

New Anglia Board Meeting Minutes (Confirmed) 27th February 2019

Present:

David Ellesmere (DE)	Ipswich Borough Council
Doug Field (DF)	East of England Coop
Matthew Hicks (MH)	Suffolk County Council
Steve Oliver (SO)	MLM Group
Andrew Proctor (AP)	Norfolk County Council
Johnathan Reynolds (JR)	Nautilus
David Richardson (DR)	UEA
Lindsey Rix (LR)	Aviva
Sandy Ruddock (SR)	Scarlett & Mustard
Nikos Savvas (NS)	West Suffolk College
Alan Waters (AW)	Norwich City Council
Jeanette Wheeler (JW)	Birketts

Attendees

Sarah Hamilton (SH)	NUA – for Item 3
Fiona Wright (FR)	CMS – For Items 6 and 7
Neil Prentice (NP)	Jacob Bailey – For Items 6 and 7
Roj Whitelock (RoW)	Jacob Bailey – For Items 6 and 7
Shan Lloyd (SL)	BEIS
Sue Roper (SuR)	Suffolk County Council
Vince Muspratt	Norfolk County Council
Julian Munson (JM)	New Anglia LEP - For Items 6 and 7
Lisa Roberts (LiR)	New Anglia LEP - For Item 8
Chris Starkie (CS)	New Anglia LEP
Lesley van Dijk (LvD)	New Anglia LEP - For Items 6 and 7
Rosanne Wijnberg (RW)	New Anglia LEP
Helen Wilton (HW)	New Anglia LEP

Actions from the meeting: (27.2.19)		
Minutes of the last meeting 30th January 2019 To issue the Diversity Policy to Board Members for comment.		HW
Place Branding Investigate the retention of the agency for ad hoc work on the brand. To provide the Board with an update at the March Board meeting		LvD LvD
Any Other Business The report on civic universities to be circulated to board members		HW
1	Welcome from the Chair	
Doug Field (DF) welcomed everyone to the meeting including Sarah Hamilton (SH) from NUA and thanked the University for hosting the board meeting.		
2	Apologies	
Apologies were received from William Nunn, John Griffiths, Dominic Keen and Tim Whitley		
3	Welcome from NUA	
(SH) provided the Board with an overview of the 175 history of the Norwich University of the Arts including the achievements of some of its graduates explaining that 2500 students are currently studying for a wide range of degrees and post graduate qualifications. The Ideas Factory, partly funded by the LEP, has now seen its first businesses moving through and has helped create 91 jobs to date.		
4	Declarations of Interest	
Full declarations of interest can be found at http://www.newanglia.co.uk/about-us/the-board . None		
5	Minutes of the last meeting 30th January 2019	
The minutes were accepted as a true record of the meeting held on 30 th January 2019.		HW
Matters arising & actions <i>LEP Board Diversity Champion - To submit comments on the LEP's Diversity Policy to DE</i> It was agreed that the Diversity Policy would be issued to Board Members for comment.		
<i>Amendments to Terms of Reference - To consider the voting rights of deputies at sub-committees.</i> Mills and Reeve have raised the issue of deputisation at Board meetings and a potential clash with Company Law therefore this issue is being investigated further.		
6	Place Branding - Phase 1: Brand Narrative, Values and Visual Identity	
Steve Oliver (SO) introduced the presentation on Place Branding which had been compiled by CMS and Jacob Bailey. Fiona Wright (FW) from CMS reviewed the work carried out to date since the tender was awarded in late August advising that 46 telephone interviews had been carried out with a range of business leaders and board members. Interviews had also been held at MIPIM and an online questionnaire had been used to collate views. A brand workshop was carried out in November to pull together the results of the investigations and a steering group was then created to distil the findings and produce the brand narrative.		
Neil Prentice (NP) reviewed the approach taken to the new brand which was to position Norfolk and Suffolk as offering a new approach and differentiating them from other regional brands with an emotive angle rather than keeping to the purely factual.		
Roj Whitelock (RoW) presented the brand narrative which was compiled as a result of the findings of the investigations. The team had produced a personification of Norfolk and Suffolk and identified its values as being bright, courageous, flexible and balanced. These were distilled into the brand proposition of "We are Open to You".		
A video was presented to the Board presenting brand imagery and how it can be used.		

