

MINUTES

COVENTRY & WARWICKSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE FOR ECONOMIC GROWTH AND PROSPERITY/ SHADOW ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BOARD

Friday 16 January 2015

Hosted by: North Warwickshire Borough Council

Present:

Cllr R Sweet, Chair North Warwickshire Borough Council	Jerry Hutchinson North Warwickshire Borough Council
Steve Maxey North Warwickshire Borough Council	Cllr Julie Jackson Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Cllr Ann Lucas Coventry City Council	Martin Reeves Coventry City Council
Cllr Phil Townshend Coventry City Council	Jenni Venn Coventry City Council
Cllr David Bill Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council	Steve Atkinson Hinckley and Bosworth Borough Council
Cllr Dennis Harvey Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council	Alan Franks Nuneaton and Bedworth Borough Council
Cllr Michael Stokes Rugby Borough Council	Ian Davis Rugby Borough Council
Cllr Chris Saint Stratford-on-Avon District Council	Paul Lankester Stratford-on-Avon District Council
Cllr Andrew Mobbs Warwick District Council	Chris Elliott Warwick District Council
Cllr Izzi Seccombe Warwickshire County Council	Monica Fogarty Warwickshire County Council
Jonathan Browning CWLEP	Martin Yardley CWLEP
Cllr June Tandy Warwickshire County Council	Mark Ryder Warwickshire County Council
Celestine Banks, Minute taker Rugby Borough Council	

76. WELCOME

Cllr Sweet welcomed everyone to the meeting.

77. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING ON 10 OCTOBER 2014

Cllr Saint requested the following amendments to Item 65:

- Fourth bullet point from the bottom of the list, replace 'IP' with 'EIP'.
- Third bullet point from the bottom of the list, replace 'tyre' with 'motor retail'.

The minutes were then agreed as a true and accurate record of the meeting and were signed by the Chair.

78. MATTERS ARISING

Jerry Hutchinson presented his report entitled 'Item 3 – Matter arising from Minutes of Meeting held on 21 November 2014 – Minute 68', which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

The Joint Committee agreed unanimously to the recommendations, as follows:

- (a) That a report be brought to the next meeting of the Joint Committee to enable members to determine representation on the Operational Group and any changes that will need to be made to its own arrangements, including chairing arrangements;
- (b) That, in the interim, representation on the Operational Group be agreed as Councillors Lucas, Seccombe, Mobbs and the Chief Executives of Warwickshire County Council, Coventry City Council and Stratford-on-Avon District Council;
- (c) That the proposal for representation on the Executive Group be agreed, subject to the District Council representation of one being kept under review; and
- (d) That the appointment of Councillor Chris Saint as the second District Council representative on the LEP be noted.

79. ESTABLISHING AN ECONOMIC PROSPERITY BOARD – *Steve Atkinson*

A copy of Steve Atkinson's paper "Future Governance Arrangements" dated 6 January 2015 had been circulated prior to the meeting, together with the associated papers.

This paper was being returned to the committee for approval, as no further comments had been received.

DCLG officials had been advised that the original timescales would not be pursued as further consideration was being given to the wider governance options. An amendment was put forward at the meeting that the Chair and Vice-Chair of the LEP be members of the Shadow Economic Prosperity Board. This was agreed.

Following a short discussion, Cllr Mobbs proposed that subject to the amendment, the Joint Committee formally becomes a Shadow Economic Prosperity Board.

The motion was seconded by Cllr Seccombe, notwithstanding other discussions taking place around combined authorities. It was agreed that moving to a Shadow Board should not prejudice any future decisions on governance arrangements and Steve Atkinson was asked to reinforce the paper to reflect this.

Cllr Seccombe thanked Steve Atkinson for all the work he had done.

80. RESPONSE TO THE LATEST CONSULTATION ON COMBINED AUTHORITIES/EPBs – Jenni Venn

The Government have issued a consultation exercise on the mechanics to apply the changes they consulted on last summer. They have asked local authorities and LEPs to consult and provide a response.

A draft response had been prepared and was circulated prior the meeting.

The response was agreed. It was suggested that it was important to communicate the decisions and activity of the Shadow Board as publically as possible. It was agreed that Paul Lankester, as lead for communications, and Jenni Venn will move this forward.

81. DRAFT INFRASTRUCTURE DELIVERY PLAN – Mark Ryder

Mark Ryder presented his report dated 6 January 2015 and 'Appendix A', a working draft dated December 2014, which had been circulated prior to the meeting.

This work, involving each of the local authority members, is the result of a commitment from the Joint Committee to draw together infrastructure plans.

A small sub-group met to decide how to move this forward, working from local plans and infrastructure plans. Associated with this work, they also started to map from the GIS system.

GIS capability is there and there would be little additional cost to input data for the entire area; Coventry & Warwickshire and Hinckley & Bosworth, showing different developments and growth planned on that footprint.

It is essential that the delivery plan is constantly updated to keep it 'live' and it could be used to inform the SEP going forward.

Monica Fogarty stressed the importance of working with bordering partners, with working groups such as the A5 scheme and with the two transport authorities; Warwickshire County Council and Leicestershire County Council.

National infrastructure information eg highways, HS2, and Birmingham Airport, could be added at a later stage.

Ian Davis asked that the item on the Rugby Southern Relief Road be removed from the schedule on page 15, as the text states at the bottom of page 17 that it is not required.

The Joint Committee agreed the work so far and their commitment to continue this work. They unanimously agreed the recommendations, as follows:

- (a) Confirm commitment to delivery of a joint Infrastructure Delivery Plan and agree a time frame for doing so;
- (b) Endorse the approach to developing and maintaining the IDP as described in this paper;
- (c) Consider the content and format of the draft IDP (attached at Appendix A), suggest amendments/endorse the plan and support further development;

- (d) Endorse the further “smarter” development of the IDP to make links with SEPs of neighbouring areas, the IDPs of bordering areas and in direct support of key growth corridors;
- (e) Commission the development of an associated infrastructure GIS mapping tool;
- (f) Agree to the Coventry, Solihull and Warwickshire Association of Planning Officers (CSWAPO) working to the Executive Group maintaining and developing the joint IDP and dealing with requests from the EPB/Joint Committee for bespoke reports drawn from IDP data sets eg geographical area, themed, economic growth priority etc; and
- (g) Encourage the LEP to prioritise the funding of infrastructure schemes that are based on projects to deliver the joint IDP.

Cllr Sweet thanked Mark Ryder and Monica Fogarty for their work and they will pass on thanks to other colleagues.

82. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF PUBLIC BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

There were no other matters.

83. MOTION TO EXCLUDE THE PUBLIC UNDER SECTION 100(A)(4) OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT 1972

Agreed that under Section 100(A)(4) of the Local Government Act 1972 the public be excluded from the meeting for the following items on the grounds that they involved the likely disclosure of information as defined in paragraphs 1 and 3 of Schedule 12a to the Act.

Celestine Banks escorted the members of the public out of the meeting. Cllr Jackson also left the meeting.

84. CWLEP BOARD 26 JANUARY 2015

The agenda and papers were not yet available.

85. ANY OTHER MATTERS OF PRIVATE BUSINESS WHICH THE CHAIR DECIDES TO TAKE AS A MATTER OF URGENCY

The structure of the Shadow EPB was discussed in brief.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 19 March 2015 at Warwickshire County Council offices. Further details will be advised.

CHAIR

Date