 GROWTH COMPANY PERFORMANCE REPORT**

Mark Hughes, Group Chief Executive of the Growth Company introduced the item.

It was highlighted that the past year has been very positive with the vast majority of the objectives achieved although there is still more to do in driving apprenticeship start-ups and boosting business investment.

The Board congratulated the Growth Company on making significant progress, particularly in such challenging circumstances. In particular, the Made Smarter initiative was highlighted as an example of the GM approach which had provided significant added value.

The Board also suggested it could be useful to publicise these successes more widely, particular amongst the business community.

**Action:** David Rogerson to circulate latest apprenticeship figures

### **RESOLVED**

- That the GM LEP note the Growth Company Performance Report

## **GOVERNANCE**

### **GM LEP/19/43 GOVERNANCE UPDATE**

Simon Nokes introduced the report which set out the background and recommendations of the National Local Growth Assurance Framework and the key implications for Greater Manchester.

The Board discussed the structure of future meetings which will include a focus on the GMS dashboard, the implementation of the LEP and feedback from relevant non-LEP groups that Board members sit on.

The Board requested a schedule for the appointment of the next GM LEP chair.

**Action:** David Rogerson to circulate LEP Chair appointment schedule

#### **RESOLVED**

- That the GM LEP approve the updated GM Single Pot Assurance Framework
- That the GM LEP appoint Lou Cordwell as Deputy Chair and appoint Vanda Murray as the Diversity Champion
- That GM LEP Board members notify officers of any relevant gifts, hospitality and expenses received over the first quarter of 2019/20. This information to then be published quarterly
- That the GM Board members agree to notify officers of any changes to their Register of Interest
- That the GM LEP approve the Board's updated Terms of Reference

#### **GM LEP/19/44            FEEDBACK FROM OTHER BOARDS**

The Board discussed potential future updates from relevant groups including the GM Foresight Group.

#### **RESOLVED**

- The Board noted the opportunity for future feedback

#### **GM LEP/19/45            FUTURE MEETINGS**

(Meetings will be held in the GMCA Boardroom unless otherwise stated)

**Monday 16 September 2019**

**Monday 11 November 2019**