

New Anglia Board Meeting Minutes (Unconfirmed) 22nd February 2017

Present:

Cllr David Ellesmere (DE)	Ipswich Borough Council
Doug Field (DF)	East of England Coop
Mark Goodall (MG)	Aker Solutions
Cllr John Griffiths (JG)	St Edmundsbury Borough Council
Mark Pendlington (MP)	Anglian Water
Lindsey Rix (LR)	Aviva
Dr Nikos Savvas (NS)	West Suffolk College
Cllr Alan Waters (AW)	Norwich City Council
Jeanette Wheeler (JW)	Birketts

In Attendance:

Geoff Archer (GA)	East of England European Partnership
Chris Dashper (CD)	New Anglia LEP
Rose Joy (RJ)	New Anglia LEP
Hayley Mace (HM)	New Anglia LEP
Clive Maxwell (CM)	BEIS
Fiona McDiarmid (FM)	Norfolk County Council
Jonathan Millins (JM)	East of England European Partnership
Charley Purves (CP)	New Anglia LEP
Lisa Roberts (LiR)	New Anglia LEP
Sue Roper (SR)	Suffolk County Council
Cllr Richard Smith (RS)	On behalf of Colin Noble
Keith Spanton (KS)	New Anglia LEP
Chris Starkie (CS)	New Anglia LEP

Actions from the meeting: (22.02.17)

5. EU Funding for Norfolk and Suffolk - the LEP executive to develop a plan for the future uses of the report, to include costs and how the LEP can engage and collaborate with businesses.	AR
7. Finance Report – the LEP executive to continue to lobby Treasury regarding irrecoverable VAT.	CS
8. Economic Strategy Plan and Budget – Lisa Roberts to circulate a revised budget to the board for approval ahead of the March board meeting.	LiR
10. Business Performance Reports – David Ellesmere to circulate publicity regarding the Ipswich Cornhill developments.	DE
10. Business Performance Reports – Chris Dashper to bring a paper to a future board	

	<p>meeting regarding the governance, structure and board representation on the New Anglia Capital board.</p> <p>10. Business Performance Reports – the LEP executive to include in the reports details of deadline dates for projects the team are working on.</p>	<p>CD</p> <p>CS</p>
1	Welcome from the Chairman	
<p>Mark Pendlington (MP) welcomed everyone to the February meeting and introduced Mark Parker (MPa). MPa welcomed the board to the venue and the iconic building of Willis Towers Watson. MPa provided a background to the Norman Foster building and to the work of Willis Towers Watson.</p> <p>MP also extended welcome Clive Maxwell (CM) from Department of Business, Energy and Industrial Strategy (BEIS).</p>		
2	Apologies	
<p>Cllr Cliff Jordan (CJ) – Norfolk County Council Cllr Colin Noble (CN) – Suffolk County Council Steve Oliver (SO) – MLM Group Cllr Andrew Proctor (AP) Prof David Richardson (DR) – UEA Davina Tanner (DT) – Britannia Enterprises Tim Whitley (TW) – BT Shân Lloyd (SL) – BEIS</p>		
3	Declarations of Interest	
<p>Full declarations of interest can be found at http://www.newanglia.co.uk/about-us/the-board/.</p> <p>The board were reminded that declarations of interest are required as part of LEP scrutiny and must be submitted to the LEP office at the earliest convenience.</p> <p>Declarations relevant to this meeting:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • None. 		
4	Minutes of the last meeting 18th January 2017	
<p><i>Actions of the last meeting updated as follows:</i></p> <p>5. Sizewell C Power Station Consultation – The LEP executive provided a response to the consultation on behalf of the board.</p> <p>6. Managing Director’s Report – Housing Delivery – A paper to be brought to a future board meeting before the summer. CS is liaising with local authorities to detail the challenges in housing and this will be incorporated in the development of the Economic Strategy.</p> <p>6. Managing Director’s Report – Opportunity Areas – An update on the development of Norwich and Ipswich Opportunity Areas is included within item 6.</p> <p>8. Business Performance Reports – Skills – The figures for NEETs will be included in the next Skills BPR.</p>		
5	EU Funding for Norfolk and Suffolk	
<p>MP welcomed Geoff Archer (GA) and Jonathan Millins (JM) to the board and introduced the report and presentation.</p> <p>GA provided an overview of the East of England European Partnership and the Brussels office services to partners including policy analysis, promotion and representation of the region as</p>		