RoW explained to the Board how the logo had been developed and the imagery which it represents highlighting balance, modernity, the space to innovate and flourish, opportunity and energy.

The meeting was presented with examples of how the logo can be used in advertising and publications.

NP noted that, by identifying Norfolk and Suffolk in this particular way, it repositioned the other brands in the market and set out the New Anglia counties as offering a completely different proposition.

SO thanked the team for their presentation and for the hard work in bringing the brand to this stage. This was endorsed by Sandy Ruddock (SR) and Jeanette Wheeler (JW).

DF asked how the brand could be protected. NP advised that they will investigate which elements can be protected and placed under copywrite.

Andrew Proctor (AP) raised concerns that the brand could be viewed as softer than other regional brands which could impact its appeal to businesses also noting that other more traditional regional brands had been very successful.

NP felt that it was difficult to beat the other brands by doing the same as them and so the new brand looked to include clear messages to businesses while differentiating Norfolk and Suffolk from the pack.

The meeting discussed what message the brand sent to businesses looking to relocate to the area. RoW stated that work was still at very high level and the next step would be to drill down and produce the key messages which would appeal to businesses.

The Board discussed the use of colour in the branding with some board members asking if the colours could be stronger in order to make more of an impact. JW reiterated that the brand development was a collaborative approach and that everyone would hold subjective opinions on such elements and the experience of the agencies who developed it were needed as a steer.

It was noted that the use of the brand had to be carefully implemented in order to consider sensitivities in key areas and that, while the initial brand was a holistic approach covering the whole of the two counties, the importance of cities would not be lost going forwards.

Overall the Board was highly supportive of the work carried out to date and expressed an interest in finding out the next stages of development.

The Board agreed:

- To note the content of the presentation
- To approve the umbrella brand as presented

7 Place Branding - Phase 1 & 2: Branding, Delivery and Timeline

Julian Munson (JM) thanked SO, SR and JW for their involvement in the development of the brand.

He also confirmed that the Department for International Trade had been involved in the work carried out so far and were supporting of the new brand.

DF asked for details of the next stage of the process for the Board.

Lesley van Dijk asked for approval to move on to the next stage of stakeholder engagement leading to the launch of the brand and the web site in July.

JW asked what work needed to be done to produce the key messages and how would this would be funded and progressed.

LvD proposed setting up a working group to include some Board members to manage this work.

DF asked for a report back including the brand toolkit and timescales

It was agreed that the Board would receive an update at the March Board.

