

DRAFT

Minutes of the West of England Joint Committee , Friday, 1 July 2022

Members:

Metro Mayor Dan Norris, West of England Combined Authority
Cllr Kevin Guy, Bath & North East Somerset Council
Cllr Toby Savage, South Gloucestershire Council
Mayor Marvin Rees, Bristol City Council
Cllr Steve Bridger, North Somerset Council

1	<p>EVACUATION PROCEDURE</p> <p>The meeting was held at Midsomer Norton Town Hall and the evacuation procedure was noted.</p>
2	<p>APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE</p> <p>There were no apologies for absence. Cllr Steve Bridger, Leader, North Somerset Council was welcomed to his first Joint Committee meeting.</p>
3	<p>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST UNDER THE LOCALISM ACTION 2011</p> <p>There were no declarations of interest.</p>
4	<p>MINUTES</p> <p>The minutes of the meeting held on 8 April 2022 were agreed as a correct record and signed by the Chair.</p>
5	<p>CHAIR ANNOUNCEMENTS</p> <p>There were no announcements made by the Chair.</p>
6	<p>ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC (QUESTIONS, STATEMENTS AND PETITIONS)</p> <p>Twelve questions had been submitted for this meeting and the responses to these questions had been circulated to the questioners and had been published on the Authority's website alongside the agenda papers.</p> <p>Forty-four statements had been submitted in advance of the meeting and these statements had been published on the Authority's website alongside the agenda papers in advance of the meeting.</p> <p>The following members of the public attended the meeting and addressed the meeting on the topic of their statement for up to three minutes each.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • John Reynolds – Thornbury High Street; • Lindsey Hall – Thornbury High Street; • Chris Tippetts – Thornbury High Street; • Gil Gilroy – Thornbury High Street; • Mr K Woosnam – Thornbury High Street; • Sue Blick - Thornbury High Street; • Andy Chubb - Thornbury High Street;
7	<p>COMMENTS FROM CHAIR OF LOCAL ENTERPRISE PARTNERSHIP</p> <p>Richard Bonner, the Chair of the Local Enterprise Partnership Board attended the meeting and gave comments on the Committee papers on behalf of the LEP Board as follows:</p>

	<p>LEP & IBB Budget Outturn April-March 2022</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ The budget report highlights how the region continues to benefit from the funds overseen by the Local Enterprise Partnership. ▪ I note the number of delays in developing GBF and EDF projects. These are important transport and infrastructure schemes that will benefit our residents and I am keen to ensure they don't lose momentum and are delivered within the necessary timeframes. I am pleased to see we are continuing to use these funds flexibly to ensure time limited funding like the GBF is fully utilised and that schemes remain funded. ▪ We note receipt of a letter to Mayor Norris, and LEP Chair from the DIT dated 29th June 2022, confirming we have had 29 FDI engagements in the region, 14 FDI engagement in multi regions and secured 1081 new jobs created in the previous 12 months.
8	<p>COMMENTS FROM THE CHAIR OF OVERVIEW & SCRUTINY COMMITTEE</p> <p>The Chair of the Authority's Overview & Scrutiny Committee, Cllr Winston Duguid, attended the meeting. The Overview & Scrutiny Committee had met on Monday 27 June 2022 and considered the reports to be submitted to this meeting. Those comments had been published on the Authority's website alongside the agenda papers and circulated in advance of the meeting.</p>
9	<p>LEP & IBB BUDGET OUTTURN APRIL-MARCH 2022</p> <p>This report set out a series of recommendations including noting the LEP outturn position for the year and approvals for a Business Case and Change requests.</p> <p>The recommendations were moved by Cllr Savage and seconded by Mayor Rees.</p> <p>Cllr Savage stated that residents' views had been sought at each stage of the process in respect to Thornbury High Street and the proposals had evolved during this process. He felt that the current proposals would help the High Street thrive in the future with the trend of increased online shopping, active travel and biodiversity in public spaces and active travel and biodiversity in public spaces and other long standing challenges facing the town.</p> <p>Cllr Steve Bridger stated that it was important to decouple business performance from car use and increase patronage on public transport. The Thornbury High Street scheme was inline with current government thinking.</p> <p>Resolved:</p> <p>That the Joint Committee:</p> <p>[Voting arrangement: None required – Recommendation was for noting purposes].</p> <p>1. Notes the Revised Analysis of LEP External Grants as at the end of March 2022 as set out in Figure 1;</p> <p>[Voting arrangement: None required – Recommendations were for noting purposes].</p> <p>2. Notes the LEP revenue outturn as set out in Appendix 1;</p> <p>[Voting arrangement: Decision required majority agreement of Committee Members in</p>

	<p>attendance, or their substitutes (one vote representing each Authority) and excluding the West of England Combined Authority Mayor]. It was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>3. Approves the Full Business Case for the Thornbury High Street project and the award of £4.557m through the Economic Development Fund.</p> <p>[Voting arrangement: Decision required majority agreement of Committee Members in attendance, or their substitutes (one vote representing each Authority) and including the West of England Combined Authority Mayor]. It was unanimously agreed</p> <p>4. Approve the change requests for schemes in the Local Growth and Getting Building Fund programme as set out in Appendix 2;</p> <p>[Voting arrangement: Decision required majority agreement of Committee Members in attendance, or their substitutes (one vote representing each Authority) and excluding the West of England Combined Authority Mayor]. It was unanimously agreed.</p> <p>5. Approve the change requests for schemes in the Economic Development and Revolving Infrastructure Fund programmes as set out in Appendix 3.</p>
10	<p>JOINT COMMITTEE GOVERNANCE REVIEW</p> <p>This item was not considered. Cllr Savage stated that the Joint Committee needed more time to consider the work of the Task and Finish group and would propose a new date for this item's consideration in due course.</p> <p>Resolved: That consideration of this item be deferred to a future date.</p>
	<p>Signed:</p> <p>Date:</p>

APPENDIX ONE – PUBLIC STATEMENT

APPENDIX TWO – PUBLIC QUESTIONS WITH ANSWERS