	<p>well as forums.</p> <p>The EU Funding report has been produced in response to the changes foreseen by Brexit, including the type and volume of funding that will be available in the future. It is hoped that the report will provide a platform for engaging with Government as Brexit unfolds.</p> <p>GA went on to highlight how the report had been put together and which funding streams were targeted, as well as how the EU programmes relate to New Anglia's priorities.</p> <p>The headline figures of the report were provided as well as case studies of how the funding is benefiting Norfolk and Suffolk economy and creating new jobs. £1.9bn has been invested in the New Anglia area since 2007, leveraging £7.34bn investment in total.</p> <p>EU funding has provided economic development and support for New Anglia's key sectors, and key infrastructure projects have come to fruition with EU support. The current EU funding will continue until March 2019.</p> <p>JM provided an update on Brexit and the details provided by government. JM highlighted that the UK withdrawal from the EU is very much a negotiation rather than clear cut and picked out the key points of the Prime Minister's speech. Implications for business were also emphasised, with the ability to access new markets and bilateral trade.</p> <p>There are three options in terms of the European Investment Bank (EIB); the creation of a subsidiary, a clean break including dividing up of assets and liabilities, or an amendment to the statutes to allow the UK to remain a shareholder of the EIB.</p> <p>A meeting in Brussels has been convened for week commencing 27th February by the East of England European Partnership to discuss the devolution of regional funding. This will help shape the opportunities before decisions are made.</p> <p>The board agreed for the LEP executive to develop a plan for the future uses of the report, to include costs and how the LEP can engage and collaborate with businesses. The plan should also identify which funding streams are particularly relevant to Norfolk and Suffolk and how these can be taken forward.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the content of the presentation and report. • To the LEP executive using the report's findings as outlined in the covering paper. 	AR
6	Managing Director's Report	
	<p>Chris Starkie (CS) took the majority of the paper as read, highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Industrial Strategy – Jo Johnson MP met with the LEP in January, where discussion took place on how the local area and businesses can be involved in the development and implementation of the industrial strategy. A follow up visit from the Industrial Strategy team allowed the LEP to provide full briefings on the LEP programmes and related this to the strands of the strategy. The Industrial Strategy consultation finishes on 17th April. A short paper outlining the response will come to the March board, and the full response will be signed off by written procedures ahead of the deadline. • Norwich and Ipswich Opportunity Areas – each area has a partnership board responsible for the direction of the programme. CS has been asked to sit on this board for both areas. New Anglia is hosting the post of Programme Director, Norwich Opportunity Area with the DfE funding the post, for which recruitment is underway. A delivery plan is now being drawn up. Ipswich Opportunity Area is a little behind Norwich in terms of setting up, however a stakeholder meeting has been convened and discussions are underway. • Ely Area Taskforce – a paper will be brought to the March board to consider support for the project. • MIPIM – a budget is being drawn up to be included in the March budget papers to 	