	<p>SO asked if the agency could be retained for continuity purposes on an ad hoc basis. CS agreed that this would be logical given their involvement in the work and would review the contract accordingly. ACTION: Investigate the retention of the agency for ad hoc work on the brand.</p> <p>Chris Starkie (CS) confirmed that Norwich were developing a city brand and would ensure that this brand tied in with that and others. Johnathan Reynolds (JR) noted the importance of planning the transition from the use of The East brand into the new brand</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report To approve the timeline and implementation plan outlined in the report To receive an update at the March Board meeting 	<p>LvD</p> <p>LvD</p>
8	Local Industrial Strategy	
	<p>Lisa Roberts (LiR) presented the paper on the Local Industrial Strategy (LIS) and reiterated that this would not replace the Economic Strategy and would provide another layer of detail focusing on the key deliverables within Norfolk and Suffolk.</p> <p>Work is underway developing an evidence base which would have a qualitative basis The meeting was advised that a workshop is being held on 5th March which will include key partners in the collaborative approach to the production of the strategy.</p> <p>LiR advised that, subject to approval, LEPs had been granted £200,000 to implement the LIS and asked the Board for approval to allocate £55,000 of the £200,000 from the 2019/20 budget to tender to consultants for the development of the LIS.</p> <p>JW asked whether this data had already been gathered as part of the part work carried out to produce the Economic Strategy. LiR advised that data was now required at a more detailed level with a focus on productivity which did not currently exist. CS advised that work would be done in house where possible with support from local authority colleagues but that funding was being provided by Government with the expectation that external support could be brought in as required.</p> <p>Alan Waters (AW) noted that the LEP needs to ensure it takes account of the wider implications that could come from its interventions in particular when looking at the Artificial Intelligence Grand Challenge.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report To approve the allocation of £55,000 to secure external support for the development of the LIS 	
9	Norfolk and Suffolk All Energy Industry Council	
	<p>CS updated the Board on the work being carried out to strengthen key sectors which was starting with the energy sector. An initial meeting in December agreed the formation of the Norfolk and Suffolk All Energy Council to work to highlight the sector and a brochure has been produced which has been well received and has already been presented to the Energy Minister.</p> <p>CS was pleased to confirm that the LEP had submitted a bid to host the launch of the Offshore Sector Wind Sector Deal and he had been advised today what this bid had been successful and the launch would take place in Lowestoft or Gt Yarmouth on March 7th.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report 	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> To support the establishment of the Norfolk and Suffolk All Energy Industry Council 	
10	Brexit	
	<p>CS updated the meeting on the ongoing work of the LEP to support businesses with Brexit. The meeting discussed the challenges facing businesses and the problems caused by the uncertainty as to whether to prepare for scenarios with no deal or any particular deal.</p> <p>It was noted that some companies have yet to take any action assuming that there will be no impact upon them.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the contents of the report 	
11	Private Sector Board Appointments	
	<p>DF thanked David Ellesmere (DE) and Lindsey Rix (LR) for their work interviewing the Board candidates.</p> <p>DE reviewed the process carried out and proposed the two nominations of Claire Cullens and Peter Joyner to the Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To the appointment of Claire Cullens and Peter Joyner as private sector board members 	
12	Chief Executive's Report	
	<p>CS presented the paper to the Board and asked for questions from the Board.</p> <p>Capital Growth Programme Call – CS advised that 27 applications had been received and extensive work has been carried out by the LEP Team with 17 going on to the Investment Appraisal Committee (IAC) for consideration.</p> <p>David Richardson (DR) asked for an update on the Innovative Projects Fund. CS advised that 21 bids have been received for the 500k fund and approvals will be carried out by the IAC. Discussions are ongoing with local authorities as to whether this can be increased in the future using pooled business rates.</p> <p>CS advised that an announcement was being made today by BEIS on additional funding for towns and those projects which had not been successful in the recent funding calls would be considered in light of this.</p> <p>A paper will be presented to the March LEP Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report 	
13	February Programme Performance Reports	
	<p>Rosanne Wijnberg (RW) reviewed the February reports and dashboards.</p> <p>It was highlighted to the Board that the Norwich Area Transportation Strategy project had a significant underspend but a meeting had been held which would catch up the spending the next financial year. It was highlighted RAG ratings referred to progress in the previous quarter.</p> <p>The Board was informed that indicators had been added allowing progress to be tracked against targets.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the reports 	
14	Finance Report	
	<p>RW reviewed the finance report and advised the Board that the 2019/20 budget will be presented at the March meeting.</p>	

	<p>An Audit & Risk Committee was held in February where the new Auditors had presented their audit plan which was approved.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the report 	
15	Board Forward Plan	
	<p>CS reviewed the Forward Plan and advised that the March meeting will include the 2019/20 budget, the European Structural Strategy Plan and the LEP Delivery Plan, which will consist of a single draft plan for both Government and the Board.</p> <p>The Board agreed:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> To note the content of the plan 	
16	<p>Any Other Business</p> <p>DR advised that a report had been produced on civic universities and how they can engage in local communities. One point made was that there was no strategy for such involvement and DR noted that funding was available. It was agreed that the report would be issued to Board members.</p> <p>ACTION: Report on civic universities to be circulated to board members - HW</p> <p>AW informed the Board that work has been completed on the flexible labour markets which has gone to cabinet and would be of interest to the LEP Board.</p> <p>It was agreed that this would be added to the Forward Plan.</p>	

Next meeting:

Date and time of next meeting: 10.00am – 12.30pm, 27th March 2019

Venue: Birketts Solicitors, Providence House, 141-145 Princes St, Ipswich IP1 1QJ