	<p>support the two day event in October. Hayley Mace (HM) is attending the event in Cannes to scope the international opportunities. Feedback and analysis of the 2016 event will be included in the March report.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report. 	
7	Finance Report	
	<p>Keith Spanton (KS) talked through the management accounts for January 2017 and year to date figures. Income for the 10 months to end January £835,610 and expenditure of £764,743 leaves a surplus of £70,867.</p> <p>KS also informed the board that the Enterprise Zone income from Gt. Yarmouth Borough Council has been received as anticipated.</p> <p>The LEP Network lobbied Treasury regarding irrecoverable VAT, however, they are not looking to change the rules. MP requested that the lobbying continues to take place.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report. 	CS
8	Economic Strategy Plan and Budget	
	<p>Lisa Roberts (LiR) thanked the board for their support of the workshop on 9th February. Two further workshops are planned for 14th June and 30th August. Lindsey Rix (LR) has agreed to be the board sponsor for the strategy and has offered the services of a colleague to help develop this.</p> <p>LiR detailed the breakdown of the budget and an update of the request. The board agreed to a budget of up to £60,000 for the evidence work and requested a detailed breakdown of this be signed off by LR. LiR will work on bringing the engagement and facilitator costs down and will bring this back to the board for full approval by written procedures ahead of the March board meeting.</p> <p>Alan Waters (AW) commented that the government are interested in the inclusive growth model to ensure investment in deprived areas and this should be fed into the strategy.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report. An outline budget of up to £60,000 for evidence work, with a detailed breakdown signed off by Lindsey Rix. To receive a revised budget for the engagement and facilitator work ahead of the March board meeting. 	LIR
9	Growth Deal Three	
	<p>CS provided a verbal update on Growth Deal Three. A copy of the media release was included in the papers for reference. CS highlighted that New Anglia has received a good allocation, though there is a need to manage expectations because of the number of potential bids from partners and a delay in the funding being made available to the LEP. The profile of the funding is yet to be received and we are expecting the funding to be for 2018 onwards. There will be time to plan for effective use of the fund.</p> <p>The Innovation and Productivity Fund will be included in the Growth Deal Three, which will be planned in and developed in line with the Economic Strategy and Industrial Strategy. This will be brought to a future meeting.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report. 	

10	Business Performance Reports	
<p>Chris Dashper (CD) talked through the reports highlighting the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Growth Deal – the team are looking to maximising the spend to reduce anticipated underspend. The majority of projects have claim deadlines of 28th February and a better position will be known at the beginning of March. There are options available for the underspend and there are no concerns at this stage. David Ellesmere (DE) will share publicity for Ipswich Cornhill with the board. • Business Growth Programme – the Micro Grant Scheme RAG rating has been revised down given the initial delay in the programme. Options are being explored and the Growth Hub advisers are being utilised to develop interest. The programme is being amended and streamlined. The marketing campaign is up and running and the team are tracking enquiries. The Eastern Agri-tech initiative is being revised to Amber at the Performance and Risk Committee’s suggestion. This is being run by Greater Cambridge and Greater Peterborough LEP which is reporting on delivered to date figures, rather than awarded to date figures. There are no concerns over the programme itself. • New Anglia Capital – the next board meeting is being held 23rd February at which the board will discuss operational resources. The board are looking to increase opportunities in Suffolk for both investors and projects. New Anglia board requested a paper be brought to outline the governance, structure and board representation on the New Anglia Capital board. <p>Jeanette Wheeler (JW) suggested that deadline dates the team are working towards are added into the BPRs.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • To note the content of the reports. • To receive, as part of the BPRs, deadline dates for projects the LEP executive are working on. 		<p style="text-align: center;">DE</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CD</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CS</p>
11	Any Other Business	
<p>MP brought to the attention of the board changes to two of the sector groups:</p> <p>Food, Drink and Agriculture Board – John Fuller has stepped down as chair of this board and MP formally proposed Doug Field (DF) take his place. The board agreed.</p> <p>Skills Board – Andy Wood is looking to step down as chair within the next couple of months. MP formally proposed Paul Winter be approached to take on this chairmanship. The board agreed.</p>		

Next meeting:

Wednesday 22nd March – 10am – 12.30pm – King’s Lynn Innovation Centre, Innovation Drive, King’s Lynn, PE30 5BY